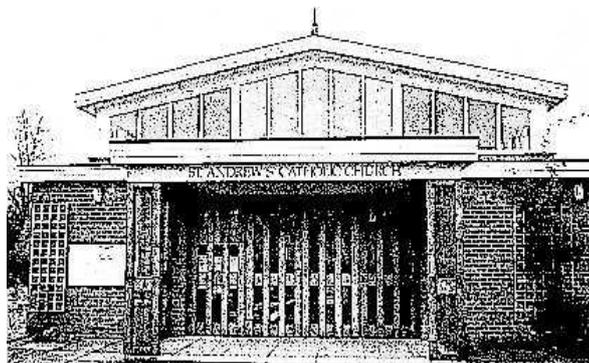

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

17th October 2021
29th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Fr Emmanuel

God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. The Sunday Connection provides useful background and activities to better understand the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honour when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honour they seek is not his to give.

In this episode, Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Let us remember that Jesus is the high priest who sympathises with our weakness. We are called to be his true disciples following in his footsteps. That is why Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all.

I'm glad to be back after a well spent break. Thank you for your prayers!

This Sunday's Readings	
Isaiah 53:10-11	If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
Psalms 32	May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you
Hebrews 4:14-16	Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace
Mark 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many

Diary for the Week

Sunday 17th October <i>29th Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday	Deceased Andradi Family Members RIP
	9.30am Mass	Shamin Maria Dias RIP
	11.30am Mass	Ana Maria D'Souza RIP
	6.00pm Mass	For the people of the Parish
	7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	
Monday 18th October	7.30am Mass	Power & Fennelly Families (F)
	10.00am Mass	Jimmy & John Golden RIP
Tuesday 19th October	7.30am Mass	Deceased Ritchie & Hampshire Families RIP
	10.00am Mass	Sr Mary Martin RIP
Wednesday 20th October	7.30am Mass	
	10.00am Mass	Mrs Mary Jane Gideon RIP – 1 st Anniv
Thursday 21st October	7.30am Mass	
	10.00am Mass	Melvin D'Souza – Thanksgiving
Friday 22nd October	7.30am Mass	
	10.00am Mass	Marcus Rocha RIP
	10.30 – 12noon Adoration	
	6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	
Saturday 23rd October	9.30am Mass	Gill Patient RIP Anniv
	10.00 – 10.30am Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions	
	6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Paul Etuka RIP
Sunday 24th October <i>30th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass	Demilade Oyeyinka – Thanksgiving
	11.30am Mass	Agnes Ama Nsiah RIP
	6.00pm Mass	For the people of the Parish
	7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	

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

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.

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.

MISSIO RED BOXES

Thank you to everyone who recently returned their Missio boxes. A total of £321.54 was collected. The next collection will be on 2/3 April 2022. If in the meantime if you would like information about Missio red boxes please call Savio on 07902 933534.

DBS CERTIFICATES FOR VOLUNTEERS

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

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.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

During the month of November we particularly pray for those who have died. A list of the deceased whose funerals took place here at St Andrew's will be displayed in the front of the Altar. Anyone who has a relative or friend who has died elsewhere in the last year should give in their names and date of death to the office or to one of the Priests and the name will be added to this list.

Please put the names in a Holy Souls envelope together with your offerings in the basket before the Altar from the beginning of November. These envelopes will be brought up during each Mass in the month of November. On Saturday 27th November at 9.30am we will hold our annual Mass for those who have died in the last year, we hope you can join us.

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.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Teresa Philomena Barrett RIP a long standing parishioner of St Andrew's. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family. Her funeral will be held here on Wednesday 27th October at 10am.

Please also pray for the happy repose of the soul of Darren Kowlessar RIP, a parishioner of St Andrew's, who sadly passed away last week. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family.

NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: mission.org.uk

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.

ST JAMES THE GREAT RC SCHOOL

The school's last open morning is on Friday 22nd October 9.30 - 11.30am, please contact the school for further information.

AUTUMN ASSEMBLY 2021

The Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission Autumn Assembly 2021 entitled 'COP26: What next?' in a continued response to the huge environmental issues of our time. What can we do that we aren't doing now? Respond to care for the earth, care for the poor, care for a fairer economy. You are invited to Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Brixton Hill, Saturday 20th November from 10am onwards. Entrance is free. Everyone welcome. Email jpcontact@rcaos.org.uk to reserve your place. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

THE PASSAGE

The Passage a Catholic Charity working with homeless people has its annual opportunity to take up a public collection on the streets of the City of Westminster on Tuesday 19th October (from 7.00am to 6.30pm). In order to make the most of this opportunity to raise funds to support homeless people they need more volunteers on the day. Could anyone interested please contact Andrew Hollingsworth andrew.h@passage.org.uk 020 7592 1886 (07928 703131)