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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

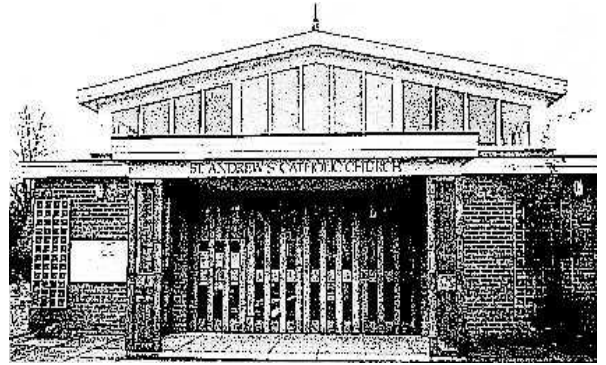
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## PASTORAL TEAM

**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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19<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

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## Message from Deacon Errol

### Our Christian Mission

Beloved of God, from the moment of our conception, our Father in heaven, had a plan for us, and placed in our hearts a purpose to bring His plan to fruition. Through our Baptism, the Holy Spirit helps us to fulfil God's purpose and calls every Christian to be a missionary, a witness, to love God and man. We are sent out as baptised to bring the presence of Christ to others, beginning in our homes. We are reminded of this important dimension of our lives on Mission Sunday, to know who we truly are and the difference we would make if we live up to what the Lord wants.

Have you ever asked yourself why there has never been a day that we only hear good news reported in the media? There is no question, our world is filled with good and evil, and this is where a Christian input is essential. As Christians captivated by Christ we must be eager to make him known and loved wherever we are present. If this does not happen in our lives, it shows clearly that our faith is still partial and immature, for this is an indicator of the depth of our faith. Jesus said, "Love God and love your neighbour" *Matthew 22:36-40*. To fulfil this, Jesus sends us on a mission – He said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of age." *Matt 28:19-20*

So it is clear that our faith and mission go together, and it begins in the domestic church – our home. May our homes be a place of prayer and sacrifice, a place of good example, a place of joyful witness and acts of mercy. Lord make our homes a place from where love overflows to others. Amen.

### This Sunday's Readings

<b>Wisdom 2:12, 17-20</b>	<b>Let us condemn him to a shameful death</b>
<b>Psalms 53</b>	<b>The Lord upholds my life</b>
<b>James 3:16-4:3</b>	<b>Peacemakers when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness</b>
<b>Mark 9:30-37</b>	<b>The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>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 Bernard Freeman – Birthday The Pakium Family, Michael, Andrea & Rosemary Jim & Mark Gilbert RIP
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Souls in Purgatory Mrs Lily Paes RIP Anniv
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Michael Jeffrey Chambers RIP Anniv Rosanna Sookram – Ill health
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Beatrice Ogunnupebi RIP Fred Furey – Ill health
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Zdeslau Kurpinska RIP Frank Cunningham – Ill health
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>10.30 – 12noon Adoration</b>	Sr Mary Martin RIP
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9.30am Mass <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Gemma Moses & Family –Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Deceased Members Freeman Family RIP Alan Ogwuke RIP Anniv For the People of the Parish

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

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **FACEMASKS**

Please can we ask you to continue to use a face covering if you are able to and to use the hand sanitiser when entering our Church.

### **GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2021/22**

To help us with the re-ordering of the Gift Aid boxes, please can we ask you to tick “yes” or “no” if you want them. All the current names are displayed on the notice board in the porch. This list will only be available for one month, so please make sure you tick your name please.

### **ANNUAL MASS COUNT**

This commences this weekend and then for the following three weeks. Please can the counters kindly record the numbers on the sheet on the table just outside of the Priest's Sacristy. Thank you to Adele for making the arrangements.

### **THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC)**

The RCIC is for children whose parent is Catholic and are over the age of 7 years and have not been baptised and also for children in year 5 and above who have not made their First Communion. Please come to registration and Session 1 on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September in the parish hall on Quadrant Road 6.30pm - 7.30pm. Please note that an accompanying parent or adult must stay with the child for the full session.

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

The RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church. This begins on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm in the parish hall on Quadrant Road until 9.00pm. If you know of anyone who might be interested please encourage them to come along and perhaps come with them.

## **SCHOOL REFERENCES**

Please come along to the remaining dates for you to see Fr Emmanuel. Please come prepared with the School's Priest reference forms and your child's Baptism Certificate. The following remaining dates are:

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.*

*These dates will be the only dates available – no excuses! Fr Emmanuel*

## **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.

## **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 9<sup>th</sup> October 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.

## **ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP**

It is with sadness and regret that we have to let you know that Bill and Gwen Whalley have decided to retire from the Wednesday Active Retirement Group. After some 10 years this has been a difficult decision for Bill and Gwen to make but they believe that as they step aside this will allow for hopefully others to take over and put a new emphasis and impetus to the club.

Please can we ask our members to let others know as soon as possible, especially those that do not attend St. Andrew's.

As a parish we would like to say a big thank you to Bill and Gwen for their many years of service and we send our good wishes to them for the future.

## **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.

## **CHURCH TOILETS**

Once again we have to let you know that our toilets are still being 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 will have to close the toilets if the damage continues.

## **ST JAMES THE GREAT RC SCHOOL**

The school is having some open mornings in October, please contact the school for further information, the dates are:

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 9.30 - 11.30am

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 9.30 - 11.30am

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 9.30 - 11.30am

## **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 (ArchCert) is an online course for all in Southwark who wish to know their Catholic faith more deeply. Participants will take a two-year journey through the Church's teaching to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy.

The course will commence in October 2021 and the cost will be £365 per year. Registration must be completed in advance. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>