

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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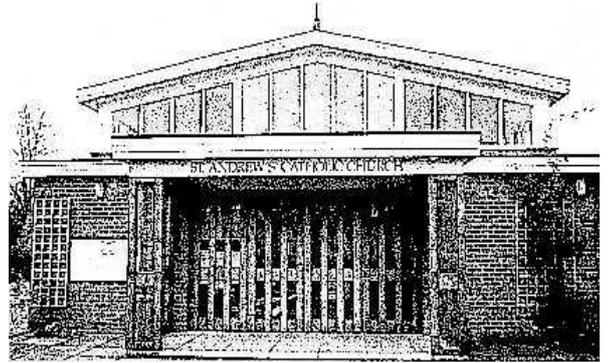
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Welcome to St Andrew's RC Church. Worship has been offered here since 1905. You are all very welcome to join in the hymns and other parts of the service as much as possible. Please switch mobile phones off and refrain from taking photographs, filming or recording.



5th June 2022 Pentecost Sunday

Message from Fr Anthony



The celebration of our birthdays is always a moment of great joy and feast. We have a great reason to be happy, to celebrate, and to exchange good wishes because today is the birthday of the Holy Mother Church. Pentecost is the celebration of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It marks the beginning of the new covenant, and the birth of the public life of the church.

Our first reading relates the events of the coming of the Holy Spirit as a great manifestation of God's power.

Paul in our second reading reminds us of the fact that, by virtue of our "Pentecostal experience" today, an indelible mark has been placed upon us. Hence, we have been specially configured for God's mission. This means that it is the Holy Spirit that gives life and directs our mission.

Today's gospel reminds us of the principal roles of the Holy Spirit: as advocate, teacher, and reminding us of the things we ought to know. However, for this to be possible, we must be ready to cooperate with him. He can only advocate for us if we trust him, and allow him to be in charge of our case. He can only teach us if we pay attention to his counsels. He can only remind us of the things we ought to know, if we humbly, and willingly say to him all the time: "Help me because I am ignorant. Enlighten the eyes of my mind, O Holy Spirit."

Therefore, the Holy Spirit is given to us in order that we might bear good fruits that will last (Gal 5, 22). It was given to us in order to help and also empower others. It was also given to us in order to lead us into the kingdom of righteousness, peace, and to bring us to the fullness of life. So, as we rejoice at this wonderful gesture that God has extended to us today, let us ask Him for the grace to be docile to the Holy Spirit we have received.

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:1-11

Psalms 103

Romans 8:8-17

John 14:15-16, 23-26

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything

Diary for the Week

Sunday 5th June <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass – “Sending Forth” RCIA 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Bernie Gannon RIP Pasquelina (Rina) Fernandes RIP Paul Etuka RIP For the people of the parish
Monday 6th June <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery	David Everson RIP
Tuesday 7th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Magdalena Colaco RIP Anniv Linda Parsooramen – Birthday
Wednesday 8th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.30pm Legion of Mary (Church Annex)	Lena Ellis RIP
Thursday 9th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Jude-Martin Etuka – Special Intentions
Friday 10th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall) 7.00pm Divine Mercy Prayers	Fr Adolfo Pacheco RIP June Simon RIP
Saturday 11th June	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Assi Victor D’Sa RIP For the people of the parish
Sunday 12th June <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 4.00pm Confirmation session 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Michael & Phyllis Keane Jordan Ogwuke – 21 st Birthday & Sabina - Birthday Marianne Hayfron – Private intention

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.

THE PLATINUM JUBILEE OF HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II

In celebration of our monarch’s jubilee which commemorates her 70th year on the throne, we offer a Prayer for the Queen, as our parish marks this historic occasion.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend, 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.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

This will not be held this Sunday as it is half-term. Please join us again next Sunday 12th June during the 9.30am Mass.

'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 *today*, 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.

DIVINE MERCY

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our congratulations to all our candidates on their First Holy Communions. Our sincere thanks to all our Catechists who have worked tirelessly to ensure that our candidates completed their studies making them ready to receive this vital Sacrament.

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 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. 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.

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.

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.

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS – *LAST CHANCE*

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

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 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!