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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

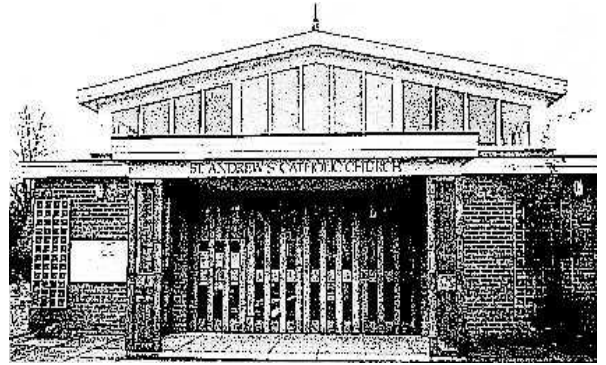
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## PASTORAL TEAM

**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



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*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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## 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

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### Message from Deacon Tony

This week sees the feast days of two very notable women saints. Thursday is St Mary Magdalen and Friday St Bridget of Sweden.

Our knowledge of the life of Mary Magdalene is open to great debate. We know she was healed by Jesus from being possessed by seven devils. She took care of him at Galilee and was with him at the crucifixion. Most importantly, she was the first person Jesus spoke to after the resurrection.

As Mary or Miriam, was a very popular name at that time, Mary Magdalene is often considered to be the sister of Martha and Lazarus, although she would have been called Mary of Bethany, not Magdalene. She's also spoken of as the woman who poured pure nard over the feet of our Lord. Even an authority such as St Ambrose holds there to be three different people.

St Bridget is one of the few women to be a national patron (of Sweden). Many countries do have a woman patron, but they all have the same one, I'll leave you to guess who.

Bridget was married to a nobleman and they had eight children. She was called to the court of the king to be a lady in waiting to the queen. She and her husband were appalled at the debauched life of the courtiers and tried, unsuccessfully to change things.

After a pilgrimage to Santiago di Compostela and the death of her husband in 1344 she set up both a convent and a monastery. The Bridgettine Sisters, who are named after her can be found working in the Lord's vineyard throughout the world to this day.

### This Sunday's Readings

<b>Jeremiah 23:1-6</b>	<b>The remnant of my flock I will gather and I will raise up shepherds to look after them</b>
<b>Psalms 22</b>	<b>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want</b>
<b>Ephesians 2:13-18</b>	<b>Christ Jesus is the peace between us, and has made the two into one</b>
<b>Mark 6:30-34</b>	<b>They were like sheep without a shepherd</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	For the people of the Parish Deceased Members Freeman Family RIP Tom Locurin RIP Michael Etuka – Thanksgiving for Deconate Ordination
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Mrs Juliana Hayfron – 71 <sup>st</sup> Birthday & Wellbeing Brigid Lakhani RIP – Birthday
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Laurence Rebello RIP
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Gustav Walter Kainde Mason RIP Rosie Mullowney RIP
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Sr Mary Martin RIP
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>10.30 – 12noon Adoration</b>	Paul Etuka RIP
<b>Saturday 24<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	For the people of the Parish
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	

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

## 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>

### **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***

### **MISSIO RED BOXES**

Thank you to everyone who brought in their Missio boxes. If you need any further information about Missio red boxes please call Savio on 07902 933534.

### **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.

### **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.

## **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. We would welcome any food donations, tinned, dry packets, etc. Please see the poster in the porch for more info and contact details. If you know of any families who may benefit from this, please let them know.

## **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.

## **SCHOOL REFERENCES**

Fr Emmanuel will see parents for the school priest references on the following dates:

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 11.00 - 1.00pm and 4.00 – 6.00pm  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 11.00 – 1.00pm  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 11.00 – 1.00pm  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 11.00 – 1.00pm and 7.00 – 9.00pm  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 7.00 – 9.00pm  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 11.00 – 1.00pm

*Please note that these will be the only dates that Fr Emmanuel will see you to sign the school forms, so please make every effort to attend. In the last two years we have had to see many parents with very late forms giving lots of different excuses as to why they missed the original dates. As I will be away from 7<sup>th</sup> September to 7<sup>th</sup> October, the above dates are the only dates available – no excuses! Fr Emmanuel*

## **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.

## **GUILD OF ST STEPHEN ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK**

Please see the poster in the porch inviting all Altar Servers to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rally being held at The Friars, Aylesford Priory Kent on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September with Holy Mass at 11.30am. For further information email the Southwark Guild chairman: [john.bonnici@btopenworld.com](mailto:john.bonnici@btopenworld.com)

## **NEWSLETTER**

Next Sunday's newsletter will be the last before the summer break, please do send into the office before 20<sup>th</sup> July any notices you may have for the newsletter.

## **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)

## **CAFOD**

Synod online session: Across the world preparations are taking place for the synod. To help the Catholic community Cafod are offering online sessions, open to all, with experts sharing what the synod and synodality is, why it is important and how parish communities will be taking part. You are welcome to join live or by watching on catch up. The first session, on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm, will feature a conversation with Christopher Lamb, Rome correspondent for *The Tablet*, about why Pope Francis is inviting us all to participate in the synod, [www.bigmarker.com/cafod/synod](http://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/synod)

Cafod offers resources to the whole Catholic community through their website. Please do view them if you are interested.

Family Prayer Resources for Summer - They will be offering a prayer focus for each week of the summer holidays with some simple ideas, designed to help parents explore faith with their children, in solidarity with our global family. They will be available from mid-July at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>

Resources for the Season of Creation and Harvest Fast Day (Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October) will feature some of Cafod partners' work in the Amazon and will be available from September at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources>. Join them in praying the joyful mysteries of the Holy Rosary as we seek to nourish our commitment to care for the earth.

Laudato Si' encyclical resources - CAFOD – this link will take you to a range of resources for study, reflection, prayer and action.

Livesimply award - CAFOD – one of the most popular community actions, this award is given to parishes and communities who have taken significant steps in response to the call to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with others.

Many Catholics have been meeting with their MPs this summer in response to Pope Francis' call for a better kind of politics. Dialogue has focused on debt cancellation for the world's poorest countries, action to tackle the climate crisis and vaccine equity. Thank you if you have supported this or promoted Cafod's petition to the Prime Minister.

Thank you once again for your prayerful leadership and solidarity with our sisters and brothers in need, more info from [southwark@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwark@cafod.org.uk)