

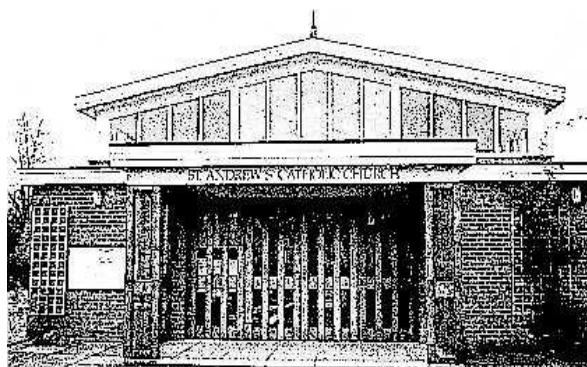
ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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PASTORAL TEAM

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Fr Anthony Saffa C.S.Sp.
Deacons: Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine
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.

20th February 2022 7th Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Deacon Errol

Professing God in Word and Deed

1 John 3:1 says, "Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God. And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him." The love of God caused the Father to send His only Begotten Son into the world to save those who believe in Him. *John 3:16* Jesus left His heavenly throne, to come into our sinful world, to reconcile us with the Father by the shedding of His blood.

This is whom the Prophet Isaiah talked about in Isaiah 9:6 "For to us a child is born, And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace." These texts might be familiar to us, but what does it mean to the believer. Wonderful Counsellor - Jesus inspires awe; He is truth, a miracle worker. He admonishes us and helps us to stay on the narrow path that leads to eternal life.

As Everlasting Father - Jesus is the Father of eternity. So, if you have lost someone close to you, and they knew our Lord Jesus Christ, the Everlasting Father, be assured you will one day be reunited. Prince of Peace – With Jesus we have inner peace. In today's world when you try to talk to people about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, you may be laughed at. In schools, offices and social gatherings, Jesus is shunned even by those who profess Him, for misguided reasoning. If we Christians feel ashamed to talk about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, what do we expect from those who do not want to know Him? We are helping them unwittingly to resent Jesus as did most of the learned people of His time who would not believe in His message of change because it made them feel uncomfortable. The world didn't want to know Jesus then and at times it seems this hasn't changed.

If Jesus healed the sick, set the downtrodden free, healed the broken hearted, comforted mourners, raised the dead, then why do we not acknowledge Him before men as His children?

This Sunday's Readings

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23	The Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand
Psalm 102	The Lord is compassion and love
1 Corinthians 15:45-49	We who have been modelled on the earthly man will be modelled on the heavenly man
Luke 6:27-38	Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate

Diary for the Week

Sunday 20th February <i>7th 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 Betty Botelho & Carrasco Family Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family – thanksgiving Mary Ann Jones (F)
Monday 21st February	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mother and Toddler Group 10.00am Mass	James Power (F) Paul Etuka RIP
Tuesday 22nd February	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.45pm RCIA	Fr John Ehichioya RIP (F) Polina Athayde – Wellbeing
Wednesday 23rd February	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Fr Edward Mostyn (F) Francis D’Souza RIP Anniv
Thursday 24th February	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Deceased Members of the Moloney Family Rose Freeman RIP Anniv
Friday 25th February	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	Sr Mary Martin RIP
Saturday 26th February	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	For the people of the parish
Sunday 27th February <i>8th 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 Fr John Ehichioya RIP Anniv

Church cleaners: this week: St Jude’s Group, next week: Judie’s Crew

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

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 Church.

HOLY WATER

Hopefully you will have seen that we have put two Holy Water dispensers in the Church. They are located in the porch, immediately to your right as you enter the porch area and one in the Church on your left. Please use these from now on as we are unsure if our normal Holy Water font in the porch will be resumed for normal use.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week, 27th February, will be for the Clergy Support Fund.

The Clergy Support Fund of the Archdiocese of Southwark provides care for priests in their old age and retirement, and in their time of ill health. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People.

In 2021, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 71 retired priests, at a cost of £1.25 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese.

Please be as generous as you can with a gift to the Clergy Support Fund and continue to keep our priests in your prayers. Thank you. Donate online: rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF, tel: Mon-Fri 9am -5pm 020 7960 2504 or use one of the Clergy Support Fund envelopes at the back of the church.

SAFEGUARDING

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

Reminder this week:- All volunteers who help with groups involving the elderly in our parish need a valid DBS issued through the RC Diocese of Southwark to carry out their volunteer roles. This includes Legion of Mary, SVP, St Damien's, Golden Group. Please email the above safeguarding address if you need DBS Forms for your groups. Please note the DBS certificate is valid for three years and then needs to be renewed. You can have an online or paper form but if online it requires you to complete all appropriate forms to effectively get registered on the system. It is everyone's responsibility to safeguard the vulnerable and to do this you need to ensure that you have a valid DBS.

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.

WALK WITH US

Do you want to improve your physical and mental wellbeing through walking with other like-minded people? Are you over 55? If the answer is yes, please kindly contact Maxine for further details on 07903 401107.

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

ST JAMES THE GREAT SCHOOL

St James The Great RC Primary and Nursery School in Thornton Heath are currently advertising for a Higher Level Teaching Assistant role responsible for interventions and running the Library. If interested in this opportunity please email: Finace@stjamesthegreat.org to obtain an application pack and/or arrange a visit to the school.

CAFOD

This Lent CAFOD have launched "The Walk Against Hunger Challenge". There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. So this Lent if you're up for the challenge, walk 200km over the whole of Lent and help give hunger its marching orders! If you can walk 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, and you'll conquer your 200k target in time for Easter. Sign up at cafod.org.uk/walk and they will send you a diary to help track your achievements. Please collect a leaflet in the porch for further details.

COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL

The school is also supporting CAFOD's 'Walk Against Hunger' this Lent and would be most grateful if you could support the school. The school have set themselves the ambitious target of walking 10,000 km in order to raise £1,500 towards eradicating malnutrition amongst the world poorest children. The link to their Just Giving page is: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/Coloma>