

# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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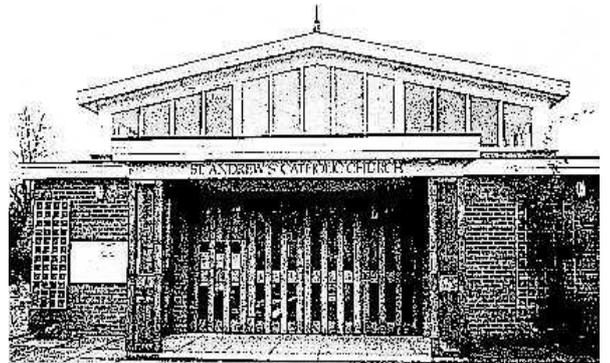
**Deacons:** Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine

**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.*



19<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

### Message from Fr Anthony



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus presents himself as the one who can ultimately satisfy those deeper hungers and thirsts that each of us has. He speaks of himself as the living bread come down from heaven. It is above all in the Eucharist that Jesus offers himself to us as food and drink for the satisfying of those deeper hungers and thirsts. In coming to the Eucharist, we are opening our hearts to the one who declares that he is the Bread of Life and who invites us to take and eat. The Solemnity of Corpus Christi reminds us that the Lord's invitation to take and eat is as strong today as it was two thousand years ago. Please God, very soon we will once again come to Mass because we recognise Jesus as the Bread of Life who alone can respond to the deepest longings of our hearts, because, in the words of St Paul in today's second reading, we want to be in communion with the body and blood of Christ, our real food and real drink. To be in communion with Jesus in the Eucharist, is to be in communion with the values that he lived by and died for. When eventually we take the bread and the cup of the Eucharist, we too will be declaring that we want to imbibe all that Jesus stood for. In other words, we are committing ourselves to live by his values, to walk in his ways and to be shaped by his Spirit.

Today, on this great Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, you and I are invited once more to faith, to believe that Jesus was telling the truth; to believe that Jesus not only had words that give life, but that He Himself continues to give Himself to us in this Sacrament, which is so holy. Let us then delight in the Lord! Let us prepare ourselves in these coming days to feast with God who graciously welcomes everyone to partake of His beloved Son. In our turn, we renew our commitment to Him and thank him without end for his love, mercy and compassion which he shows to each of us, his beloved children.

### This Sunday's Readings

**Genesis 14:18-20**

**He brought bread and wine**

**Psalms 109**

**You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old**

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord's death**

**Luke 9:11-17**

**They all ate as much as they wanted**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i> (Father's Day)	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	For the people of the parish Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family – Thanksgiving Michelle Hayfron – Private Intention  Quagraine Family
	9.30am	Mass	
	11.30am	Mass	
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Confirmation session</b>	
	6.00pm	Mass	
	<b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30am	Mass	Bernie Gannon RIP Diego Paes RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	<b>7.00 – 9.00pm</b>	<b>Parish Surgery</b>	
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	7.30am	Mass	Dr Sainsbury RIP Paul Etuka RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	7.30am	Mass	“Frank” – Illhealth Fr Adolfo Pacheco RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Legion of Mary (Church Annex)</b>	
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> <i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	7.30am	Mass	Joaquim D'Souza RIP 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv Judex Leong-Chung RIP Anniv
	10.00am	Mass	
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	7.30am	Mass	Nana Sanka (Mike Hayfron) – Special Intentions Noreen Britto RIP Anniv
	10.00am	Mass	
	<b>10.30 – 12noon</b>	<b>Adoration</b>	
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Brownies/Guides (hall)</b>	
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Prayers</b>	
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	Mass	Jude-Martin Etuka – Special Intention  Our Lady of Africa – Thanksgiving
	<b>10.00 – 10.30am</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
	<b>5.00 – 5.30pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am	Mass	Kathleen Carrapiett RIP Anniv Mary Badu & Family – Special Intentions  For the people of the parish
	11.30am	Mass	
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Confirmation session</b>	
	6.00pm	Mass	
	<b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	

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

The second collection this weekend, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 join us in the Church every Friday evening from 7pm for prayers. All are very welcome to attend.

## **400 CLUB**

The winners for May 2022 are:

No. 10 -1st prize £20

No. 30 - 2nd prize £10

No. 3 - 3rd prize £10

## **SAFEGUARDING**

The next Safeguarding drop in session will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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@safeguardraos.org.uk](mailto:thorntonheathsg1@safeguardraos.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.

## **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK – 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**

The collection on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June is for Peter's Pence. Peter's Pence: by reason of the bond of unity and charity, the bishops of the Church, with their people join together to produce those means which the Holy Father and the Apostolic See need to exercise works of mercy and charity and its service of the Universal Church. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope, being pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and faithful in grave difficulties: the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalised and the victims of war and natural disasters. Concrete aid is thus made available to bishops or dioceses in need, to Catholic education, assistance, to refugees, and immigrants etc.

## **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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 – 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Further info please contact the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis on 020 8672 7684 or email [archcert@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:archcert@rcaos.org.uk). Further details also available: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

## **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2022 - CELEBRATING FAMILY**

Wednesday (the 22<sup>nd</sup>) sees the start of the World Meeting of Families with events celebrating the family taking place globally. It runs until Sunday (the 26<sup>th</sup>). Pope Francis will celebrate a special family Mass in Rome (which you can watch online) and issue a papal message on the importance of the family to the world. Do make use of the WMoF prayer card being distributed at Mass this weekend. Visit the website [World Meeting of Families June 22-26: Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcsouthwark.co.uk\)](http://World Meeting of Families June 22-26: Archdiocese of Southwark (rcsouthwark.co.uk)) for more information.

The three-yearly World Meeting of Families takes place from Wednesday 22 to Saturday 26 June. During this time (and it doesn't have to stop after June 26!), Pope Francis wants us to focus on the importance of the family in parish life.

*"The family, which is founded and given life by love, is a community of persons." (Familiaris Consortio 18) Saint Pope John Paul II.*

So this summer we are all invited to spiritually gather as a World Family in Christ to celebrate the joy, love, and glory that is the vocation of family life through The World Meeting of Families (WMF). Under the title 'Rome at Home' Pope Francis speaks about the importance of parish life. He refers to Saint Pope John Paul II's description of a parish as "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters" (*Christifideles Laici*, 26). We are encouraged and strengthened through our community, while we are formed by the Holy Spirit.

Whilst writing the newsletter we are still awaiting some prayer cards to arrive but hopefully they will arrive in time for the weekend, so please do take one and we encourage you to pray together as a family when at home.

## **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Maureen Hanora Patient RIP who recently passed away. Maureen's funeral is being held here at St Andrew's on 28<sup>th</sup> June at 10am. 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](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!

