

# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

**Priests:** Fr Emmanuel Ahua C.S.Sp.

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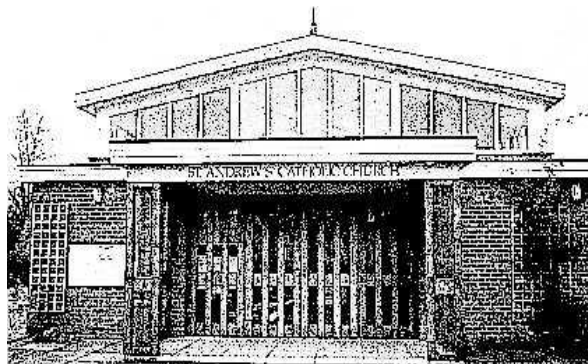
**Deacons:** Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine

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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.*



## 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Fifteenth Sunday of the Year (C)

### Message from Fr Emmanuel

### LOVE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. In the other two Gospels, Jesus answers the question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, on loving God with all your heart, and Leviticus 19:18, on loving your neighbour. Here Jesus asks the expert to answer this question, "What is written in the law?" The man is caught and responds with Deuteronomy 6:5. This verse is one of the most important prayers in Judaism, and it was said twice a day in Jesus' time. Love of God and love of neighbour are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

Having been shown up by Jesus, the lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbour whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan. It is found only in Luke's Gospel.

The Samaritan not only goes over to the injured man but cleans his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn to recover, and promises to pay all his expenses. The hated enemy is the compassionate neighbour in this parable. Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbour. A neighbour is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbour in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it. We are all invited to be charitable to all humanity without exceptions.

### This Sunday's Readings

**Deuteronomy 30:10-14**

**Psalms 68**

**Colossians 1:15-20**

**Luke 10:25-37**

**The Word is very near to you for your observance**

**Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive**

**All things were created through Christ and for him**

**Who is my neighbour?**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Lawrence & Antonette D'Souza RIP Anniv Tewelde & Dawit RIP Paul Etuka RIP For the people of the parish
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Parish Surgery</b>	Jude-Martin Etuka – Special Intentions Mr & Mrs Anton Paiva – 40th Wedding Anniv
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Canon John Naughton – Anniv Ronald Haslam RIP
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Nemor Laundrical – Thanksgiving Dr Sainsbury RIP
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Geraldine Rae – Wellbeing Conrad Lobo RIP Anniv
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>10.30 – 12noon Adoration</b> <b>6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)</b> <b>7.00pm Divine Mercy Prayers</b>	Bernie Gannon RIP Fr Adolfo Pacheco RIP
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30am Mass <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>11.00am Confirmation Mass</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Bella D'Souza – Thanksgiving  Fr Arthur Mostyn (F)
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</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 Jude-Martin Etuka – Special Intentions For the people of the parish

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 THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend, 10<sup>th</sup> July, will be for Sea Sunday, a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health.

So on 10<sup>th</sup> July, it is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in Church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5, or use one of the envelopes in the porch and hand it in. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give what you can. Thank you.

## **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 MASS**

Congratulations to our candidates who are having their Confirmation Mass on Saturday 16th July with Bishop Paul Hendricks. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make this celebration possible, especially all our catechists. Please continue to keep all our candidates in your prayers.

## **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.

## **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.

## **LEAVE**

Fr Emmanuel will be away on leave from 19<sup>th</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August. During his absence, please see Fr Anthony for any urgent matters. From 10<sup>th</sup> August to 9<sup>th</sup> September, the office will also be closed due to staff leave. During this time, the office answer phone will not be manned so please do not leave messages but please can you email the office. The office will re-open again on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

## **SCHOOL REFERENCES**

We are once again offering parents many dates for you to come along and see the Priest for school references. Please make sure you bring with you all the relevant school forms and your child's Baptism Certificate. One parent/guardian who is known to the Priest should come along during the times shown, you do not need an individual appointment time. For all school priest references the following dates are:

Monday 22 August	11.30am – 1.00pm and 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Thursday 25 August	11.30am – 1.00pm
Wednesday 31 August	11.30am – 1.00pm
Monday 5 September	11.30am – 1.00pm and 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Monday 12 September	11.30am – 1.00pm and 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Monday 19 September	11.30am – 1.00pm and 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Please note that these will be the only dates that the Priest will see you to sign all school forms (nursery, primary, secondary), so please make every effort to attend.

In the last three years we have had to see many parents with very late forms with lots of different excuses as to why they missed the original dates. The above dates are the only dates available – no excuses!

## **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 bingo, 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.

## **DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

The Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place between 19th and 26th August. We are sad that, like most Lourdes pilgrimages this year, we have not been able to include pilgrims who need medical support. At the same time, we are delighted to be returning to Lourdes after two years of absence. Details are available at [www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association](http://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association). Southwark contacts: Canon Ed Perera ([edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk)) and Bishop Paul Hendricks ([paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)).

## **SUMMERTIME 2022: 2<sup>ND</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

For altar servers aged 11 – 17. The venue is the Oratory School in Reading and coach transport is available from two venues. Total Cost £199. Forms are available from the website [www.stanseldartford.wordpress.com](http://www.stanseldartford.wordpress.com) or email [dartford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dartford@rcaos.org.uk). It is a brilliant few days of prayer and recreation. The Archbishop will be opening Summertime 2022 with Mass. For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen: tel: 01322 220075.