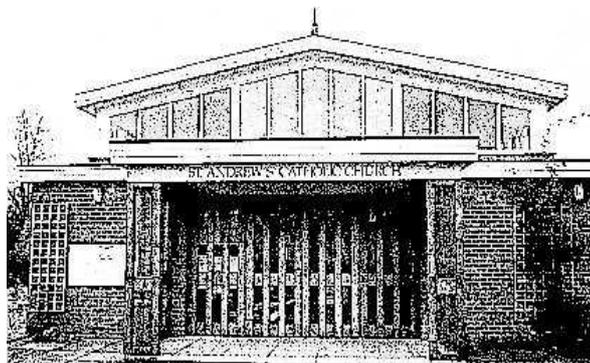

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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Fr Anthony Saffa C.S.Sp.
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Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ
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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.

30th January 2022 4th Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Deacon Tony

There are some feast days that can be a little confusing to us Catholics. One that has been mentioned to me a few times is the Baptism of the Lord. This feast day comes on the Sunday after the Epiphany, when the wise men, guided by a star at night visited the infant Jesus and bought three gifts. So, it's understandable when, within a week, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and people confuse it with the Presentation in the Temple, which we will observe on Wednesday.

Of course, Jesus was baptised as an adult, but was presented at the temple, in line with Jewish custom as a baby. In the Gospel on Wednesday, we hear the most touching story of Simeon who had been told by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he saw, with his own eyes, the messiah the Jewish people longed for.

On seeing Jesus, he knew who this infant was and taking him in his arms the words that followed have become the most touching of prayers, the Nunc Dimittis, which means 'now dismiss'.

At last, all-powerful Master,
you give leave to your servant
to go in peace, according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation
which you have prepared for all nations,
the light to enlighten the Gentiles
and give glory to Israel, your people.

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Psalm 70

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Luke 4:21-30

This Sunday's Readings

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations

My lips will tell of your help

**There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and
the greatest of these is love**

Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent to the Jews only

Diary for the Week

Sunday 30th January <i>4th 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	Filomena Alvares – Thanksgiving Paul Etuka RIP Mrs Anita Alban For the people of the parish
Monday 31st January	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	For Our Suffering Souls Anniv
Tuesday 1st February	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Timothy Andradi RIP Mrs Sadie Wells RIP
Wednesday 2nd February <i>The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas Day</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Rev John Ehichioya RIP Anniv Owen Murphy RIP
Thursday 3rd February	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
Friday 4th February	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	Sr Mary Martin RIP
Saturday 5th February	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Pasquelina (Rina) Fernandes RIP Anniv Special Intentions – Wellbeing
Sunday 6th February <i>5th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Deceased Members of Wijeratne Family RIP Ajibola Oyeyinka RIP 9 th Anniv For the people of the parish

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.

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS 2021

Our Christmas Crib will be here until 2nd February (The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas Day).

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.

SECOND COLLECTION WHITE FLOWER ANNUAL APPEAL 2022

The second collection this weekend is for The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life speech. Pro-life witness is being restricted now more than ever; we must be able to speak freely to protect unborn babies. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers. There are some cards and stickers from SPUC in the porch.

400 CLUB

January winners:

Don Patient no: 18 - £20

Bridget Goveia no: 123 - £10

Elizabeth Hibberd no: 69 - £10

Message from Jonathan Prins, 400 Club organiser:

“Congratulations to the winners this month, it’s a good way to start 2022! Please note I will no longer be running the 400 Club. This will now be handled by Kalate from February onwards. Thank you for all the support over the last seven years, and please do continue to support this worthy cause.”

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

For First Holy Communion programme 2022, we are asking parents of children who are in year 3 or 4 from September 2021 to complete an application to register their children for the next programme by 13th February. Please complete the online form by following the link <https://forms.gle/EEDYdumEj2x3GEU78>

In order for the Sacraments to go ahead, we will need help from you. Thank you if you have already come forward but we still need more volunteer Catechists. If you have a child who would like to join the programme, please consider becoming a Catechist so we can move forward with our programme. Send your details via email into the office.

SAFEGUARDING

There will be a drop-in session on Saturday 5th February in the Presbytery between 10.30am and 12.30pm for volunteers to return their completed DBS forms or seek advice upon completion and for any ID verification checks. Please come along if you have an outstanding parish DBS application to complete. If you need a DBS form for your volunteer role in the parish please email your name and details of your role to thorntonheathsgl@safeguardrcaos.org.uk

Reminder this week – **Eucharistic Ministers** need to have a valid RC Diocese of Southwark DBS to carry out their duties in the parish.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

The group are resuming and would like to invite you to come along. They have decided to change the day from Tuesday to Monday mornings. If you would like to come along, please meet in St Andrew’s hall from 9.30 – 11.15am, ages from baby to 4 years old, £2 per session. Included in the price is a snack, crafts, storytime etc for the children and tea/coffee for parents/carers. Starting from Monday 7th February, term-time only.

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.

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.

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, the next one is on 26th February, from 12.30 – 4.00pm. All are very welcome to come along, for further information please call Simon on 07947 493683.

PARISH

New Year's Resolution – Volunteer in the Parish

Our parish needs you. A vital aspect of a church is people willing to bring their talents, experience and energy to our various ministries and activities. Could your New Year's resolution be getting involved in our parish life? This can be very fulfilling and help build our community. We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as: Church cleaners, general maintenance in and around the Church, gardening, maintenance in the hall etc. If you would like to more info or to speak with Fr Emmanuel, please email the office and he will get in touch with you, all help would be very welcome. Thank you.

CAFOD

CAFOD are also looking for volunteers. You can help by giving some time:

- In our parish - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work in the parish to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.
- In our local schools – where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided.

If you'd like to know more about volunteering for CAFOD, please get in touch with Celeste or Sarah at southwark@cafod.org.uk or tel: 07825 734 390 / 07775 704546

ST. ANDREWS GOLDEN CLUB

Calling all retired and senior citizens within the parish and friends of our parish to join our monthly event which will be held on Friday 4th February, time: 12.00noon to 5.00 pm. A great time was had by all so please join us for bingo, raffle and music to dance the afternoon away. Food (non-veg or veg) will need to be ordered in advance. Snacks and drinks will be on sale. Tickets are only £2.00. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Contact: Juliette on 0208 765 0258 / 07958 537314.

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.

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

VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies for a Parish Secretary at Mortlake, a Youth Minister for the Bromley Deanery, an Office Administrator for Safeguarding and a Caretaker for the Cathedral site. More details can be found on the Diocesan Website: Work with Southwark: Archdiocese of Southwark (rcsouthwark.co.uk)