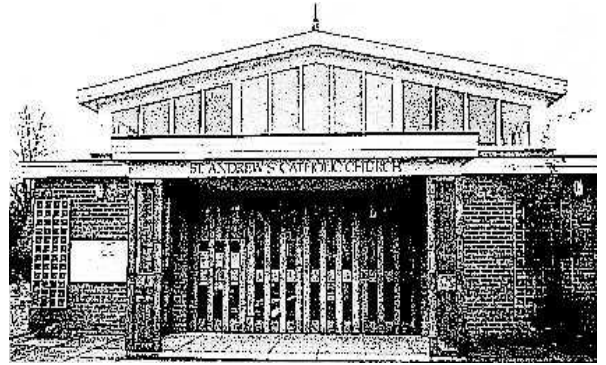

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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PASTORAL TEAM

Priests: Fr Emmanuel Ahua C.S.Sp.
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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.

10th October 2021
28th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Deacon Tony

The month of October is dedicated to praying the rosary, but in secular terms it is observed as Black History Month. While some people might roll their eyes and ask why we need it, the very fact that we think we might need it is a reason to observe it.

How many of us are fully aware of the sacrifices and examples given to us by those who are of a BAME background or have set out to specifically serve minority communities.

St Josephine Bakita was not canonised until 2000 but what an amazing example she sets to us. Raised in Darfor she was kidnapped by Arab slave traders at about seven or eight years old, made to walk 600 miles in her bare feet and sold into slavery five times. After entering a convent she converted to Catholicism, saying she forgave her kidnappers as she would not have found Christ without them.

St Charles Lwanga was a chief page to a Ugandan king. The king wished his slaves to engage in sexual acts with him, Lwanga held fast and encouraged others to do so, for which he received the martyrs crown.

On the other hand, St Peter Claver set an example to us all. Peter was a Spanish Jesuit who was sent from Spain to Columbia where he took his mission to serve all those bought to the port town of Cartagena, from Africa to be sold as slaves. He is now known as the Servant of the Enslaved. He spent forty years in Cartagena, baptising and hearing confessions of thousands of kidnapped Africans who went on to be sold into slavery.

Black History Month not only tells us who has served us, but also reminds us that we serve each other, it is our role.

This Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalm 89

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

Compared with wisdom, I held riches as nothing

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice

The word of God can judge secret emotions and thoughts

Go and sell everything you own and follow me

Diary for the Week

Sunday 10th October <i>28th Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Dennis Meskill RIP Anniv Josiah Oyeyinka – Recovery from illness Christina Etuka – Wellbeing & God’s Protection For the people of the Parish
	9.30am	Mass	
	11.30am	Mass	
	6.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Mass Charismatic Prayer Group	
Monday 11th October	7.30am	Mass	Rev. Mgr. Patrick McCoy (F) Zdeslau Kurpinska RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
Tuesday 12th October	7.30am	Mass	Pete Hunter RIP Paul Etuka RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
Wednesday 13th October	7.30am	Mass	Deceased Ritchie & Hampshire Families RIP Sr Mary Martin RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
Thursday 14th October	7.30am	Mass	Beatrice Ogunnupebi RIP Annie Antoinette RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
Friday 15th October	7.30am	Mass	Rose Headlam – Birthday
	10.00am	Mass	
	10.30 – 12noon	Adoration	
	6.30pm	Brownies/Guides (hall)	
Saturday 16th October	9.30am	Mass	The Ezike Family – Thanksgiving Deceased Andradi Family Members RIP
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 17th October <i>29th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am	Mass	Shamin Maria Dias – RIP Ana Maria D’Souza RIP For the people of the Parish
	11.30am	Mass	
	6.00pm	Mass	
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

FACE MASKS

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.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Thank you to our counters. Kindly record the numbers on the sheet on the table just outside of the Priest’s Sacristy, thank you.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC)

The next session is on 19th October at 6.30pm.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church. Please speak with Sr Jennie after Mass if you would like to attend. If you know of anyone who might be interested please encourage them to come along and perhaps come with them.

DBS CERTIFICATES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Please could existing volunteers who need DBS (Disclosure and Barring) checks please email their full name to thorntonheathsg1@safeguardraos.org.uk

The online process will then be actioned. This includes; Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists for Children, Adult Altar Servers, Children's Liturgists and any parish group helpers for vulnerable adults or children. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that our parish is a safe place and the DBS certificate issued must be through the RC Diocese of Southwark and not another body even if it is current and valid.

ST ANDREW'S CHOIR

The Choir at St. Andrews warmly welcome parishioners who would like to join the choir. If you can play an instrument, read music or have a love for singing you are most welcome. For more details or to sign up please speak to one of the choir leaders after Mass.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Please join us as our group has resumed prayer meetings every Sunday evening in the Church from 7.00 – 9.00pm. All are very welcome to come along and join us in praises, prayers, Bible studies and youth group ministry. For further details please call Stella on 07983 775879.

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 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.

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 13th November 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.

ROSARY GROUP

We would like to re-start our Rosary Group in the Church. If you would like to join us, please do come along Monday to Saturday after the 10am Mass during the week and on Saturdays after the 9.30am Mass. All are very welcome to attend.

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.

REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Sunday. We have some 2022 calendars and Christmas cards already in so please visit to make your purchases early.

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.*

ST JAMES THE GREAT RC SCHOOL

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

Friday 15th October 9.30 - 11.30am

Friday 22nd October 9.30 - 11.30am

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Do you wish to understand your faith and your relationship better? The Sycamore online course, which is aimed at engaged and married couples, aims to help you do just that. It gives you the opportunity to explore your beliefs, think about questions that really matter and share ideas. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion. Everyone is welcome. The four one-hour sessions run on consecutive Saturdays mornings beginning October 16. For more details email Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk