
ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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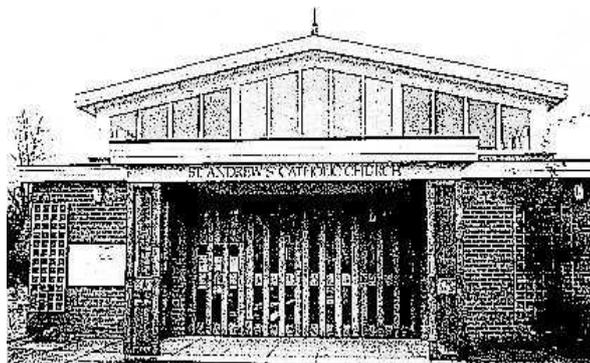
Deacons: Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine

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Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy: Sr. Sheila DMJ

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.



29th May 2022 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Message from Deacon Tony

The first reading this Sunday is no comfort to a permanent deacon. St Stephen was one of the first seven deacons, chosen by the apostles under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Appointing the deacons allowed the apostles to concentrate on teaching the early Christians about Jesus. The early Christians were living as a community, however, as we hear in Acts 6 there was slight friction between the Jewish converts and the Greek Christians who both believed the other group were getting preferential treatment.

Something deacons were not to do, was preach. This was to be left to the apostles. But St Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit did preach, and the people did not like what they heard. Therefore, they chased him away and stoned him, to death.

Watching this whole spectacle was Saul of Tarsis, a delightful young man whose raison d'être was the persecution of this funny little sect that had come to prominence as followers of Jesus of Nazareth. Saul, as we know, gets blinded on his way to Damascus, is thrown from his horse and hears Christ's voice asking why he is persecuting his followers. The rest, as they say, is history.

Did Jesus know that Paul would follow him? We don't know for certain, but there is a clue in our Gospel reading when Jesus says:

“Holy Father, I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me.”

In the context of our reading, we can understand that Christ is praying for Paul, but we can also understand that Christ himself cares for all of our loved ones who may not, as yet, found God.

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 7:55-60

I can see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God

Psalm 96

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth

**Apocalypse 22:12-14,
16-17, 20**

Come, Lord Jesus!

John 17:20-26

May they be completely one

Diary for the Week

Sunday 29th May <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>World Communications Day</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass-RCIC First Communion 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 4.00pm Confirmation session 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Joseph Dias RIP 1 st Anniv Paul Etuka RIP Jude-Martin Etuka – Special Intentions For the people of the parish
Monday 30th May	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Anthony Conway RIP Teresa Laundricall – Thanksgiving
Tuesday 31st May <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.45pm RCIA	Fr Adolfo Pacheco RIP Sr Jennie Eldridge DMJ – Wellbeing
Wednesday 1st June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.30pm Legion of Mary (Church Annex)	Deceased Members Andradi Family RIP Euphemia Pereira RIP
Thursday 2nd June <i>Bank Holiday – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee</i>	10.00am Mass	Andradi Family – Wellbeing
Friday 3rd June <i>Bank Holiday – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee</i>	10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 7.00pm Divine Mercy Prayers	Santano Rebello RIP Anniv
Saturday 4th June	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Power & Fennelly Families (F) Bernie Gannon RIP
Sunday 5th June <i>Pentecost Sunday Solemnity</i>	9.30am Mass – ‘Sending Forth’ RCIA 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Pasquelina (Rina) Fernandes RIP Paul Etuka RIP For the people of the parish

Church cleaners: this week: Fifi’s Group, next week: Sancho’s Dusters

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.

DIVINE MERCY

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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

There will be a second collection this weekend, 29th May, for World Communions 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.

QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAYS

Please note on the extra bank holidays for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee on 2nd and 3rd June, there will be no 7.30am Masses on those days.

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.

PARISH SURGERY

Please note there is no Parish Surgery on Monday evening this week as it is the half-term holiday for schools.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week, Sunday 5th June, for Pentecost Sunday, Spiritan Feast Day collection. This collection is also for the Holy Ghost Fathers and the missionary work carried out worldwide.

REPOSITORY

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

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.

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

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 25th June from 12.30 – 4.00pm. All are very welcome to come along, for further information please call Simon on 07947 493683.

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.

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.

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

Thank you so much for your generosity this Lent Fast Day, and special thanks to those who took part in the Walk Against Hunger. All your efforts really make a difference, and in fact, with your help, we were able to raise over £300,000 to help those struggling with hunger. We also deeply appreciate your contribution to our Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and your continued support for the people affected by the war. We've raised over £2.7 million for the Appeal so far. You can read about how the funds are being used by Caritas and other CAFOD Partners on our Ukraine news webpage. Thank you again.

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, we really appreciate your support 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.