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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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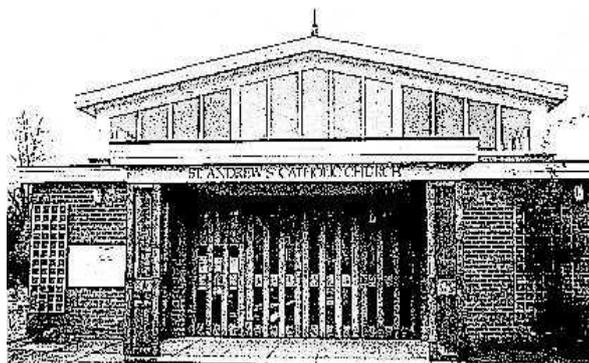
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## PASTORAL TEAM

**Priests:** Fr Emmanuel Ahua C.S.Sp.  
Fr Sylvester Adeniyi C.S.Sp.  
Fr Anthony Saffa C.S.Sp.  
**Deacons:** Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine  
**Parish Sister:** Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ  
**Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy:** Sr. Sheila DMJ

*Welcome to St Andrew's RC Church. Worship has been offered here since 1905. You are all very welcome to join in the hymns and other parts of the service as much as possible. Please switch mobile phones off and refrain from taking photographs, filming or recording.*

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11<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

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## Message from Fr Anthony



### **“CALL AND SENT” FULFILLING GOD’S PURPOSE AND WILL FOR CHOOSING ME**

On this 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday, one important theme that is common to all the readings of this Sunday is: “God’s Choice, called and sent”. This simply points to both the missionary nature of the church and of our calling as God’s messengers. The readings remind us that God’s choice of us was not a product of chance, but a deliberate act. Thus, this Sunday, the church provides us a great opportunity to ask ourselves these very pertinent questions: “What is God’s purpose for choosing me as His messenger and, am I fulfilling this purpose?”

The gospel is also about those who are called by Jesus and sent out by him to witness to his message. This passage comes immediately after the verses when Jesus was rejected by his own townspeople of Nazareth. He doesn’t get discouraged but sends the Twelve elsewhere.

Like Amos, the Twelve are conscious of being chosen by Jesus. They don’t go on their own initiative - they are sent by Jesus. He doesn’t keep the action of spreading the Good News to himself, but summons the Twelve and shares with them his authority, sending them out in pairs. Two was the minimum number of witnesses required for valid testimony according to Jewish law, suggesting that the disciples did not preach and do mighty deeds for their own self-promotion, but only as witnesses to Jesus and his authority. They are the first of many to be sent. The missionaries or witnesses of the Word are sent out in poverty. They are to rely on God by being told to travel light, to take only the minimum for their essential needs. The mission has to be carried out in simplicity and poverty. So what does Jesus mean, by saying take **NOTHING with you**? He means that nothing must disturb the proclamation of the kingdom. It means relying on God’s power and grace.

Because of our baptism we are all missionaries. And so this text applies to us all. A good question to ask might be: is there anything in my life that prevents me from giving time to God or witnessing to him in my daily activities? For instance, I could be so involved with my work, my computer or video games that I don’t have time to pray or even go to Church on Sunday. These could take up the time I might need to visit a sick relative or a needy person. Where do we spend our time or our money? At the end of the Mass we are sent out to share with others the gifts we have received from the Lord. Here the Lord forgives our sins, speaks his word to us, and nourishes us with the food of the Eucharist.

### This Sunday's Readings

<b>Amos 7:12-15</b>	<b>Go, prophesy to my people</b>
<b>Psalms 84</b>	<b>Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help</b>
<b>Ephesians 1:3-14</b>	<b>Before the world was made, God chose us</b>
<b>Mark 6:7-13</b>	<b>He began to send them out</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Patsy Mack RIP Claude Lebon RIP Anniv Adelaide Sarr RIP Anniv For the people of the Parish
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	'Elizabeth' – Very sick Neville Dourado - Thanksgiving
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Sr Mary Martin RIP
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Conrad Lobo RIP Anniv Antoni & Marie Hadjizorzi RIP
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>10.30 – 12noon Adoration</b>	Fr Arthur Mostyn (F) Bella D'Souza – Thanksgiving
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30am Mass <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Deceased Members D'Cunha Family RIP  For the people of the Parish
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Deceased Members Freeman Family RIP

Church cleaners: this week: St Jude's Group, next week: Judie's Crew

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### LIVE STREAMING OUR MASSES

If you would like to live stream our Holy Masses, the address is:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/thorntonheath>

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend, 11<sup>th</sup> July, will be for The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS). The AoS is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. Port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome seafarers, offer welfare service and advice, practical help, care and friendship. The AoS in Great Britain is part of an international network known to the maritime world as Stella Maris, working in more than 250 ports around the world. 90% of world trade is transported by ship, however the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their family and loved ones and often working in harsh conditions. The AoS relies wholly on voluntary contributions, and can only continue its work through the generous donations of its supporters, particularly this collection. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday). To donate and for more info, please visit: [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. There are also envelopes in the porch if you would like to use one. Thank you.

### MISSIO RED BOXES

Missio is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission. Through Missio you provide practical and spiritual care in 157 countries, as well as train local priests, nuns and lay leaders to form and sustain communities of faith. Missio brings the message of God's love to those living in poverty and turmoil overseas. In England and Wales they are known by their distinctive red collection box.

For those of you who have a Missio box, there will be a collection of all monies in the Church this weekend of 10/11<sup>th</sup> July. For further information about Missio red boxes please call Savio on 07902 933534.

## **CONFIRMATIONS AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS**

### **The Sacrament of Confirmation 2021**

This is for candidates in year 9 and above this summer term. All who wish to be confirmed this year please speak to Sr. Jennie or a Catechist after any weekend Mass in July and stating reasons for wanting to be confirmed. Bishop Paul Hendricks has agreed to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November. ***NB Everything is subject to changes in Covid 19 regulations***

Also there is a Confirmation Catechists meeting on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 4.00pm in the Convent.

### **First Holy Communions**

For First Holy Communions if you completed our on-line form, our Catechists will be contacting you shortly.

### **400 CLUB DRAW FOR JUNE**

No: 111 - Anamelecht Opara - £20

No: 51 - Sonia Clarke - £10

No: 13 - Bernadette Menezes - £10

### **CHURCH CLEANERS WANTED URGENTLY**

We really need more people to help with the task of cleaning God's house. Especially over the past year the burden has fallen on just a few who are having to cope on their own so if you can spare an hour or two and would like to help by joining one of our groups, please contact Fifi on 07932 764273. Thank you.

### **ADORATION**

Please come in and spend some time in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration every Friday from 10.30am – 12noon.

### **YOUTH CHOIR**

In anticipation of a return to leading the Mass once per month, we would be grateful if parents could kindly contact Maxine if you would like your child/children to sing in the youth choir at St Andrew's. Please call Maxine 07903 401107.

### **DBS RENEWAL FOR VOLUNTEERS IN THE CHURCH**

The Diocese have asked that all volunteers who work with those in groups with children and vulnerable adults, including all Eucharistic ministers and adult altar servers over the age of 18, agree to getting a DBS renewal as soon as is practical. The Diocese is not saying volunteers have to stop their volunteering but given that all such volunteering activities have been in abeyance for a year, now is a very good time to re-evaluate and to adhere to the DBS requirements for your role.

Please contact the Parish Safeguarding representatives, Lesley Brennan 0758 855 0058 or Christine Monaghan 0798 502 4424 for further info.

### **ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP UK - FOODBANK**

The group have launched a food bank project in order to help families who are in need of extra help with regards to some food items. This will be held in St Andrew's hall every second Saturday every month until the end of the year. The next one will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August approximately from 12.00 – 1.00pm. If you know of any families who may benefit from this, please let them know.

## **CHURCH TOILETS**

Regrettably recently again our toilets have been left in a very dirty and unpleasant state. Please we ask if everyone who uses our toilets can leave them in a clean and tidy state and particularly please can all parents accompany their children to use the toilets. Unfortunately we are sorry to say that we will have to close the toilets if the damage continues.

## **REPOSITORY**

The Repository will be open after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Sunday. For access you will need to re-enter the Church at the front entrance after exiting through the side doors.

## **GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

Gift Aid envelopes for 2021/22 are available in the porch for collection. Please collect your envelopes after each Mass. This is also a good opportunity for you to sign up if you are not already in the scheme. The Gift Aid Scheme allows the parish to claim 25p tax back from HMRC for every £1 you donate. It will not cost you any extra. The only requirement is you must be paying UK tax. Please collect the relevant forms from the porch or pass your contact details to the parish office.

## **ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS**

Are you celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John invites you to join him at St George's Cathedral in celebrating a Mass for married couples at noon on Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup>. You need to book in advance and by doing so you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. To book or for more details email [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk)

## **GRIEF AND LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST**

Have you been bereaved? This weekend being held at Aylesford Priory is for you, for anyone who has lost a loved one through death; an opportunity to mourn but also to share with and be supported by others. The date is October 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. For more information phone 01622 717 272 or email [enquiry@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@thefriars.org.uk)