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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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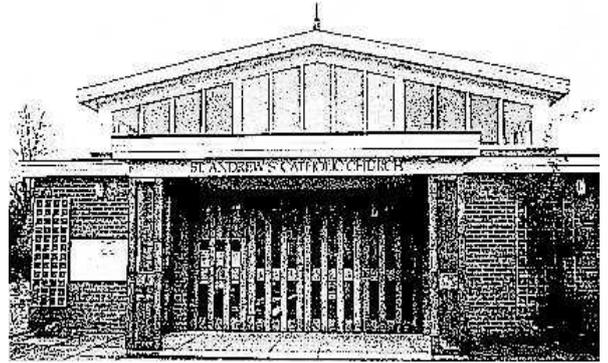
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## PASTORAL TEAM

**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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*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.*

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## 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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### Message from Deacon Errol

#### **Listening and Obedient Faith builds Relationship**

In this Sunday's liturgy of the Word, we find that life seems to be anything but a joyous experience when Jesus' followers experience disappointments, trials and rejection that can only be dealt with through perseverance and faith in God. *Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice" John 10:27.* This speaks of those who are attentive listeners, obedient and act in faith. Abraham is one example; he heard God's call and in faith acted on it; even to the point of willing to sacrifice his only seed of the covenant. *Genesis 17-18.* St Paul teaches that, "Faith comes by hearing and by hearing the word of God." *Romans 10:17.* The message that brings faith is the Good News of Christ; the truth about God and ourselves, to set us free from the torment sin inflicts on us. Faith therefore expresses personal intimacy between the Shepherd and His sheep. This is important because in the first century, a single sheep pen held multiple flocks, so it was essential for the sheep to know and recognise their own shepherd's voice. Jesus invites us to open our hearts and minds to God.

One of the ways we hear the Lord's voice is through the Word of God. By hearing His voice in Scripture, we get to know Him; and knowing Him increases faith, and that faith causes us to be obedient followers of Christ.

So, as we share in the life of Jesus - our Risen Lord, we must respond to those who reject us with the call to live our faith before them and pray that our actions will demonstrate the faith we profess and win them for Christ.

In this month of May, we ask Our Lady, Mediatrix of all graces and symbol of obedience, to intercede for us and help us to reflect, to praise and rely on God, whose merciful love fills the earth.

#### **This Sunday's Readings**

<b>Acts 13:14, 43-52</b>	<b>We must turn to the pagans</b>
<b>Psalms 99</b>	<b>We are his people, the sheep of his flock</b>
<b>Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17</b>	<b>The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water</b>
<b>John 10:27-30</b>	<b>I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass <b>4.00pm Confirmation Session</b> 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Anthony Conway RIP Paul Etuka RIP Deceased Members Ritchie & Hampshire Families RIP For the people of the parish
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery</b>	Anto Benedict – Anniversary Victoria & Vincent Athayde RIP
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30am Mass  10.00am Mass <b>7.45pm RCIA</b>	Deceased Members Ritchie & Hampshire Families RIP Diego Paes RIP Anniv & Lily Paes RIP Birthday
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (Church Annex)</b>	Robert Rutledge RIP Anniv Anthony Conway RIP
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30am Mass  10.00am Mass	Jacintha & Darryl D’Cruz – Anniv Thanksgiving Paul Etuka RIP
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>10.30 – 12noon Adoration</b> <b>6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)</b>	Bernie Gannon RIP Elissa Maria-Rosa Fernandes RIP Anniv
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.30am Mass <b>9.50am First Holy Communions</b> <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Jude Martin Etuka – Special Intentions  Gail & Stafford Henderson – Anniv Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am Mass  11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family – Thanksgiving Anthony Conway RIP For the people of the parish

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.

### SECOND COLLECTION

There will be second collection this Sunday 8th May for the Priests Training Fund. This collection helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and students for the priesthood. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 6 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest.

We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today by using the Priest Training Fund envelopes. Thank you!

### **GOOD FRIDAY CAFOD LUNCH**

Thank you to everyone who generously supported the CAFOD lunch on Good Friday. It was great to be back after the two year break and good to see so many people giving their support to those who are in such great need in our world. Sincere thanks to those who provided the delicious soup and lunch foods which enabled us to send the total amount collected direct to CAFOD - which amounted to £224.92p. Thank you again.

### **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 some boxes left so please come forward to collect 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.

### **REPOSITORY**

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

### **FREE HEALTH CHECK EVENT ON FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

We have agreed with The Croydon BME (Black and Mixed Ethnic) Forum who are working in partnership with the Asian Resources Centre Croydon and NHS partners (South West London Clinical Commissioning Group) to provide free Health Checks for Croydon people with a strong focus on the North of the Borough.

Croydon has seen an increase of health conditions amongst the Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) adult population, such as high blood pressure, Type 2 Diabetes, and respiratory illnesses. Their mission is to share important health and wellbeing information with Croydon residents by providing free health checks within the BAME communities, specifically Black, and South Asian ethnic minorities.

The Group are keen to involve all communities to collaborate with the BME Forum and we have agreed for this session to be held here in St Andrew's hall on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am – 1.30pm. Please see the poster

in the porch for further information and everyone is welcome to come along so do spread the word to family and friends.

### **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 14th May 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.

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk)

### **UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

*The Universe Catholic Weekly* is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your Digital four weeks FREE trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email: [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

### **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. 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](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fremmanuel-ahua?utm_term=xrj9Mpdpd)

