
ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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Priests: Fr Emmanuel Ahua C.S.Sp.

Fr Sylvester Adeniyi C.S.Sp.

Fr Anthony Saffa C.S.Sp.

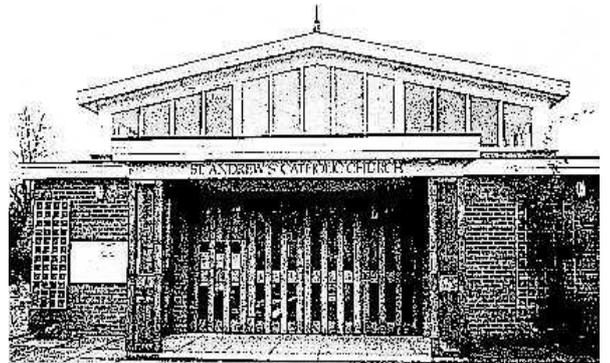
Deacons: Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine

Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ

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Infant Baptisms: Please contact - baptism.standrews@gmail.com

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.



10th April 2022 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Message from Fr Sylvester

Jesus Christ our king

This Sunday is Palm Sunday also called Passion Sunday, we commemorate the hour when Jesus entered the holy city of Jerusalem for the last time. It was a triumphal entry of Jesus as king, reminding us of King David when he entered and took possession of Jerusalem. This is precisely what St. Luke clearly emphasised in his gospel. "The whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they have seen. They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Lk 19:37-38). Jesus is king. And we have to follow Him. He entered Jerusalem, but that was just the beginning. We have to follow Him, step by step – from the gates of Jerusalem, to the Upper Room, to the Garden of Gethsemane, to the Praetorium, to Calvary and then to the tomb whence He gloriously rose from the dead. In following Him, we should be fully aware of the kind of kingship Jesus represents and exercises. Reading through the story of the Passion, St. Luke identified the major characteristics of the kingship of Christ as against the kingship of this world. At the Last Supper, Jesus showed that His kingship is Eucharistic, where people are gathered together eating and drinking as one family, without discrimination and divisions in an all-inclusive fellowship of God's children.

The worldly kingship, on the contrary, promotes divisions, competition, and segregation according to class, colour, economic and social standing. While Jesus was still speaking to the disciples, they were already arguing and debating as to which of them was the greatest. That is the worldly kingship, which is based on the desire to dominate and conquer others. But the kingship of Jesus is based on the desire to serve: "Let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant" (Lk 22:26).

Let this Holy Week provide us with the graces we need in order to follow our king, Jesus Christ. He takes the difficult and narrow Way of the Cross, but we are assured of victory and fullness of life.

This Sunday's Readings

Procession: Luke 19:28-40

Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 21

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

I did not cover my face against insult, I know I shall not be shamed

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

He humbled himself; but God raised him high

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Diary for the Week

Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	6.00pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass	For the people of the parish Douglas and Levena Chappell RIP Chantella & Anastacia Ogwuke – Birthday wishes Andradi Family - Wellbeing
	9.30am Mass	
	11.30am Mass	
	6.00pm Mass	
	7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	
Monday 11th April	7.30am Mass	Deceased Members Ritchie & Hampshire Families RIP Paul Etuka RIP
	10.00am Mass	
	7.00pm Parish Penitential Service	
Tuesday 12th April	7.30am Mass	Anthony Conway RIP E. Lewin – Special Intention
	10.00am Mass	
	6.30pm RCIC & RCIA	
Wednesday 13th April	9.00am Mass	Jude Martin-Etuka – Special Intention
	7.30pm Legion of Mary (Church Annex)	
Thursday 14th April Holy Thursday	10.00am Mass	Ana Rita Fernandes RIP Anniv For the people of the parish
	8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Friday 15th April Good Friday Fast & Abstinence	9.30am Morning Prayer	
	10am Stations of the Cross	
	12noon Walk of Witness	
	3pm Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday	
Saturday 16th April Holy Saturday	8.00pm Easter Vigil	For the people of the parish
Sunday 17th April Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	7.30am Mass	Paul Etuka RIP Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family - Thanksgiving Uchechi & Geraldine Chimezie RIP
	9.30am Mass	
	11.30pm Mass	
	7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	

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.

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 the weekend after all Masses on 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 WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery.

Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses. For the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses, please can you gather in the hall before Mass starts for our procession into the Church.

Please join us for our Parish Penitential Service/Confessions tomorrow on Monday 11th April at 7pm.

Please also note that there will be no 7.30am or 10am Masses on Wednesday 13th April, only one Mass on this day at 9.00am as all our Priests are required to be at the Cathedral for the Chrism Mass: The blessing of the Oil of the Sick and of the Oil of Catechumens.

Please collect our Easter card which gives you all the services during the Easter period. Also available are the Easter offering envelopes which is your personal gift to our Priests.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

There will be a second collection this week, 10th April, for Easter Flowers. Thank you for your generosity.

Also there is a second collection on Good Friday, 15th April, for Holy Places. The places connected with Our Lord's Passion have always been centres of veneration and pilgrimage. This Good Friday collection is sent for their upkeep, and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS 15th APRIL

In our secular world this is rare opportunity for Christians of all denominations to come together and witness to the death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The pandemic unfortunately stopped the Walk of Witness from happening for two years. To have maximum effect we need as many people as possible to take part. Please help us with this relaunch. If you can invite a friend or two to join us it will make all the difference. Organised by a group of churches in Thornton Heath, the procession will begin at the Job Centre in the High Street at 12noon (assemble at 11.45am please) and process to Ambassador House for a short service. We will then process along Brigstock Road to Trumble Gardens where we finish at 1pm. After the walk everyone is invited back to St Andrews Hall for a hunger lunch (soup and rolls), donations gratefully received will be given to the charity CAFOD.

THE ROSARY GROUP

The Rosary is prayed each weekday after the 10am Mass (and Saturday 9.30am). All are welcome to join however long you can stay.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2022/23

We apologise to those parishioners who are holding box numbers between 101 – 200 to be a little bit more patient please because we are still waiting for delivery. Father will announce at the end of each mass when collection is available. The boxes will be placed on the shelf to the right of the font. There are only 26 boxes so please come forward to collect your box. **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.**

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.

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.

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.

REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Sunday. Please visit to see our new Easter cards stock.

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 23rd April, from 12.30 – 4.00pm. All are very welcome to come along, for further information please call Simon on 07947 493683.

GOLDEN CLUB

The next event will be held on 6th May from 12noon to 5.00pm. For further details, please contact Juliette on 0208 765 0258 / 07958 537314 or see the poster in the porch.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS 44TH ANNUAL RALLY

The 44th Annual Rally for Altar Servers is being held at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent on Monday 2nd May (May day Bank Holiday) with Sung Mass at 11.30am with the Principal Celebrant Archbishop John Wilson. Please see the poster in the porch for more details, all are very welcome to attend.

CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA AND UKRAINE TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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

CAFOD are also helping with the emergency Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. If you can help, please phone 0303 303 3030 or send a cheque to CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB. There are a few leaflets in the porch with some info.

PROPOSED PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) FOR ST ANDREWS

We hope to be able to have our PPC group together again soon. The following are the proposed members: Adele Rutledge, Jane Ritchie, Stella Maduekwe, Isaac Dwebeng, Juliette DeMenezes-D'Costa, Chika Atimomo, Errol Quagraine Jr and Albert Tang. We hope to commission them on the Sunday 24th April, Feast of the Divine Mercy.

POVERTY CHALLENGE: SEE, JUDGE, ACT

Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and you can download from www.csan.org.uk

REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the social action agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, is in close dialogue with the UK Government on responding to the war in Ukraine. Guidance on how Catholic households and groups can support refugees from Ukraine is available on their website and updated as new information becomes available, <https://www.csan.org.uk/ukraine/>

PILGRIMAGE TO OBERAMMERGAU

You are invited to join the Pilgrimage to Oberammergau led by the Catholic Bishop of Croydon, Paul Hendricks and the Anglican Bishop of Croydon, Jonathan Clarke, combined with visits to the sparkling lakes and majestic mountains of Austria, a visit to Salzburg, a visit to some of the sets used in the film the Sound of Music and option walk along the Camino. This pilgrimage will give the opportunity of fellowship together with the common purpose of attending the Passion Play. Dates: 27th May to 3rd June 2022. There a few leaflets in the porch and for further info or booking please contact Toni Suffolk on 0208 654 9035 or toni.suffolk@btinternet.com

ST ANDREW'S: DEFIBRILLATOR

We're raising £4,000 to help St Andrew's buy a defibrillator for our Church. This is something that Fr Emmanuel has been very keen to purchase for a while but being mindful of the financial pressures on everyone at the moment, we would still welcome any help that you can give us. Jane and Joseph Ritchie from our parish, are having a sponsored swim to help raise funds for our defibrillator too. They will be swimming 10km (200 lengths each) to raise money for this important cause. They will be undertaking this on the 7th May, so if you would like to sponsor them to help with this project please do! Donations can be made directly to the Priests or put it in an envelope, clearly marked, in the offertory. Thank you.

Or you can also use the following link and QR code, the link is:

JUSTGIVING FUND FOR CHURCH DEFIBRILLATOR

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fremmanuel-ahua?utm_term=xrj9Mpdpd

