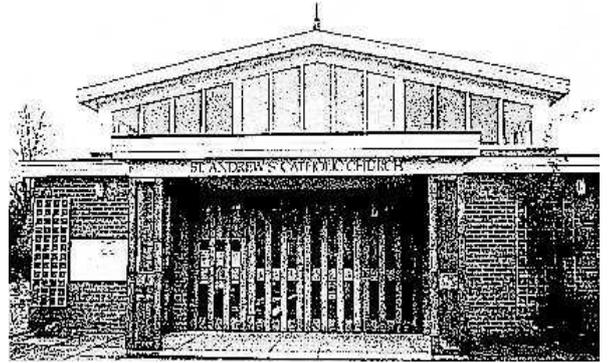


ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

27th February 2022
8th Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Deacon Tony

Last Wednesday was the feast day of someone I admire greatly, and just because I admire them, this does not mean I wish to emulate them; St Polycarp.

Polycarp is believed to have been a disciple of John the Apostle. We are told he was ordained Bishop of Smyrna by John himself. Smyrna being a Greek city at the time, but is now called Izmir, in modern day Turkey.

Polycarp, Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch are regarded as the chief Apostolic Fathers; men who wrote in the first and second century, would have known some of the twelve apostles but whose writings were not included in the canon of the New Testament.

Polycarp travelled to Rome to discuss the setting of the date for Easter. The Eastern and Western churches used differing calendars which could have been contentious. However, the matter got settled with both dates still being used and the two Churches staying in communion with each other.

Polycarp's martyrdom was like no other you have heard of. We believe him to have been 86 at the time. He was given the opportunity to burn incense to the Emperor of Rome and therefore, recognise him as a god. Polycarp declined and was sentenced to be burned at the stake. But did he go quietly? Oh no! Angrily, he told his captors "How then can I blaspheme my King and Saviour? You threaten me with a fire that burns for a season, and after a little while is quenched; but you are ignorant of the fire of everlasting punishment that is prepared for the wicked." The fire itself did not burn enough to kill him so he was pieced with a spear.

Such bravery, I'm sure you can understand my admiration.

This Sunday's Readings

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| Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7 | Do not praise a man before he has spoken |
| Psalms 91 | It is good to give you thanks, O Lord |
| 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 | He has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ |
| Luke 6: 39-45 | A man's words flow out of what fills his heart |

Diary for the Week

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| Sunday 27th February <i>8th 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 Fr John Ehichioya RIP Anniv Paul Etuka RIP |
| Monday 28th February | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass | Sr Mary Matthew DMJ RIP Mrs Mary Mensa Kuma RIP – One Year Anniv |
| Tuesday 1st March | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.30pm RCIC 7.45pm RCIA | Cleta Andradi RIP |
| Wednesday 2nd March <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Fast & Abstinence | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 8.00pm Mass | Mr Conrad Lobo RIP Birthday Anniv For the people of the parish |
| Thursday 3rd March | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass | Ruby D'Souza RIP Anniv |
| Friday 4th March | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall) | Agapito Gouveia RIP - One month died Ira & Matthew Coutinho RIP |
| Saturday 5th March | 9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday | Sr Mary Martin RIP Pasquelina (Rina) Fernandes RIP |
| Sunday 6th March <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> | 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group | Betty Botelho & Carrasco Family Joseph E. Asmah RIP & Dorothy Synper For the people of the parish |

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

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.

EXCHANGE OF PULPIT

We welcome a visiting Priest from St Michael and St Martin Catholic Church in Hounslow, Archdiocese of Westminster, who will be saying all the Masses this weekend.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

The second collection this 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are resuming our Children's Liturgy Group this Sunday 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 2ND MARCH

This marks the start of Lent and is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. There will be Masses at 7.30am, 10.00am and an extra Mass at 8.00pm. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

LENTEN SERVICES IN CROYDON UNIVESITY HOSPITAL

There will be Mass on Ash Wednesday (with distribution of ashes) at 12noon in the Hospital Chapel (near the Woodcroft Entrance). There will also be a Mass at 12 noon every Monday during Lent. All are most welcome.

HOLY WATER

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.

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.org.uk giving your full name and your volunteer role.

Can all those who need to go through the ID Verification stage please attend this session, bringing their ID documents with them.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

There will be a second collection next week, 6 March, for Poor Parishes. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

REPOSITORY

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

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.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

The group have resumed and 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.

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.

A DAY WITH JESUS

The “A Day with Jesus Group” are meeting 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 March, 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 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

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.

VACANCY

The Diocese currently has a vacancy for a Priests’ Welfare Officer. More details can be found on the Diocesan Website – www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

PRISON ADVICE AND CARE TRUST (PACT)

JustPeople Workshops

The JustPeople Workshop is a new initiative recently launched by Pact, the national Catholic charity supporting people affected by imprisonment. It is free to attend and offers an opportunity to reflect upon Scripture, Church Teaching and Catholic Social Teaching through the lens of people affected by imprisonment. There are both online versions (2 x 3 hour Zoom events) and an in-person event (6 hours).

To book a place see attached poster in the porch and for more details, please email marie.norbury@prisonadvice.org.uk or call Marie on 07581 194907