

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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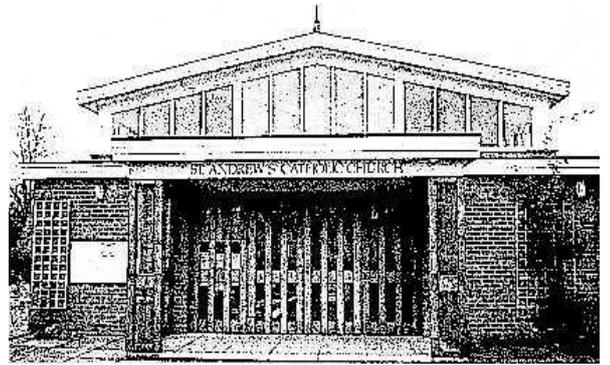
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Welcome to St Andrew's RC Church. Worship has been offered here since 1905. You are all very welcome to join in the hymns and other parts of the service as much as possible. Please switch mobile phones off and refrain from taking photographs, filming or recording.

13th March 2022 Second Sunday of Lent

Message from Fr Emmanuel

Listening from the heart

The story of the Transfiguration is one of the highpoints of the Gospels. Jesus has just announced to Peter, John and James what awaits him: his death and resurrection. At the same time, a voice confirms Jesus in his mission with the command, "*Listen to him!*" To listen is to be attentive to someone's words. It is to act according to what is asked of us. It is to pay attention, not only with our heads, but also especially with our hearts.

Today, more than ever, the public square and social media are full of false prophets claiming to offer salvific words to men and women. So well-crafted are advertising messages that we sometimes cannot help but be surprised enough to stop and "listen."

Will we be able to recognise the voice of the Father saying, "*This is my Son... listen to him!*" To listen to the beloved Son is to accept to open our hearts to His invitations, even when His Word calls us across a desert or to the Passion.

On this Transfiguration Sunday, in the silence of the mountain, the father invites us to listen to his son. Will we be able to recognize his call to solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine? Let us not be afraid to listen. He will show us how we can help our sisters and brothers transform their own lives.

The season of Lent campaign invites us to solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Ukraine and around the world whose troubles are being exacerbated by conflict, climate change and the pandemic. And, as Pope Francis reminds us, "justice and solidarity are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realised each day" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 11). Thanks to the Transfiguration, Peter, James and John became prophets, spokesmen and witnesses of the Lord's love for everyone. And what about us? Are we ready, with Him, to transform the world, so that life may be reborn?

This Sunday's Readings

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Psalms 26

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28-36

God enters into a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith

The Lord is my light and my help

Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed

Diary for the Week

Sunday 13th March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Daniel Messina RIP Anniv Betty Botelho & Carrasco Family Lily Brew Arthur RIP 1 st Anniv For the people of the parish
Monday 14th March	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Anthony Britto RIP Anniv
Tuesday 15th March	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Brendan Doran RIP
Wednesday 16th March	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Jude Martin Etuka – Special Intention
Thursday 17th March <i>(St Patrick – Patron Saint of Ireland)</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	George & Bridget Sancho RIP
Friday 18th March	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30am Stations of the Cross 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall) 8.00pm Stations of the Cross	Paul Etuka RIP
Saturday 19th March <i>(St Joseph, Husband of Mary)</i>	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	The Andradi Family – Wellbeing For the people of the parish
Sunday 20th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family -Thanksgiving Rose Freeman RIP Sr Mary Martin RIP

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

SECOND COLLECTION: CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - LENT APPEAL (FRIDAY 11TH MARCH)

Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day was Friday 11th March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sietra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope, or by visiting the CAFOD website, cafod.org.uk/lent. Please return your envelopes this weekend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We would like to re-start our Sunday Children's Liturgy Group 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 **urgently** need parent/carer volunteers to help, so far we have not had any volunteers come forward and it would be very sad to have to cancel this as before Covid we had a very well attended group with a number of helpers. Sadly the Liturgy group cannot go ahead until we have received more assistance. Please contact Fr Emmanuel if you can help and then we can confirm a starting date. Thank you.

LENT

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 10am Mass and at 8.00pm.

Lenten talks

Fr Emmanuel is holding some short Lenten talks every Thursday which started last week, 10th March, and will run until 7th April. Please join him in the hall from 7.00 – 8.00pm. We will be following the Journeying with Jesus programme and some of the subjects covered are: At the well; On the mountain; Along the road; At table; On the cross and On the road again. Fr Emmanuel looks forward to welcoming you and sharing the Lenten talks with you all.

Croydon University Hospital

There will be Mass at 12noon in the Hospital Chapel (near the Woodcroft Entrance) every Monday during Lent. All are most welcome.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Your gift aid envelopes for 2022/2023 are ready for collection. This year we have halved our normal order of 200 boxes. If your current number falls within the range of 101 to 200, you will be allocated with a new number. We will write to you informing you of your new number. In previous years the average collection rate was 60% with 40% wastage. In this second year of lockdown when a few more parishioners began returning to church the uptake was 30%. Therefore 70% was destined for the recycle bin. Some parishioners have gone on to make payments online or by standing orders. There is also a contactless card reader at the entrance to the church which accepts credit or debit cards. It is extremely easy to use. Should you need assistance please ask any priest. If you are able to do so, we strongly encourage you to contribute online. This method minimises administration and provides the parish with a regular source of income. If you know you have requested a box please take responsibility and come forward to collect it. However, should you not want the box kindly let the priests know, or you may want to keep it for second collections.

The boxes are available for collection after every mass for two weekends on 12/13 and 19/20 March.

Please remember the new envelopes must be used from 6 April 2022 which means the first weekend for use will be 10 April 2022. This will be the first envelope in your box. The date is clearly marked.

PARISH SURGERY

We are re-starting our parish surgery on Monday evenings from 7.00 – 9.00pm. Please come along if you need to see a member of the Clergy.

UKRAINE: HEEDING THE CALL OF POPE FRANCIS FOR PEACE

We continue to pray for everyone involved in the Ukraine conflict, please keep them all in your prayers.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

We have resumed our Sunday coffee morning in the hall after the 9.30am Mass so please do join us for a cup or two of tea/coffee. But at the moment, we do not have any helpers to offer tea/coffee after the 11.30am Mass but we would definitely like to do this if we can find some volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact Adele on 07764 944163 to let her know.

REPOSITORY

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

OUR PARISH

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 you get 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. These are just some of the ways you can help but we are also looking for helpers in other roles too; such as volunteering after Sunday morning masses making tea/coffee in the hall, supporting our young children on Sundays with the children's Liturgy, helping in our Repository, becoming Catechists etc.

Since Covid, our volunteer numbers have dropped and the burden has fallen on just a few but as the Proverb says, "A task is soon accomplished if several people help" so we encourage you to get involved as our Clergy would be most grateful for your help. 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.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Paul Hendricks is coming to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 16th July. Sr Jennie and the catechists will be accepting requests to receive this sacrament on three consecutive weekends, ie after all Masses on 27th March, 3rd April and 10th April. All applicants must be in year 9 and above and prepared to give their reasons for wishing to be confirmed. Sessions will commence directly after Easter on Sunday afternoons.

HOLY WATER

We now have two Holy Water dispensers in the Church. Please note that it works by sensor and you only have to place your hands just under the dispenser for the Holy Water – there is no need to touch, press, move or push the dispenser as it has already become dislodged.

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 9th April 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.

400 CLUB

If you would like to join the 400 Club, or would like further information, please contact our new 400 Club Secretary, Kalate Raki, email: club_400@hotmail.com

Here is some general information about the 400 Club and how to join. There are some membership forms and information in the porch, please take a copy home.

Some information about the 400 Club

400 CLUB is a monthly parish lottery and has been running for over 35 years. It has raised £42,804 for the parish to contribute towards the parish finances as well as paid to 400 CLUB members in prizes.

Who can become a member?

Anyone over eighteen years can become a member. A member does not have to be a parishioner or live in the parish. A member can hold more than one membership.

How do I become a member and when?

You can become a member **anytime** by completing the application form and posting it through the Presbytery letterbox.

What is the subscription?

£2 per month.

How do I pay the subscription?

Preferably by Bankers Standing Order: £2-monthly, £6-quarterly £12 semi-annually or £24 annually. Or by cash or cheque payable to the "400 Club": £12-semi-annually or £24 annually in advance.

What happens to the money I give?

50% is given back in prize money. 50% is given to parish fund.

How is the prize fund distributed?

By monthly Prize Draw and a big prize every 4th month.

Who is eligible for the Prize Draw?

All paid-up members. Any member who is not up-to date with his or her payments is excluded from the Prize Draw for that month.