

# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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

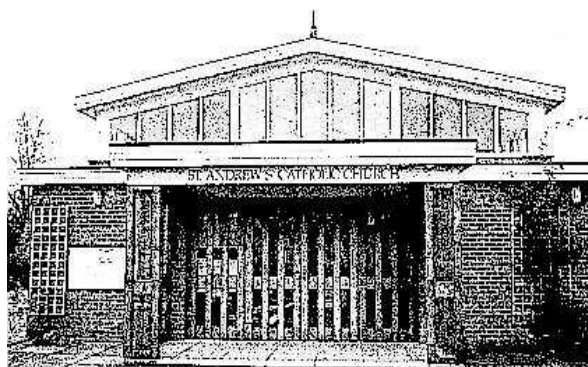
**Deacons:** Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine

**Parish Sister:** Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ

**Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy:** Sr. Sheila 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.*



## 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (C)

### Message from Deacon Errol

#### Hospitality brings Heaven to Earth

How welcoming or hospitable are you? Hospitality is, 'The friendly and generous reception and entertainment of **guests, visitors, or strangers.**' These may not necessarily be your friends. When we welcome people and they feel at home, however short their stay or interaction, when they leave with thankfulness in their hearts, we have brought God's presence into their lives. This act is part of our Christian calling, and goes beyond the realms of family or entertainment of loved ones. The greatest and deepest form of hospitality and certainly the most rewarding is when it involves strangers. Our goodness to strangers presents the Good News to them in some ways, and who knows what prize awaits us.

For centuries, women and men have dedicated their lives as religious Sisters and Brothers welcoming the stranger and the suffering, in their hospitals and schools, which were real centres of charity.

You would agree that a visit from friends and family can be an enriching experience from both guests and host/hostess, as long as there is mutual openness. Many people make their living by welcoming strangers, the sick and suffering – receptionist, nurses, doctors, waiters, etc. As long as they go about their work with a genuine heart and smile – this smile brightens someone's life and that is fulfilling their Christian calling to serve Christ in the service of others.

Abraham was hospitable to strangers and in doing so welcomed angels. *Hebrews 13:2* In our daily lives too when we serve with our whole heart, paid or not, we do so to fulfil scripture: The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.....' *Matthew 25: 40-45.* Many people have welcomed angels without knowing.

Christians, let us learn to be Christ-like and not count the cost. The cross is our example and enough proof.

#### This Sunday's Readings

**Genesis 18:1-10**

**Psalms 14**

**Colossians 1: 24-28**

**Luke 10:38-42**

**Lord, do not pass your servant by**

**The just will live in the presence of the Lord**

**A mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to God's saints**

**Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. Mary has chosen the better part**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>16<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>	Fr Arthur Mostyn (F) Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family - Thanksgiving Jude-Martin Etuka – Special Intentions For the people of the parish
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass  10.00am Mass <b>7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery</b>	Deceased relatives Wijeyeratne Family RIP F. Cunningham – Ilhealth
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Mother Mary – thanksgiving Mrs Brigid Lakhani RIP Birthday
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Andradi Family – Wellbeing Favour received B.V.M. (F. Cunningham) - Thanks
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass  10.00am Mass	Rodolfo D. Dino, Rosario F. Dino, Elizabeth D. Villamer RIP Anniv Juliana Hayfron RIP Birthday
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass  10.00am Mass <b>10.30 – 12noon Adoration</b> <b>7.00pm Divine Mercy Prayers</b>	Magdalena Colaco & Santano Rebello RIP Anniv Paul Etuka RIP
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	9.30am Mass <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Therezina & Mariano Jose Rebello RIP Anniv  Joshua Etinayagomwan Erhiagbonye RIP
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>17<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>	John Ezike – Birthday Gilda Margaret James RIP Anniv For the people of the parish

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

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **FACEMASKS**

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.

### **FR SYLVESTER ADENIYI**

We congratulate Fr Sylvester who is moving to the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Birmingham to be their new Parish Priest from 1<sup>st</sup> September as well as the Chaplain for Sandwell and Dudley Hospital. Fr Sylvester will be with us until the last week in August. We thank Fr Sylvester for his ministry here at St Andrew's and we wish him happiness in his new Church. Please keep Fr Sylvester in your prayers.

### **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 had 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.

## **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 to the Presbytery 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!

## **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.

## **NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

The group will be meeting in the hall on 24th July following the 11.30am Mass.

## **MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP**

The group's last get together will be on Monday 18th July and will resume again on Monday 12th September.

## **BROWNIES & GUIDES**

Brownies & Guides have now finished and will resume again on Friday 9th September.

## **REPOSITORY**

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

## **OFFICE/ANNUAL 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.

## **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.

### **OUTING TO AYLESFORD FOR EVERYONE**

The Parish Council is organising a day out to Aylesford on Saturday 13th August leaving St Andrew's by coach at 8.30am and departing from Aylesford at 4pm. We hope to have Mass and pray the Rosary and then share food and have games on the green in the afternoon. Before we order a coach we need to know how many people would like to go. The cost would be £18 for an adult and £9 for a child. Some families may not be able to pay the full amount and so, if you can 'Pay Forward' any amount of money to help everyone who wants to go to be able to come, that would be wonderful. A member of the Parish Council will be outside after Mass to register interest as the coach will need to be booked by the end of July and the money collected.

### **SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE: GALATIANS 5:13**

Please help us to update our parish records by sending an email to the Parish Priest headed 'Up to date record 2022/2023' to: [emmanuelhua@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:emmanuelhua@rcaos.org.uk) with the following information:

A: Full Name; B: Address; C: Email; D: Phone Number; E: Profession/Job/Retired/Housebound; F: Skills

If you would like to help with any activities in the Parish, please let Fr Emmanuel know.

If you know any housebound parishioners, please ask and help them to send their details so that we can visit them with Holy Communion should they wish. If you do not have a computer, please take a slip of paper from the back of the Church and give the hand written sheet to Fr Emmanuel.

### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> July from 12.30 – 4.00pm. All are very welcome to come along, for further information please call Simon on 07947 493683.

### **FOR CATHOLIC IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE: NEW REOURCES FROM THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE**

The Anscombe Bioethics Centre is an organisation which does research on behalf of our Bishops and education for the Catholic community on moral matters in medicine. They have a new website which has resources which will benefit parishioners who are doctors, nurses, or others who work or study in fields related to health and social care.

You can access and benefit from their work through their website and social media: [www.bioethics.org.uk](http://www.bioethics.org.uk) You can also sign up to their monthly digest for the latest news, events, and accessible briefings on moral matters in medicine, here: <https://bit.ly/ABC-Subscribe> Please forward this information on to others whom you think would be blessed by this important set of resources.

### **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. 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 website [www.stanselm.dartford.wordpress.com](http://www.stanselm.dartford.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. More details Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen: 01322 220075.