
ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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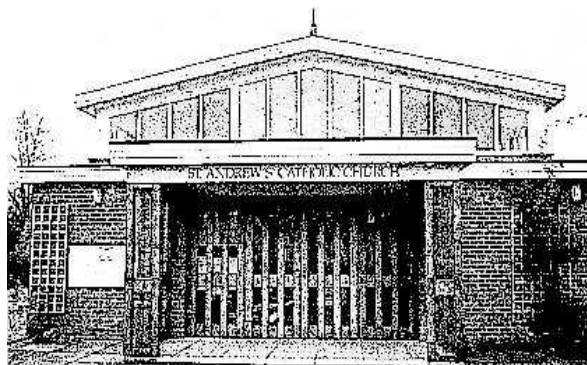
Deacons: Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine

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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.



15th May 2022 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Message from Fr Anthony



The theme of this Sunday's readings is about love: God's love for us, and our response of love to Him. This love is not easy for it necessarily entails sacrifices on our part, just as God willingly sacrificed His own Son for us.

First reading is from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. It is quite inspiring how the apostles tried their best to follow the love of Jesus. The missionary journeys of St. Paul, accompanied by Barnabas, are clear illustrations of this. They were ready and willing to forgo personal comfort and undergo indescribable sacrifices for the sake of the Gospel. It is the main content of their exhortation: "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." Their love for the Lord totally erases all selfish and worldly desires. In the end, they even gave up their lives for the sake of Christ – total dedication and self-sacrifice. They have discovered the real meaning of love.

The Sunday Gospel is part of the Last Supper event. This was after Judas Iscariot left the Upper Room to accomplish his act of betrayal. Jesus then gives his most important teaching and command to his disciples, the core of the entire Gospel proclamation: "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you." Following this commandment is the sole way by which we will be known as Christians, followers of Christ. Self-sacrificing love is the true mark of a Christian.

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 14:21-27	They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them
Psalms 144	I will bless your name for ever, O God my King
Apocalypse 21:1-5	God will wipe away all tears from their eyes
John 13:31-35	I give you a new commandment: love one another

Diary for the Week

Sunday 15th May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Gail & Stafford Henderson – Anniv Thanksgiving Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family - Thanksgiving Anthony Conway RIP For the people of the parish
	9.30am	Mass	
	11.30am	Mass	
	6.00pm	Mass	
	7.00 – 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	
Monday 16th May	7.30am	Mass	Teresa Laundicall – Blessing
	10.00am	Mass	
	7.00 – 9.00pm	Parish Surgery	
Tuesday 17th May	7.30am	Mass	Deceased Members Ritchie & Hampshire Families RIP Ronald Griffith RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	6.30pm	RCIC	
	7.45pm	RCIA	
Wednesday 18th May <i>St John 1, Pope</i>	7.30am	Mass	Anthony Conway RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (Church Annex)	
Thursday 19th May	7.30am	Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
Friday 20th May	7.30am	Mass	Jude Martin Etuka – Special Intentions
	10.00am	Mass	
	10.30 – 12noon	Adoration	
	6.30pm	Brownies/Guides (hall)	
Saturday 21st May	9.15am	First Holy Communion	Bernie Gannon RIP Joseph Kwame Baffoe RIP Anniv
	9.30am	Mass	
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 22nd May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am	Mass	Germaine & Nicholas Duncan RIP Paul Etuka RIP For the people of the parish
	11.30am	Mass	
	4.00pm	Confirmation Session	
	6.00pm	Mass	
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

FACEMASKS

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.

SR JENNIE

Sr Jennie had to go into hospital for some treatment. She is now recovering at the Daughters of Mary and Joseph home in West Wickham. Please continue to keep Sr Jennie in your prayers.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This will re-start shortly 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 still *urgently* need parent/carer volunteers to help. Please contact Fr Emmanuel if you can help, thank you.

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.

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

Please collect your boxes which have been placed on the shelf to the right of the font. There are still a few boxes left so please come forward to collect your box.

PARISH SURGERY

Please come along if you need to see a member of the Clergy to our parish surgery on Monday evenings from 7.00 – 9.00pm, term-time only.

REPOSITORY

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

A DAY WITH JESUS

Please note the “A Day with Jesus Group” are *not* meeting at their next scheduled meeting on the 28th May. The next meeting is on 25th June from 12.30 – 4.00pm. All are very welcome to come along, for further information please call Simon on 07947 493683.

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.

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.

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John Wilson invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3.00pm on Saturday July 9th at St George's Cathedral. You need to book in advance and by doing so you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. Children (and grandchildren) are welcome to accompany you to the Mass. To book or for more details email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS

Archbishop John will now celebrate Mass for New Catholics at St George's Cathedral at 11am on 21st May (originally the start time was 12.30pm so apologies for the change of time). If you were received into the Catholic Church during the last three years, then you are warmly invited to receive the Eucharist together at this special Mass. There will also be refreshments in the Amigo Hall afterwards.

MASS for NEW CATHOLICS [NEOPHYTES' MASS]

*All those received into the Church at
Easter 2022, 2021 and 2020 are very warmly invited to this
special Mass, celebrated by
Archbishop John Wilson at
St George's Cathedral:
Saturday, 21 May 2022 at 11am*

This event is especially important as it enables all those who have received the Sacraments of Initiation to gather again, but this time for Mass, to receive Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist together. Godparents, sponsors, relatives, clergy, catechists, parishioners and friends are also invited to attend.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE: TIME FOR A SERVICE?

In the same way your car needs servicing to continue to run efficiently, so your marriage too will benefit from a 'service'. That's what Building A Better Marriage' is, a half-day online course taking place from 9am till 1pm on June 11th. It is designed for couples married years or decades with average-to-good marriages. Booking is essential. More details: 07983 524 727, Marriage and Family Life South West London.

'THE SPIRIT THAT GIVES US LIFE' JOHN 6:63

The All Nations Catholic Charismatic Group invites you all for the celebration of the feast of the Pentecost being held here at St Andrews Church, on Sunday 5th June from 1pm onwards. The feast of Pentecost is an integral part of our Christian life. Our main celebrant will be His Grace Most Rev Archbishop Emeritus Kevin McDonald. In attendance as well are Rev Fr Francis Utotu and Rev Fr Mark Binang. Let us come together to celebrate the birthday of our church. There will be some food/drinks after the Eucharistic celebration. Please see the poster on the notice board for more information.

ST ANDREW'S: DEFIBRILLATOR

We're raising £4,000 to help St Andrew's buy a defibrillator for our Church. A big thank you to everyone who has donated so far but we still need a little more. 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, had a sponsored swim on 7th May to help raise money for this important cause, well done and thank you to them. Donations can be made directly to the Priests or put it in an envelope, clearly marked, in the offertory. 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

