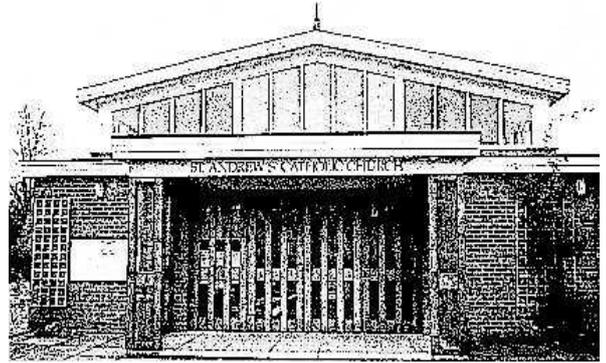

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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PASTORAL TEAM

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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.

21st November 2021 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B)

Message from Fr Emmanuel

This is the last Sunday of the Church's calendar. Next Sunday starts the new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. It is fitting that the Church's year is crowned with the feast of Christ the King which in a way sums up all that we have learned about Jesus through his teaching. The feast celebrates that the Jesus we have heard teach, heal, liberate and challenge people is our Lord and King. He is the visible presence of God in our midst. He is the word through whom all things were created in the beginning, and the final goal for all creation.

Christ is our King yesterday and today, the beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega. All time belong to him and all the ages. To him is glory and power through all ages forever. Yet as he stands before Pilate in today's gospel, accused of blasphemy for equating himself with God, he clarifies that his kingship and kingdom are not like those of this world. So, he does not force himself on us. We have to make a choice - to receive his kingship or not.

His kingdom is as the preface of today's mass states: "his kingship is an eternal and universal kingdom; a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace." To live by these tenets of his kingdom is to live life to the full. To sincerely profess Christ as our King is to have Christ as the Lord both of our private and public lives. It is to be able to say with St. Paul, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." May Christ the universal king makes us aware of the things that really matter thereby relieving us of the inordinate desires that hold us captive.

Happy Feast Day

This Sunday's Readings

Daniel 7:13-14	His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
Psalms 92	The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed
Apocalypse 1:5-8	Rulers of the kings of the earth ... he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God
John 18:33-37	It is you who say that I am a king

Diary for the Week

Sunday 21st November <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	For the people of the Parish Deceased Members Freeman Family RIP Thomas & Snigdha Arthur – 34 th Wedding Anniv November List
Monday 22nd November	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 12.00noon Funeral Mass: Darren Kowlessar RIP	November List Sr Mary Martin RIP
Tuesday 23rd November	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	November List Paul Etuka RIP
Wednesday 24th November	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Victor Garcia – Birthday November List
Thursday 25th November	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	November List Denis Bernard & Claire Mannion – Wedding Anniv
Friday 26th November	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	November List John Messina RIP Anniv
Saturday 27th November	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	November List For the people of the parish
Sunday 28th November <i>1st Sunday of Advent (Cycle C)</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	November List Jessica Mary Badu RIP Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family- Thanksgiving

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

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.

MASS SUNG IN LATIN DURING NOVEMBER

During the month of November, the 11.30am Choir, the Mass will be sung in Latin.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend will be for the Catholic Youth Services. The collection taken on National Youth Sunday supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates who celebrated their Confirmation Mass with Bishop Paul Hendricks on Saturday 20th November. Also with many thanks to our catechists who helped our candidates on their journey. We ask that you keep all our candidates in your prayers, thank you.

400 CLUB

October draw:

- Faustine Asafu-Adjaye - £20 no: 53
- Ann Tiernan - £10 no: 85
- Mario Fernandes - £10 no: 26

November draw:

Lena Ellis - £20 no: 54

Francis Gilbert - £10 no: 25

Maxine Mahoney - £10 no: 113

Congratulations to the winners for the October and November draws. If you would like to join, please email Jon Prins (email: club_400@hotmail.com). You'll have the chance to win cash prizes and help St Andrews at the same time, so please do consider joining this worthy cause. We look forward to you joining us!

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.

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.

ADVENT - JESSE TREE

Next weekend, 28th November, is the 1st Sunday of Advent and as the season of Advent begins we will place our Jesse Tree on the Sanctuary. The Jesse Tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse Tree is also our Giving Tree and we are asking all our Parishioners to donate non-perishable food in the box provided through Advent. The SVP Group will use our donations for those in need in the Parish. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

A DAY WITH JESUS

The A Day with Jesus Group have resumed their meetings in St Andrew's Church. Please join them to pray together, sing praises, worship, say the Rosary, Divine Mercy and Adoration. The group meet every fourth Saturday of every month (27th November and but not this December) from 12.30 – 4.00pm. All are very welcome to come along, for further information please call Simon on 07947 493683.

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 18th December 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

Our Rosary Group meet in the Church every Monday to Saturday after the 10am Mass during the week and on Saturdays after the 9.30am Mass. If you would like to join us please do come along, all are very welcome.

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 and other gifts and cards so please visit to make your purchases early.

DARREN KOWLESSAR RIP

The funeral for Darren Kowlessar RIP will be on Monday 22nd November at 12noon followed by a reception in our hall afterwards.

MISSION CALENDAR

There are some 2022 calendars in the porch, please take one home.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Please take home with you a CAFOD World Gifts booklet for 2021-22. By buying World Gifts you are standing in solidarity with people suffering injustices all over the world and giving an opportunity to build a better 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.

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 January 8, 9am-1pm. Booking is essential: phone 07983 524 727 or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk There is a nominal charge of £10 per couple.

GRIEF IN 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 March 4-6. For more information phone Elizabeth Partridge on 01303 670 880 or email enquiry@thefriars.org.uk