

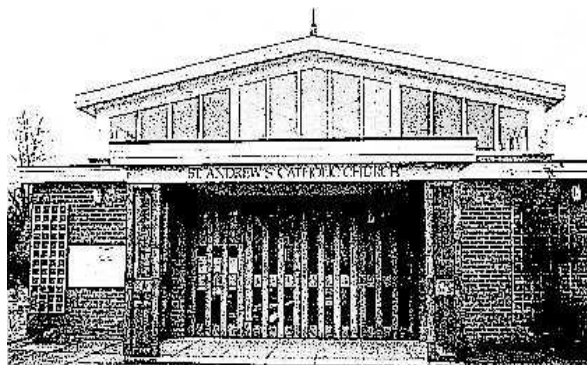
# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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



*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.*

## 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

### Message from Fr Sylvester

### **Courage, rejection must not stop you!**

A prophet is a messenger who has a message to deliver to the people.

In baptism we share in the three offices of Jesus Christ as priest, prophet and king. We have a prophetic role to play, to announce the gospel faithfully and fight injustice wherever we may find it. We cannot allow the comfort of silence or inactivity to blind us to the tasks of protecting the values of the Christian faith; the values of justice and integrity; the values of freedom and of peace in the world. The church exists to prophesise peace and promote universal holiness. Prophets are called by God and they act for him by applying his words to the contemporary situation. They appear in unexpected places and circumstances.

One of the challenges facing prophetic role is rejection because of biases and familiarity. In today's gospel narratives, Jesus suffered rejection among his people who probably knew how he grew up, and for that reason they wouldn't listen to or appreciated the good works of God that He was doing. Today's Gospel continues to suffer rejection in many places around the world where the truth that the Gospel preaches is rejected especially when it speaks the truth to power. Like Jesus and Ezekiel, you may face rejection in the cause of living out your faith and preaching the gospel. It is to be expected. Your rejection may come at home, where you have put in your very best and received no word of encouragement or appreciation, where what is noticed is your fault and not your strength. You may face rejection in the children you have done your very best to raise and what you see is not what you expect. Your rejection may come at work where you are trying your best to do things the right way and others despise you for not compromising. Your rejection may be from a community you have served with all your strength but what you get in return is persecution, slander and threats to your life. Handle your rejection with respect for yourself and for others. Do not allow your rejection to derail your dreams; instead, seek ways to improve and handle the rejection with prophetic courage and optimism.

### This Sunday's Readings

<b>Ezekiel 2:2-5</b>	<b>The sons are defiant and obstinate and they shall know that there is a prophet among them</b>
<b>Psalms 122</b>	<b>Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy</b>
<b>2 Corinthians 12:7-10</b>	<b>I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me</b>
<b>Mark 6:1-6</b>	<b>A prophet is only despised in his own country</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Sr Mary Martin RIP John Burke RIP and Fr Emmanuel Fr Emmanuel For the People of the Parish
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Pasquelina (Rina) Fernandes RIP
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Margaret Chambers RIP Anniv Timothy Andradi Snr RIP
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	J. Okoroafor – All Souls in Purgatory Alba Dourado – Thanksgiving
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Victoria & Vincent Athayde RIP
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Joseph Okoroafor & Family - Wellbeing
<b>Saturday 10<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	Paul Etuka RIP  Patsy Mack RIP
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Claude Lebon RIP Anniv Adelaide Sarr RIP Anniv For the People of the Parish

Church cleaners: this week: Sancho's Dusters, next week: St Jude's Group

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### FR EMMANUEL

Congratulations to Fr Emmanuel who celebrates the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood today Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Please keep him in your prayers.

*"To fall in love with God is the greatest of romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement." (St. Augustine)*

### LIVE STREAMING OUR MASSES

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

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

### CONFIRMATIONS AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

After discussions with the Clergy and Catechists on whether the Sacraments can safely take place this year and following on from the recent Government announcements regarding lockdown restrictions, the following are:

### 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. ***NB Everything is subject to changes in Covid 19 regulations***

## **First Holy Communions**

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

## **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.

## **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 on the weekend of 10/11<sup>th</sup> July. For further information about Missio red boxes please call Savio on 07902 933534.

## **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

The second collection next week, 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.

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> July approximately from 11.30 – 12.30pm. If you know of any families who may benefit from this, please let them know.

## **CHURCH TOILETS**

Over the last couple of weeks, our toilets have been left in quite a state, water left running on the floors, rubbish left behind on the floors, the hand washing bottles taken etc. Please can 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. Regretfully 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.

## **NEW ONE-OFF DIOCESE GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

There are some new one-off Diocese Gift Aid envelopes (white) in the porch available to use. These have been designed as a one-off use for visitors to St Andrew's and those who may wish to make a one off taxable donation to us so they are different from the normal parishioners numbered Gift Aid envelopes (blue box manila envelopes) for our Gift Aid Scheme. These can also be used for non-Gift Aid donations too. Please complete and hand into the collection trays or give to one of the priests.

## **BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE**

Here is a gift for husbands and wives, an opportunity to spend a morning online exploring and improving your relationship. It's for couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to make them a bit better. There is no group sharing. The date: Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 1pm. Booking is essential: phone 07983 524 727 or email [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) There is a nominal charge of £10 per couple.

## **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)