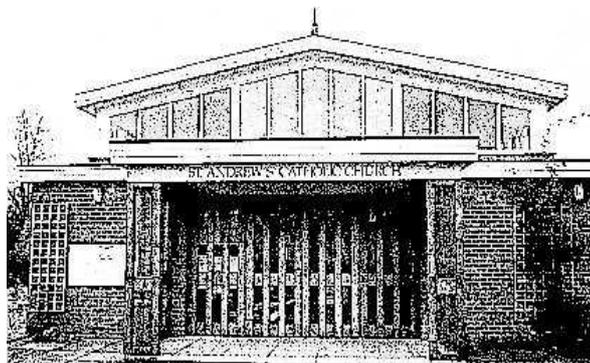

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

24th October 2021
30th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Deacon Errol

Moving Forward Together

St Andrews is a community of God's people in the care of the Clergy and Sisters led by the Parish Priest. It is the Holy Spirit who forms this group of people into the Mystical Body of Christ. As the human body has a variety of parts with diverse functions, as well as the fulfilment of its obligation and all contributing to the growth and welfare of the whole body, so is the function of a parish community. It is time to come together with a post Covid19 focus to re-ignite the fire of our faith. Your knowledge and competence are needed and your duty to be part of matters concerning the good of the Church to which you are part of.

We may be of different backgrounds, but it is beneficial to our community of faith to bring our diverse gifts and charisms, gifted by the Holy Spirit to serve God in the service we render the Bride of Christ, the Church; particularly, at this dreadful time of Covid19. This is a responsibility of each of us and not just the Parish Priest and the Pastoral Team. Just as in music, all different notes come together to produce a harmonious melody, so too in a parish, all members must come together to work in peace and harmony in our witness to Christ and not to be just Sunday churchgoers.

Some of us might be attracted to other churches and feel more alive there, but we must not forget, people like us have made it possible. How can you help to engage our youth after First Holy Communion and Confirmation so they can live out their faith, alive and aflame for Christ? How can you help to make St Andrews the vibrant community it once was? What can you (young, middle age or old) contribute to St Andrews post Covid19? May we be inspired by Pope Francis' words: Communion, Participation and Mission to the Universal Church Synodal process and act. How can we be engaged and involved with Christ and His Church?

This Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 125

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad

You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever

Master, let me see again

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@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.

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.

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.

MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND 30/31 OCTOBER

We welcome Fr Tom Ryan to all our weekend masses to talk about the mission appeal in our parish for The Missionary Society of St. Columban. Some information about The Columban Fathers are:

They were founded in Ireland in 1916 by two graduates of Maynooth National Seminary – Father (later Bishop) Edward Galvin and Father John Blowick. Their first mission was to China. The primary aim of the Columbans is inculturation of the Gospel in Cross Cultural environments. At the heart of their work is the call to help people become fully human, to help establish a world of peace with justice and care for the integrity of creation in solidarity with the poor. In order to do this effectively they strive to read the signs of the times through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, willing to take the risks of meeting the challenges that confront them.

Columbans now have missions in China, Chile, Fiji, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Peru, Pakistan, UK, Ireland, Australia, USA and more.

COP26 CLIMATE TALKS 31 OCTOBER – 12 NOVEMBER

In 2021 the UK government assumed the presidency of COP26. This provides a unique opportunity for the UK government to present its vision of a 'Global Britain' and lead the way in international efforts to tackle the climate crisis.

As a Catholic community we have been given a very clear steer from Pope Francis about the importance of caring for our common home. In his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*, His Holiness made it clear that to 'harm the environment was to harm human beings'. Furthermore, it asks us the key question. 'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?'

In the run up to COP26 and specifically on the last Sunday in October, we are asking people to pray that the leaders meeting in Glasgow (including Pope Francis who plans to attend in person) work together for positive outcomes for people and the planet. To assist with this the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, in partnership with CAFOD have produced a prayer card for use in the home so please take one and pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH SYNODAL PROCESS

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has invited the Catholic Church across the world to begin a journey of listening attentively to the Lord and to each other. We want to deepen our understanding of what it means to live together, in union with Christ, as fellow disciples called to announce His Gospel. Please find attached a detailed sheet explaining how St Andrew's will be following the requirements and acting on the Synod Process. As such we are planning on holding some parishioner meetings with the Clergy in the hall to discuss all of this further. The first session is on Thursday 28th October starting at 7.00 – 9.00pm and the following every Thursday for the next three weeks. We look forward to meeting and working with you, all are very welcome. Please collect a Prayer card from the porch so we can pray in the Church and then you can take it home.

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.