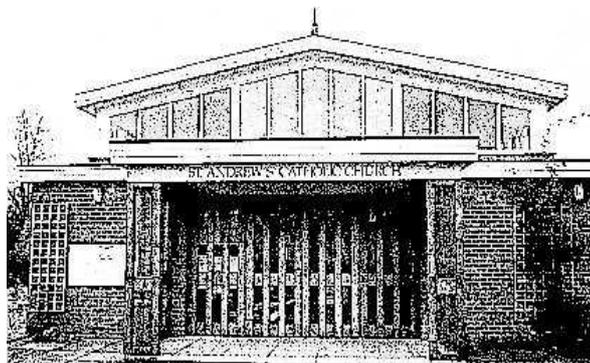

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Fr Anthony Saffa C.S.Sp.
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Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ
Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy: Sr. Sheila DMJ



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.

25th July 2021 17th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Fr Emmanuel

This weekend of the seventeenth Sunday of the year, we celebrate with Christ who feeds us. We celebrate the new Elisha who feeds his people and make us one body, one Spirit, in himself.

The miracle of the loaves and fish is one of the few stories that are found in all four of the Gospels. Each of the accounts contains a verse similar to this one found in today's gospel: "they all ate and were satisfied and the disciples picked up twelve baskets of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand" (John 6, 10, 12-13)

Even though the disciples of Jesus had seen his miraculous powers elsewhere, they had not fully understood who Jesus was. They had not realized that Jesus was actually God come to earth in human form. Of course, Elisha worked in the power of God in the first reading to feed hundreds of people with the same few loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44). All these actions of Elisha and Jesus points to the unfathomable power of God.

One remarkable thing about today's Gospel message is that even in the midst of confusion on what exactly to do or how do go about handling a particular situation, God always has a solution. And so, no matter what condition we are into, or what difficulties we think we have run into, God Knows how to lead us out of it, into safety.

We pray that in every circumstance of our lives that God's hands will not be too short to reach out and to come to our aid. May he continue to provide for our needs.



Have a wonderful summer!

This Sunday's Readings

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 144

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

They will eat and have some left over

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires

One Body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism

Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready

Diary for the Week

Sunday 25th July <i>17th 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 The Etuka Family – God’s Blessings & Thanksgiving Canon John Naughton RIP Anniv
Monday 26th July	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Dannette Sawyer – Birthday Cosmas O. Iwuagwu RIP Anniv
Tuesday 27th July	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Yves Castanet RIP
Wednesday 28th July	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
Thursday 29th July	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Mateo Da Cruz – Wellbeing
Friday 30th July	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration	In Honour of Our Lady of Africa Norma Lynch & Family RIP
Saturday 31st July	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Mary Da Cruz – Birthday For the People of the Parish
Sunday 1st August <i>18th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Peter Pires RIP Anniv

Church cleaners: this week: Fifi’s Group, next week: Sancho’s Dusters (4.8.21), St Jude’s Group (11.8.21)
Judie’s Crew (18.8.21), Fifi’s Group (25.8.21), Sancho’s Dusters (1.9.21), St Jude’s Group (8.9.21)

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

SR MARY JUDE RIP

Message from Sr Sheila:

Sr Mary Jude died peacefully in the Convent in West Wickham on Saturday 17th July. Her death, though not unexpected, is a loss for her Congregation, her family and friends.

She was a local lady, having been born in Addiscombe 92 years ago. She was educated at D.M.J. schools in Sanderstead. She entered the Daughters of Mary and Joseph and made her First Vows in 1953 and her Final Vows in 1958. She trained as a teacher, then later she used her many talents in serving the Lord in many different places, Merrow, Scarborough, Herne Bay, West Wickham, Cornwall and Shirley. She came to St Andrew’s as Parish Sister in 1998. She loved this Parish! As a member of the Pastoral Team she was kept busy in organising the Baptismal Programme, taking Holy Communion to the house-bound, meeting up with the All Abilities Group and she loved the Wednesday afternoon sessions of the “Club” in the hall with our senior parishioners. At home she shared in the cooking, shopping and gardening. She was very close to her nephews and nieces and loved their many visits with their growing families. In 2016 she moved to our lovely Convent in West Wickham where she received the care she needed at her advancing age. She was always happy to hear news of this parish. Thank you to those who visited her there.

Her family were with her when she finally went to the Lord. Please pray for her, for her family, her D.M.J. family and all those who mourn her death. At the moment we do not have a date for her funeral, which will probably be in the Convent Chapel in West Wickham. Further details will be posted in the porch.

May this gentle, kind Sister rest in peace and rise in glory.

COVID-19

Please see attached the new guidance received from the Diocese regarding the changes for our Church.

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 20th November.

For all candidates and their parents who have already spoken to us, the Confirmation Programme will commence with a candidates and their parents meeting at 3.30pm in the Church on Sunday 5th September. This will be followed by the First Session for candidates in the hall at 4.00 - 5.45pm.

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.

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 14th 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.

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.

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.

SCHOOL REFERENCES

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

Tuesday 31st August 11.00 - 1.00pm and 4.00 – 6.00pm

Wednesday 1st September 11.00 – 1.00pm

Friday 3rd September 11.00 – 1.00pm

Monday 11th October 11.00 – 1.00pm and 7.00 – 9.00pm

Tuesday 12th October 7.00 – 9.00pm

Wednesday 13th 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 7th September to 7th October, the above dates are the only dates available – no excuses!
Fr Emmanuel*

SECOND COLLECTIONS

There will be a second collection on 12th September for the Catholic Education Service (CES). The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education, working closely with the British and Welsh governments. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools, with over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England educating over 800,000 students. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

FR EMMANUEL

Fr Emmanuel will be away on annual leave from 7th September to 7th October.

SUMMER CHRISTIAN REVIVAL CARNIVAL

The Charismatic Groups here at St Andrew's, St Chad's, Good Shepherd Catholic Church, A Day With Jesus and Our God is Good Prayer Ministries will be having a Summer Christian Revival Carnival on Sunday 1st August opposite Thornton Heath Train Station from 12noon to 5pm. All parishioners are invited to join to praise, dance and proclaim the goodness of God. *Please do all go along – you will be most welcomed.*

“SUMMERTIME 2021” ALTAR SERVERS SUMMER BREAK

Tuesday 3-6 August – Oratory School, Reading

A few days for boy and girl servers aged 10-15 of the Southwark Diocese. You will meet in a holiday atmosphere, with activities including talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport, Thorpe Park visit and swimming,

A coach is being provided to attend, from St. Anselm's Dartford. The cost is £165 and covers: all board and lodging, Thorpe Park and swimming. Summertime 2021 will open with Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson.

There are application forms in the porch, or contact Fr. Stephen, or download from

www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com

For more details contact: Fr. Stephen Boyle tel: 01322 220075, email:dartford@rcaos.org.uk

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis is pleased to announce the launch of the Archbishop's Certificate (previously the Diocesan Catechetical Certificate), refreshed to support not just the work of catechesis but also that of evangelisation and formation in our diocese. The Archbishop's Certificate is an online, systematic course for anyone wishing to know their Catholic faith more deeply and to develop the skills to share this faith with others. The new certificate course is undertaken over 2 years with attendance at three study days (on Saturdays) at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, in Southwark. The certificate is in accord with Archbishop John Wilson's vision for a missionary diocese and is open to all who work towards this in our diocese whether in parishes, chaplaincy work, schools and in their families. If you volunteer in St Andrew's please speak to Fr Emmanuel about participation on the Archbishop's Certificate.

All of the details of the course, including how to apply, costs, dates and content are available on website: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>. If you would like any further information on the Certificate please contact the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis on 020 8672 7684 or email archcert@rcaos.org.uk. The course will commence on 9th October 2021 with an online introduction.

NEWSLETTER

This is the last newsletter before the summer break, the next one will be on Sunday 12th September. Due to staff absences we will not be producing the diary for the week during August and the office will also be closed from Monday 9th August to Friday 3rd September and will re-open again on Monday 6th September. Please continue to give in your mass offerings as normal as these will still be said, please hand to one of the Priests.

Thank you all for your patience, your prayers and continued support and if you are travelling, please take extra care and come back safe

We wish all our parishioners a safe and restful break