

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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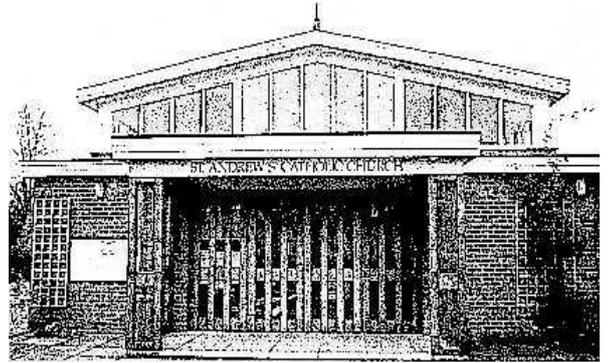
Deacons: Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine

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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.



12th June 2022 The Most Holy Trinity (C)

Message from Deacon Errol

Three Persons, One God

This Sunday the Church celebrates the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. To explain God is three distinct Persons is not easy as it is a mystery, so I have elected to use the simplest of ways, that is, the Bible and what Christ Himself said to show the distinctness of the Father to Himself as the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Scripture says, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (John 1:1). Many scriptural references give us an insight into this, and Jesus Himself opened the eyes of our minds to this truth.

The Bible says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (*John 3:16*). Since the Father sent the Son, the Father cannot be the same person as the Son. Jesus made God the Father visible to us in His body through His actions and teachings (*Colossians 2:9*). He also said, "I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again and going to the Father." *John 16:28* He then proclaims, "I and the Father are one (*John 10:30*). After the Son returned to the Father (*John 16:10*), the Father and the Son (Jesus) sent the Holy Spirit into the world (*John 14:26; Acts 2:33*). Therefore, the Holy Spirit is distinct from the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit brings to life the will of the Father and the Son.

Remember, Jesus prayed to God the Father and not to Himself. In fact, it is precisely the continuing dialog between the Father and the Son in the following scripture references (*Matthew 3:17; 17:5; John 5:19; 11:41-42; 17:1*) which provides the best evidence that they are distinct Persons. A Christian's life is therefore incomplete without the Three Persons, One God, in their life.

Commit your ways to God and see that God is good.

This Sunday's Readings

Proverbs 8:22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Before the earth came into being, Wisdom was born

How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

To God, through Christ, in the love poured out by the Spirit

Everything the Father has is mine; all the Spirit tells you will be taken from what is mine

Diary for the Week

Sunday 12th June <i>The Most Holy Trinity</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	For the people of the parish Michael & Phyllis Keane (F) Jordan Ogwuke – 21 st Birthday & Sabina - Birthday Marianne Hayfron – Private intention
Monday 13th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 12.00noon Funeral Service for Ronald Haslam RIP 7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery	St Anthony of Padua – Feast Day – Thanksgiving St Anthony – Thanksgiving
Tuesday 14th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 11.30am Funeral Service for Lena Roselda Ellis RIP	Bernie Gannon RIP Michael D’Souza RIP Anniv
Wednesday 15th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.30pm Legion of Mary (Church Annex)	Francis Tucker (F) Families of the Uvalde Victims
Thursday 16th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass for Thomas Treanor RIP 7.00pm PPC meeting	Canon Francis Moran & Simon Owen RIP Thomas Treanor RIP
Friday 17th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	Teresa Laundricall Carol & Apolonia Okoroafor RIP
Saturday 18th June	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Madie Parsooramen RIP 1st Anniv For the people of the parish
Sunday 19th June <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i> <i>(Father’s Day)</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 4.00pm Confirmation session 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family – Thanksgiving Michelle Hayfron – Private intention Quagraine Family

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

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 NEXT WEEK

The second collection next weekend, Sunday 19th June, will be for Day for Life. This is the Day in the Church’s Life dedicated to celebrating the Sacredness of Life. The proceeds from the Day for Life collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in the particular field determined by the theme of the year.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy has resumed on Sundays during 9.30am Mass, term-time only. 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.

DIVINE MERCY

Please note that this Friday's evening prayers, 17th June, will not be taking place. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Please can our new members note that our first meeting will be held on Thursday 16th June at 7pm in the Presbytery.

SAFEGUARDING

The next Safeguarding drop in session will be on Saturday 2nd July between 10.30 and 12.30pm in the Presbytery. Volunteers who are applying for an online DBS and need their ID Verified are expected to attend on this date so that the PRS's can proceed with the ID verification. Otherwise, your application will not be processed. If you have any difficulty attending on this date please email thorntonheathsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk to arrange a mutually convenient appointment. Every volunteer who helps with children and vulnerable adults in the parish *DOES NEED a valid DBS issued via the RC Diocese of Southwark*. Please email if you require to make a new DBS application.

A reminder to everyone that safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is everyone's responsibility in the parish and if you have any concerns about these matters please email as above and if there is an urgent concern please call 999.

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 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.

REINSTATEMENT OF SUNDAY OBLIGATION

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. With effect from the Solemnity of Pentecost, 5th June, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is hereby restored. We now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.

Please take home with you a letter from Archbishop John Wilson encouraging you all to return to church. In the letter he is asking you to take a card from the porch too – a personal invitation - from the Archbishop so you can share this invitation with your families and friends. The Archbishop is inviting you to return to church, to rekindle your relationship with those who gather, Sunday by Sunday, so that, together, we can worship through the celebration of Eucharist.

We would love to see you back again, so please come and join us.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

St Andrews Active retirement club are looking for volunteers to take over the management of the Club. We meet on Wednesday afternoons (2.00 – 4.00pm) but the day can be changed to suit you. We hold bingos,

quizzes and exercises! There's plenty of tea and coffee too! Please contact Maria 07894 951908 or Elizabeth 07414 535150 for more info.

REPOSITORY

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

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.

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.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE 2022/24

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy, and supporting not just the work of catechesis but also that of evangelisation and formation in our diocese.

The course will commence on 8th October 2022 and is an online, systematic course for anyone wishing to know their Catholic faith more deeply and to develop the skills to share this faith with others. The cost will be £365 per year and the full cost of the course, payable over 2 years is £730. In addition, registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. If you would like any further information on the certificate please contact the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis on 020 8672 7684 or email archcert@rcaos.org.uk. Further details also available: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Lena Roselda Ellis RIP who recently passed away. Lena's funeral is being held here at St Andrew's on Tuesday 14th June at 11.30am. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family.

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 are definitely getting closer to our goal and 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



Fr Emmanuel looks forward to updating you all soon with the good news hopefully in the summer!