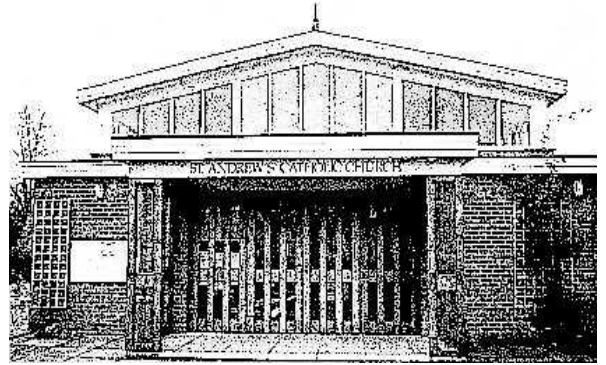

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

16th January 2022 2nd Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Deacon Errol

God works in us for good

We have begun a New Year, filled with hope and aspirations. We give thanks and praise to God for bringing us to 2022. Each day of the year will come with its own anxiety, fear and worry, particularly with the pandemic still raging, but our God lives, and He cares, so we take solace in that. Deuteronomy 10:14 tells us the heavens and the earth and all in it belong to God, but He loves us so much that He sent Jesus, whose incarnation and nativity we have just celebrated to show His love, and He will see us through another year, whatever the challenges ahead.

We must be aware that God works in His time, not our time, but we have our part to play to work in God's time. This requires trust, humility and patience. We may need to do some pruning, chopping and changing, U-turns, to make this happen. We must not forget that our life rests in God's hands, and like a potter, He knows how to make all things well and beautiful if we commit ourselves to Him. Take some time to reflect on *Psalm 37*.

St Paul says God wants to form us into 'a vessel for honour, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.' *2Timothy 2:21*. Remember that at times the potter puts us into an oven and the fires of life turn us into stronger vessels, to be crowned with glory.

Let us therefore be aware of God's presence and actions in our lives and allow ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit. He will form us into the image that He wants, to be worthy of the name Christian and have the privilege to humbly bring the love of Christ to others, and responding to each other's needs.

May this year be a blessed one for all

This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5	The bridegroom rejoices in his bride
Psalm 95	Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples
1 Corinthians 12:4-11	One and the same Spirit, who distributes gifts to different people just as he chooses
John 2:1-11	This was the first of the signs given by Jesus; it was given at Cana in Galilee

Diary for the Week

Sunday 16th January <i>2nd 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	Paul Etuka RIP Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family - Thanksgiving Anthony Powell RIP Anniv For the people of the parish
Monday 17th January	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Frank Cunningham – Illhealth Roque & Ana Rita Fernandes RIP
Tuesday 18th January	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Mr S. McLaughlan RIP Luis & Piedade Fernandes RIP
Wednesday 19th January	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Cecelia Angress (F) Rhea & Robert Curry RIP
Thursday 20th January	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Sr Bernardine Angel DMJ RIP Canon Peter Wilkie – Wellbeing (sick)
Friday 21st January	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	Richard Cowie (F) Sr Mary Martin RIP
Saturday 22nd January	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Mari & Antoni Hadjizorzi RIP For the people of the Parish
Sunday 23rd January <i>3rd Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Roque & Rosalind Cabral RIP Arthur Family – Thanksgiving Mr Kinsella RIP

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish you all a peaceful, safe and Happy New Year. Thank you also for the cards and gifts received, it is much appreciated.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: PEACE SUNDAY

The second collection today will be for Pax Christi, International Catholic Movement for Peace. The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Further info: www.paxchristi.org.uk

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS 2021

Our Christmas Crib is on our Altar. The tradition of erecting a Crib was started by St Francis of Assisi because of the fact that many people could not read at that time. He would erect the Crib at the beginning of December and it would be there until the end of February. This tradition is continued in Rome where the Crib in St Peter's Square stays up until that time.

This year our Christmas Crib Offerings will be donated to the Friends of the Holy Land. Friends of the Holy Land is a charity supporting the vulnerable Christian Community in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. They have two Catholic and Anglican Leaders as their Patrons – Cardinal Vincent Nichols, and Justin Welby (Archbishop of

Canterbury) – helping to lead Christians in the UK to help our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Further information from: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk. Tel: 01926 512980. Thank you for your continued support.

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. The next one will be held in St Andrew's Church hall on Saturday 12th February 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.

REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Sunday.

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.

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.

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.

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.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The group will be meeting on Sunday 23rd January in the hall after the 11.30am Mass.

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, 22nd January, from 12.30 – 4.00pm. All are very welcome to come along, for further information please call Simon on 07947 493683.

COME HOME INITIATIVE

The diocese has produced the *Ultimate Relationship Booklet and invitation cards*. These have been produced to help us to reach out to parishioners who might have drifted from practice. Please collect an Invitation Card as you leave Mass and we encourage you to think of those you haven't seen in a while and to give the card to them. If you want to personalise these cards by adding your contact details, please do so.

Also we have The Ultimate Relationship Booklets which are also available in the porch and will hopefully be an opportunity for those receiving them to rediscover what our faith has to offer. We want to let everyone know that they are very welcome in our Church and although this is still a very challenging time for us all, we know that in Christ Jesus He will be here for us and we want to share this with everyone.

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

DAY OF HEALING

Please see the poster in the porch for *Day of Healing* being held on Saturday 19th February, 10 – 5pm at St George's Cathedral. Further info from bit.ly/Healing2022.

OBERAMMERGAU 2022

Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Austria and Oberammergau including the Passion Play 27 May – 3 June 2022

You are invited to join the Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Austria and Oberammergau including the Passion Play in May/June 2022. Led by The Rt Revd Jonathan Clark, Anglican Bishop of Croydon and The Rt Revd Paul Hendricks, Catholic Bishop of Croydon. The cost of this holiday is £1,785 per person. Some information is on our notice board. You will need to complete a booking form and send it with a deposit of £600 per person to the group organiser. Please ensure you mark your booking form with the departure date and tour leader as Croydon Deanery. Please contact Mrs Toni Suffolk, 18 Alwen Cottages, Badgers Hole, Oaks Road, Shirley, Croydon, CR0 5HR. Tel: 0208 654 9035, mob: 07786 935 554, email: toni.suffolk@btinternet.com

YOUTH MINISTRY DAY ON 29th JANUARY

There will be a post Confirmation ministry and our Confirmation candidates are all invited to come along to a special gathering to meet other Confirmation candidates for mutual support during this event.

We want to keep our young people interested coming to Mass as we know God has a plan for each young person. Each young person is unique and irreplaceable in God’s plan for the world and the Church. With help young people move from a received faith, the faith they were brought up in, to a personal faith, a faith which they own. The aim of youth ministry is that the young people come to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

So to this end there is an afternoon planned at St Mary’s West Croydon on the 29th January for youth leaders and potential youth leaders and catechists are also welcome and of course clergy. The aim of the day as with a similar day which was held at St Columba Selsdon in 2019 is to help volunteers to start groups and use the programme. Volunteers should ideally be adults and older young people who are spiritually mature, have a reasonable knowledge of Church teaching and have a heart for young people.

Please let the Clergy know if you are interested in attending as a volunteer so we can pass on your name by Monday 24th January to allow for time to prepare. Please see the following with more details and do pass on your name to the Parish Office if you are interested in attending so we can let St Mary’s know.

Young People into Action

Induction afternoon for Post Confirmation Groups with a focus on the LIFE programme published by Redemptorist Publications.

This will take place at St Mary’s West Croydon from 12 – 4.00pm on Saturday 29th January and will be facilitated by Tom Caluori retired RE teacher and school chaplain and formally Croydon Deanery Youth Ministry Coordinator (2003 – 8). For more information contact Tom on 07982 999319or email tomcaluori@hotmail.com

Booking Slips (or by email)

Post Confirmation INDUCTION AFTERNOON 29th January 12 – 4.00pm at St Mary’s West Croydon Parish

Names (Block Capitals) and Telephone (please give to the Parish Office)

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