

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

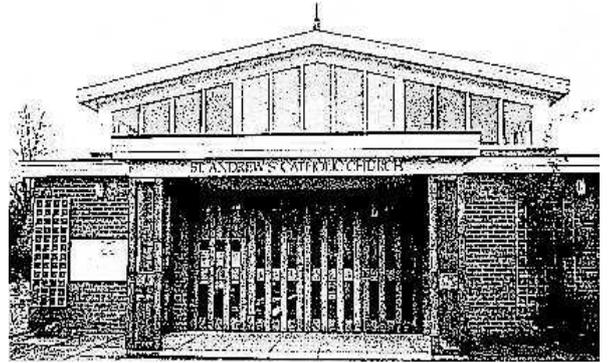
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PASTORAL TEAM

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

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.



7th November 2021
32nd Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Fr Anthony



GENEROSITY AND TRUST IN DIVINE PROVIDENCE

In today's liturgy, Jesus expects us to trust Him completely. Many of us are not quite so sure that we can trust Him, even though we want to trust Him. The widow in the first reading shows us how a person can trust completely; even to the point of giving up the little one has for another person.

Our Gospel today repeats that same message with the story of the poor widow who gave all she had, trusting in the Lord. The challenge today for in this time of the pandemic is: Will I trust? Will I give up what I have because I trust in the Lord? Perhaps many of us are more practical and give to the Lord what we may have in excess of what we need. The Lord wants more! The Lord wants all that we have and all that we are. The Lord invites us and waits for us. Many of us are fearful that if we give all, we shall have nothing left. Think again of the widow in the first reading. She had practically nothing and was preparing to share the little she had with her son—and then die. The Prophet Elijah comes and asks her to give to him the small amount she had.

This is the kind of experience that we may have. We seem to lack everything that we need in this life and especially we may lack the means to obtain what we believe we need. Then God asks us to give up even the little we have.

Can we do that? Are we able to trust so much in God that we will give up even what we believe is necessary? God is asking you? What will you reply?

This Sunday's Readings

1 Kings 17: 10-16	The widow made a little scone from her meal and brought it to Elijah
Psalms 145	My soul, give praise to the Lord
Hebrews 9: 24-28	Christ offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself
Mark 12:38-44	This poor widow has put in more than all

Diary for the Week

Sunday 7th November <i>32nd Sunday of the Year</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 Jessica Mary Badu RIP Birthday Deceased Members Arthur Family RIP November List
Monday 8th November	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	November List Aleixo D'Souza RIP
Tuesday 9th November	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	November List Jessica and John Paul Rodrigues – Birthday & Wellbeing
Wednesday 10th November	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	November List Sr Mary Martin RIP
Thursday 11th November	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	November List War Dead (F)
Friday 12th November	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	November List Paul Etuka RIP
Saturday 13th 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 14th November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> <i>World Day of the Poor</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	November List For the War Dead Deceased Members Arthur Family RIP

Church cleaners: this week: Judie's Crew, next week: Fifi'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.

CAKE SALE: CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Today, Sunday 7th November, after the 9.30am Mass, this year's Confirmation candidates will be having a cake sale accompanied by teas and coffees in the hall. Proceeds to go to their two chosen charities "The Sickie Cell Society" and "Croydon Association for Young Single Homeless". Please do come along to give them your support and to enjoy a cake or two!

MASS SUNG IN LATIN DURING NOVEMBER

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

DAN TURNER

Having recently begun the second year of a three-year course of studies, Dan Turner, will, on Saturday 6th November, have his Candidacy for the Diaconate acknowledged by Archbishop John Wilson at Morning Prayer at Aylesford Priory. Later that same day, Dan will, all things being equal, be installed as a Lector, the first of two minor ministries on his diaconal journey.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit continues to help, direct and support both him and his family in this vocation.

MISSION APPEAL LAST WEEKEND

Fr Tom Ryan would like to pass on his grateful thanks to everyone for the warm welcome he received last weekend when he attended our weekend masses to talk about the mission appeal in our parish for The Missionary Society of

St. Columban. There are still plenty of magazines and information in our porch that you are welcome to take home.

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.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week will be for the Archbishop's Administration Fund. This collection helps to meet the cost of the central administration of the diocese.

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 have re-started 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.

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 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.

CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

The Archdiocese of Southwark is delighted to formally announce that it is divesting from fossil fuels to protect our impact upon the environment. The head of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, Cardinal Vincent Nicholls, has written to the Prime Minister asking him to support poor and vulnerable communities facing “devastating effects of climate change”. Pope Francis calls on the political decision makers who will meet at COP26 in Glasgow to urgently provide effective responses to the present ecological crisis and in this way to offer concrete hope to future generations.

ST ANDREW’S CHURCH SYNODAL PROCESS

Pope Francis has called a Synod of bishops to meet in October 2023. The Theme of this Synod is not dogma or structure it is unique “Listening to the Holy Spirit”. Every Catholic in the world is called to participate by a common process of sharing the Gospel. Every voice and opinion is valid. The First stage is “What is the Holy Spirit saying to us, here in Thornton Heath in this parish of St. Andrew’s?”. There are three topics, Communion, Participation, and Mission. This is what is planned over the next three weeks. We will take one of these and we are encouraged to share with honesty, and openness about real life experiences and to reflect on what the Holy Spirit might be revealing in what we share with one another.

1. Next Thursday Evening **November 11th** those who wish to meet in the parish hall from **7.30pm - 9pm** to prayerfully use the process
2. Individuals and groups can also do this through prayerfully following the process which is printed on the sheet in the newsletter. There is an email address standrewssynodprocess2021@gmail.com to which all responses from the parish of St. Andrew’s can be sent. If you do not wish to be part of the “parish listening”, responses can be sent directly to the diocese at synod@rcaos.org.uk
We will give a short feedback in the newsletter on the Sunday after every meeting. We have a month to submit the parish response (not a lot of time).

FEEDBACK FROM THE WEEK ONE (1) SHARING ON: COMMUNION. 28TH OCTOBER, 2021

The Church is Catholic because she is sent to all, in order to bring together the whole human family under the one Leadership of Christ and in the unity of His Spirit. With this background, the following questions were shared.

Questions

1. What are the ways in which your parish most successfully brings people together?
 - Through our Eucharistic celebration where parishioners gather together in Prayer
 - Through the different prayer, social and Faith teaching/sharing groups in the parish
 - Through the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Matrimony
2. In which areas of parish life (liturgical, charitable, social etc) does your parish feel and act as one?
 - With the Liturgy we come together to share in the ONE BREAD AND ONE CHALICE OF CHRIST.
 - By visiting the poor
 - By feeding the poor and less privileged through our food bank
 - Through celebration of different anniversaries, and funerals.
 - Sharing of Tea and Coffee together after Holy Mass.
 - During festive seasons like Easter and Christmas
3. In which areas of parish (liturgical, charitable, social etc.) are you able to discern the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit?
 - Through Eucharistic Adoration/ Benediction
 - Through music from our Hymnals, CDs and live Streaming Services
4. How is the Holy Eucharistic the main focal point for your Parish?
 - When we share in the one bread and one chalice of Christ as a sign of our unity.
5. Is the parish the sole locus for communion in your area?
 - YES.
 - We also have St. James the Great School who also share in our communion.
 - Through hospital visitation also.

6. Christ is present as the head united to His Body (Ephesians 1:22-23) in our parish and communities. How is this reflected in your parish/community life? Are there other reasons that you gather together?
 - Through other spiritual activities like the Charismatic, legion of Mary etc.
 - Through social events and Dinner such as Bingo night, Wednesday club,
 - Multi-Cultural evening and International Cultural day and concerts
 - Through the coming together of Nigeria Catholic Community
 - Through the Cleaning of the Church and Church workers.
 - By visiting the house band
7. In what ways can you help to build up communion effectively and authentically in the coming months and years?
 - Through POST FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION catechesis facilitated by the Catechists groups through the parish pastoral team.
 - Through RCIA- to encourage people's faith. Post sacramental sessions
 - Through the formation of small Christian communities based on areas, wards and residence
 - Through On-going formation of all groups in the parish
 - Through Youth Apostolate, Away days and outings
 - Through Bible study. Each group organising their own sessions each week based on a particular theme.
 - Organising Parish Retreats.
8. How do you relate to members of the church who have drifted away from their Faith Practice?
 - Through pastoral outreach. Seeking members who have being with us but now are laps in coming or in their Faith practice
 - Meeting with people in their homes to discuss and concerns.
 - Through open an honest dialogue
9. How does your parish relate to other parishes nearby?
 - Through exchange of Pulpit by Priests(parishes) within the Deanery
 - Rotation of Deanery meetings

Through these we are sure we will be able to come together under the One Supreme Leadership of Christ.

Thanks to all who participated in this noble course. God bless you as we look forward to seeing you again.