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PASTORAL TEAM

Priests: Fr Emmanuel Ahua C.S.Sp.

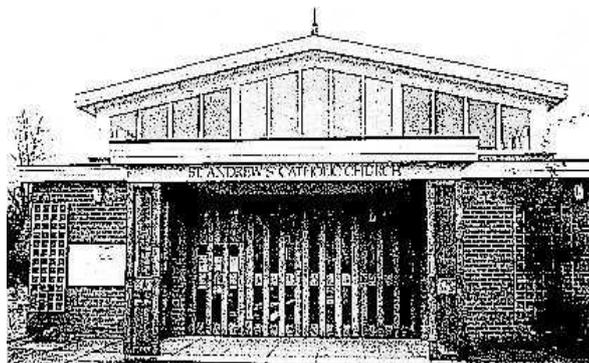
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Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ

Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy: Sr. Sheila DMJ



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 March 2022 Third Sunday of Lent

Message from Deacon Errol

Not too late to Reconcile

The primary purpose of Lent is that God may have His way with us. This is a personal choice we make in this season of grace, as we fall short of all God wants us to be and in need of constant repair. Because we are unable to repair the damage our sin has caused in our relationship with God, Jesus came to show us the way. Scripture tells us, life and death is set before us –*Deuteronomy 30:15* however, the choice is ours. Jesus said, I have come, that you may have a life that is complete. *John 10:10* So, He took our sins that brings ultimate death upon Himself and nailed it to the cross, to remind us of what sin can do to us whenever we see the cross. Our brokenness has brought about a broken world, where love is misunderstood.

Our love for God has diminished and gradually being replaced with other things; hence our concept of love has also changed to the point that we don't recognise sin anymore. Jesus came to the world to seek the lost, and Lent offers us the opportunity if we want to change our ways and allow God to have His way with us. Jesus, having died once for all and now seated at the right hand of the Father, helps those who genuinely believe they are sinners and in need of God's help and guidance to have a conversion of heart. We talk less about God's goodness and more about how good we are. We run from God; and guess who is waiting with his arms open to receive us? Jesus. We run away from Jesus and the still small voice of the Holy Spirit, deep in our hearts, continues to tell us to 'repent and turn back to God'. *Acts 3:19*. God loves us and wants to prepare us for his eternal kingdom.

This Sunday's Readings

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Psalms 102

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

I Am has sent me to you

The Lord is compassion and love

The life of the people under Moses in the desert was written down to be a lesson for us

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did

Diary for the Week

Sunday 20th March <i>3rd 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	For the people of the parish Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family - Thanksgiving Rose Freeman RIP Sr Mary Martin RIP
Monday 21st March	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery	Les Lawrinson RIP For Our Suffering Souls Anniv
Tuesday 22nd March	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.45 – 9.00pm RCIA (hall)	Donovan Family (F) Jude-Martin Etuka – Special Intention
Wednesday 23rd March	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm St James the Great School- Stations of the Cross 7.30 – 8.30pm Parish Synod Meeting (hall)	Donald Rebeiro RIP – In memory of his 100 th Birthday
Thursday 24th March	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 12.00pm Funeral Mass: Felecissimo Gouveia RIP 7.00 – 8.00pm Lenten talk (hall)	Paul Etuka RIP
Friday 25th March <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30am Stations of the Cross 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall) 8.00pm Stations of the Cross	Maria Conceicao Afonso RIP Joseph Candido De Souza RIP 2 nd Anniv
Saturday 26th March	9.30am Mass 9.45am First Holy Communion Meeting 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Julius Fernandes RIP 3 rd Anniv For the people of the parish
Sunday 27th March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>(clocks forward 1 hour)</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Betty Botelho & Carrasco Family Mr & Mrs Chimezie RIP Power & Fennelly Families (F)

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.

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 has already started 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 still to be covered are: 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 this weekend 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.

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, i.e. 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.

SYNOD MEETING

On Wednesday 23rd March, 7.30 – 8.30pm in the hall, please join us for a meeting to look at the draft Southwark Diocesan Report that has been put together from all the parish reports and we are being asked to give our feedback to the Diocese by 25th March. Please do come along and give us your valuable feedback.

ALTAR SERVERS

Further to Fr Emmanuel's announcement, please can we ask our numerous Altar Servers to return to their "normal duties" of serving on the Altar.

MISSIO RED BOXES

There will be a collection of all monies on the weekend of 2/3 April. If in the meantime, you would like information on the Missio red boxes please call Savio on 07902 933534.

ST DAMIEN'S GROUP

The St Damien's group which was set up during the pandemic to do shopping for those unable to get out because they were isolating is still available to anyone who is a parishioner and needs help because they are unable to get out due to sickness. If anyone knows of someone who has become acutely ill and needs a helping hand with shopping, for a few weeks whilst they return to health, please do not hesitate to call Jane Ritchie 07999 693052.

PARISH SURGERY

We have re-started our parish surgery on Monday evenings from 7.00 – 9.00pm, term-time only. 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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - THANK YOU

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Lent Appeal. Your generous gifts will ensure that CAFOD's local experts, like Sister Anthonia in Sierra Leone, can support families with training in growing and making healthy food so that children can grow up big and strong. You can still donate on the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent) to raise vital funds to tackle extreme hunger and its causes.

BROWNIE & GUIDES

Message from Maggie: "The Brownie & Guides would like to thank the parishioners of the 9.30am Mass last Sunday for supporting the Ukraine collection. We raised £50, thank you all for your support. It was lovely also to be welcomed back so warmly".

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.

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.

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

There are some membership forms and information on how to join in the porch, please take a copy home.

STELLA MARIS WEBINAR

On the one-year anniversary of the Ever Given ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, Catholic charity Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. It will look at the history of the container ship, the rise of the ultra-large container vessels, and explore what impact modernisation of the shipping industry has had on seafarers around the world. Please register at

www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation to join online on 23rd March at 7.30pm to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.