
ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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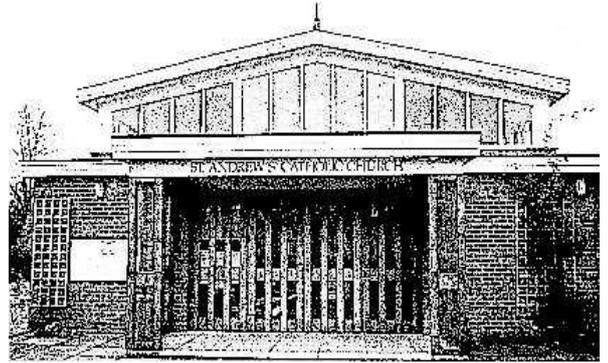
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Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ

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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.

13th February 2022 6th Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Fr Anthony

LORD, OUR TRUST AND HOPE IS IN YOU

Today, the sixth Sunday of Ordinary time, the church invites us to place our trust in God and in his only son Jesus Christ.

Today's first reading calls us to a very deep reflection. We must ask ourselves, in whom, and in what have I put my trust? Placing our trust in God is the best approach to life. Certainly, we must make efforts and do what we must do as humans. However, we must not forget that, it is God who sustains, confirms and blesses our ways and efforts. In the second reading, Paul equally makes the same point. Our hope must not be totally placed on this world or on our efforts alone, but on Christ who through his resurrection has strengthened our hope of eternity.

While our first reading began with a very strong warning against not trusting in God, today's gospel, however, begins with a blessing for those who are ready to do God's will. The beatitude is a great song which calls us to a life of virtue, reflection and total surrender to God's will.

These blessings are for those who are totally and willingly ready to place everything in God's hands. The beatitudes also remind us that all we do and work for here will gain us eternal life. That is, if we do them well and for the sake of God.

Finally, the good news for us today is simple; nothing in this world can rob us of our peace of mind and interior joy, if we place our trust in the crucified and risen Christ, the saviour and hope of the world. The psalmist summarised this good news for us: "Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord."

This Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 17:5-8

A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, a blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord

Psalm 1

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ has not been raised, your believing is useless

Luke 6:17, 20-26

How happy are you who are poor. Alas for you who are rich

Diary for the Week

Sunday 13th February <i>6th 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 Rose Gallery RIP Anniv Paul Etuka RIP Sr Mary Martin RIP
Monday 14th February	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Fr John Ehichioya RIP Anniv Mrs Matilda Inniss RIP 1st Anniv
Tuesday 15th February	7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass for Juliana Hayfron RIP	Canon Francis Moran RIP Anniv Juliana Hayfron RIP
Wednesday 16th February	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Joseph Okoroafor & Family – Blessings and Wellbeing
Thursday 17th February	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Lucia Daye 84 th Birthday
Friday 18th February	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	Sr Teresa Clements RIP Anniv Joseph Okoroafor - For Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 19th February	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Paul Etuka RIP For the people of the parish
Sunday 20th February <i>7th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Betty Botelho & Carrasco Family Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family - Thanksgiving Mary Ann Jones (F)

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.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

The second collection this week will be for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice. This collection is taken to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

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, today. 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

The next drop in session will be on Saturday 5th March between 10.30 and 12.30 pm in the Presbytery. Volunteers who need a DBS or to renew their DBS please email thorntonheathsg1@safeguardraos.or.uk giving your full name and your volunteer role.

Reminder this week – All Catechists who work with children, children's liturgist helpers, RCIC helpers and Children's choir leaders need an RC Diocese of Southwark issued DBS. Also Adult (over 18) Altar servers and MC's and sacristans if this involves you using the altar servers sacristy.

For the avoidance of doubt, DBS certificates are valid for three years and then need to be renewed. If you have any doubts about yours please email the above to check. The diocese will soon be auditing parishes and those without DBS's will not be able to continue their roles.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We hope to resume our Children's Liturgy Group on the first Sunday after half term (27th February) for the 9.30am Mass. This will be for children ages 3 – 8years old. Parents with younger children can come along too but will need to stay with their children. We welcome volunteers to help as always but you will need to be DBS checked, please contact Bernadette to discuss this on 07729 322571.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

The group have resumed 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, 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 12 March 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 our group for 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, 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 have 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.

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.

DIOCESAN RETREAT FOR LENT (ONLINE):

Make some space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for our Diocesan 'retreat at home' called **Saving Grace**. Every week you will receive an email with links to a 25 minute video in which our Archbishop John will introduce the theme and the reading, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat, with others contributing. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection. All you have to have to do is sign up and then set aside what space you can for Saving Grace!

See the poster in the porch for more details and for more info and to register follow this link:
http://eepurl.com/hnK_Rz