

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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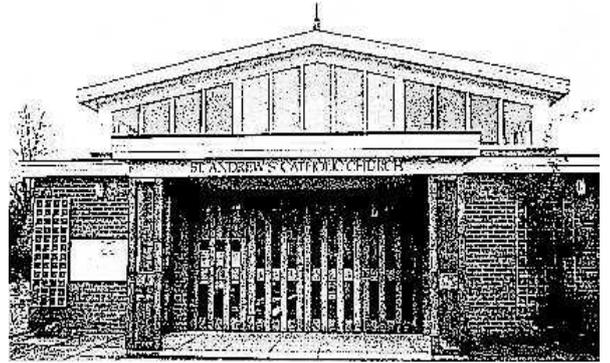
Deacons: Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine

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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.



26th June 2022

Thirteenth Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Fr Sylvester

Remain firm and resolute in the face of opposition

The gospel was about how Jesus was denied hospitality by the Samaritans when he sent messengers. He was going up to Jerusalem, as the time of his passion was already drawing near. He was about to endure the scorn of the Jews. First of all, Jesus insistence to go to Jerusalem, knew fully well what was waiting for him, teaches us never to shy away or pull out in the face of difficulties but to be resolute to glory. And when his disciples James and John saw the lack of hospitality by the Samaritans, they said, "Lord, do you want us to bid fire come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village.

There are some similarities between their mindset and ours that are worth giving our attention to. When people don't like us or things just don't seem to be going our way, it is far too easy for us to blame someone else or to get defensive and act out of anger and frustration. It is too easy to live like we are always in the right and that anyone or anything that gets in the way of what we are doing should be pushed to the side, ignored, or rebuked in some way. Jesus position was to encourage his Disciples to be patient and be tolerant in the face of opposition. He went further to tell his disciples that the cost of following him is truly great. If you are going to follow Jesus, you must remain focused, you are going to sacrifice yourself and your longings and your desires so that they can be Jesus' longings and desires. If you are going to follow Jesus, you are going to have to make him your number one priority. If you are going to follow Jesus, you are going to have to let go of the control that you have in your life, and surrender to the will of the Father.

When we surrender our lives to Christ, the option to simply call down fire from heaven to consume any kind of opposition doesn't really have a place at the table. And neither does any option that similarly promotes self over others. When submitting to Christ, people and things are not barriers to our faithfulness. In fact, those things that are seemingly opposed to us become the focus of our prayer and compassion. There is no use in complaining about them or calling down the fire from heaven. Leave them in the Lord's hands, and keep moving on in the mission!

This Sunday's Readings

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

Psalm 15

Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Luke 9:51-62

Elisha rose and followed Elijah

O Lord, it is you who are my portion

You were called to liberty

Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you go

Diary for the Week

Sunday 26th June <i>13th 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	Our Lady of Africa - Thanksgiving Kathleen Carrapiett RIP Anniv Mary Badu & Family – Special Intentions For the people of the parish
Monday 27th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass – Patrick Byrne RIP Parish Surgery 7.00 – 9.00pm	Gilda Margaret James RIP Anniv Varkey Mariyam RIP Anniv
Tuesday 28th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass	Cecil Lobo RIP Anniv Maureen Patient RIP
Wednesday 29th June <i>Holyday of Obligation</i> <i>St Peter & St Paul, Apostles</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall) 8.00pm Mass	Jonathan Nviri RIP 1 st Anniv Professor John Ssali RIP 1 st Anniv
Thursday 30th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Bernie Gannon RIP Justice Edu RIP Birthday
Friday 1st July	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall) 7.00pm Divine Mercy Prayers	Fr Edward Mostyn (F) Joseph Menezes RIP
Saturday 2nd July	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 10.00am Safeguarding session 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Fr Adolfo Pacheco RIP Ryan Townsend – Wellbeing
Sunday 3rd July <i>14th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 4.00pm Confirmation session 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Algie Alexander RIP For the people of the parish Mary Donnelly (F)

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.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - 26TH JUNE – PETER'S PENCE

The collection this weekend 26th 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.

With apologies for the mix-up of dates - in last week's newsletter we gave the date of Wednesday 29th June.

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.

CONFIRMATION GROUP: CAKE SALE

You are all invited to join our Confirmation candidates after the 9.30am Mass in the hall this Sunday 26th June, for a cake sale. As part of the Confirmation programme this year, our candidates are raising money for the following two charities:

- Save the Children - We exist for children. To make their world a better place. To help them learn, grow and become who they want to be.
- Mind - We provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. We campaign to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding.

So please do join them in the hall to help raise money for these worthy charities and to enjoy lots of cake and tea!

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.

WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE

On this day, St Peter and St Paul, Apostles, is a Holyday of Obligation and there will be an extra Mass at 8.00pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Message from Fr Emmanuel:

“Thank you to all our parishioners who have agreed to become our new members for the group. Following our first meeting, I am happy to say that Jane Ritchie will be our new Chairperson, Stella Maduekwe will be our Vice Chairperson and Adele Rutledge will be the Secretary. I am grateful that you have all agreed to be a part of our new group and I and the Clergy look forward to working together with you all”.

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@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

The second collection on 2nd and 3rd July will be for the Verona Fathers (Comboni Missionaries). This is a Mission Appeal and a member of their mission society will be here attending all Masses to give a talk about their work of the Church in the mission field.

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 – 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.

ST ANDREW'S GOLDEN CLUB

Calling all retired and senior citizens, you are warmly invited to join us for our Golden Club event on Friday 1st July from 12noon to 5.00pm, in our hall. There will be food, music, dancing and much more! Please see the poster in the porch for further information or call Juliette DeMenezes-D'Costa 07958 537314.

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.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES (WMOF) 2022 - CELEBRATING FAMILY

Wednesday (the 22nd) saw the start of the World Meeting of Families with events celebrating the family taking place globally. It runs until today Sunday (the 26th). 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, in the porch, as we encourage you to pray together as a family when at home.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Patrick (Patsy) Byrne RIP who recently passed away. Patrick's funeral is being held here at St Andrew's on 27th 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. 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!