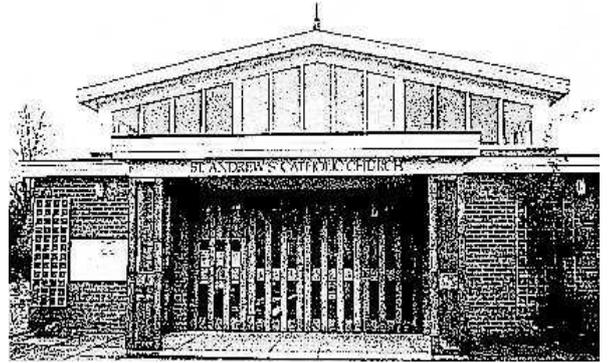

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Welcome to St Andrew's RC Church. Worship has been offered here since 1905. You are all very welcome to join in the hymns and other parts of the service as much as possible. Please switch mobile phones off and refrain from taking photographs, filming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

22nd May 2022 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Message from Fr Sylvester

The Peace of Christ is our Blessed Assurance

As Jesus was preparing to return back to the Father in Heaven, he assured his disciples that the Holy Spirit would complete and perfect what he (Jesus) had started. He told them clearly never to fear nor be intimidated. Christ promises his followers peace as he did at the Last Supper. He said to the Apostles, "Peace I leave with you, my own peace I give you. A peace which the world cannot give, this is my gift to you."

The Lord Jesus makes it known that it is by loving God and doing His will that we find PEACE. Our joys get fuller as we keep the commandments of God more and more. Experience shows that when we do what is required of us, we have some unequalled peace of mind. The contrary is the case when we fail to do as we ought – we experience much anxiety. It means we can only find peace when we do the will of God.

This type of blessed assurance was very important for the early Church. It is very important for the Church today and it will remain a desired need for tomorrow's Church. We are called to appreciate the gifts of the Risen Lord. He does not leave His people in doubt. But we are also invited to pray for the continuity and sustenance of this peace in our Church and our world. We must seek the power of the Holy Spirit to actualise things that will sustain the peace of Christ. Let us pray that whatever decisions we reach in today's Church may truly be the assurance of that Holy Spirit and not a fruit of human manipulations. It is only when it comes from God and when the Holy Spirit is the Principal Author that it can be termed a 'Blessed assurance'. We pray for this and we hope for it through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Psalm 66

Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven

The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you

Diary for the Week

Sunday 22nd May <i>6th Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 4.00pm Confirmation session 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Joseph Kwame Baffoe RIP Anniv Germaine & Nicholas Duncan RIP Paul Etuka RIP For the people of the parish
Monday 23rd May	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery	Canon Francis Moran RIP (F) Carol & Apolonia Okoroafor RIP
Tuesday 24th May	7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass (Mr Assi Victor D'Sa) 6.30pm RCIC 7.45pm RCIA	Deceased Members Ritchie & Hampshire Families RIP Dolly Isabell Thomas RIP
Wednesday 25th May	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.30pm Legion of Mary (Church Annex)	Anthony Conway RIP Mr Adesoji Grillo RIP 7 th Anniv
Thursday 26th May <i>Ascension of the Lord – Holyday of Obligation</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Bernie Gannon RIP All Souls in Purgatory
Friday 27th May	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	Agnes Ama Nsiah RIP 1 st Anniv For Our Suffering Souls Anniv
Saturday 28th May	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 11.00am First Holy Communion Mass 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Africa Joseph Dias RIP 1st Anniv
Sunday 29th May <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am Mass (RCIC First Communion) 11.30am Mass 4.00pm Confirmation session 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Paul Etuka RIP Jude-Martin Etuka – Special Intentions For the people of the parish

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

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.

DIVINE MERCY

Please join us in the Church every Friday evening from 7pm for prayers. All are very welcome to attend.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy starts again this Sunday 22nd May during 9.30am Mass. Children who have not received their First Holy Communion and their parents are welcome to come into the hall for the Children's Liturgy session. Parents must stay for safeguarding reasons, whilst the volunteers await their DBS. We look forward to welcoming you where we spend time getting to know each other and learning about Jesus. We would welcome any volunteers who are able to help run the sessions with another helper, set up the hall and tidy up afterwards. If you can help please let one of the leaders know, 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 very welcome to join.

400 CLUB

The winners for April are: 1st no: 28 - £20, 2nd no: 37 - £10, 3rd no: 8 - £10

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.

SPRING PLENARY 2022 RESOLUTION: REINSTATEMENT OF SUNDAY OBLIGATION BY BISHOP CONFERENCE

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person. As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives. "Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply.

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.

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 11th June 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

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection on 29th May for World Communications Sunday. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues.

VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE

Secretary to Episcopal Vicar for South East London and Commissions for Racial Equality and Education

This is initially a 12 month contract for 3 days per week, based in Blackheath to support the newly created Episcopal Vicar function. This is a senior secretarial position.

Diocesan Central Services Administrator

Based in Bowen House, SE1 this is a full time administrative position which will provide support for a variety of functions as well as covering reception duties. Must have previous admin/secretarial experience.

Parish Secretary St Osmund's, Barnes

Experienced parish secretary needed on a part-time basis for busy parish in Barnes. Must have previous parish secretarial experience and a good working knowledge of the Catholic Church.

Full details of these jobs are available on the Diocesan website: Vacancies: Archdiocese of Southwark (rcsouthwark.co.uk)

ST ANTHONY COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE

There will be conference being held in St Mary's Church, West Croydon on Saturday 4th June from 9.45 – 5.00pm, with guest speakers and scheduled talks. Please check the poster in the porch for all the information and booking details.

THE CHARITY OF THE SOUTHWARK BRETHERN

The Charity of the Southwark Brethren was started in 1921 and has always focused in helping sick, or Priests who are in need. Again this year they want to highlight the need for your support so if you can help in any way, please see the poster in the porch with all the information.

SOUTHWARK VOCATIONS

Have you ever considered you may be called to the priesthood or the religious life? Southwark Vocations will be hosting a 60 minute webinar on Tuesday 24th May at 7pm entitled 'Here I am, send me' where different presenters will speak about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Please join us by registering for the event in advance by following the link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84384912807?pwd=UWJzSzVsY2VTaGI3c09Fa0tNbVZWZz09>

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

'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. 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



Message from Fr Emmanuel:

Gwen and Bill Whalley have been in touch to let us know that the remaining balance in the Active Retirement Group can be donated to our Defibrillator Fund. I am most grateful that they have decided to do this for the Church and I want to thank them and all the parishioners who have supported and donated to the group for this most generous donation.