

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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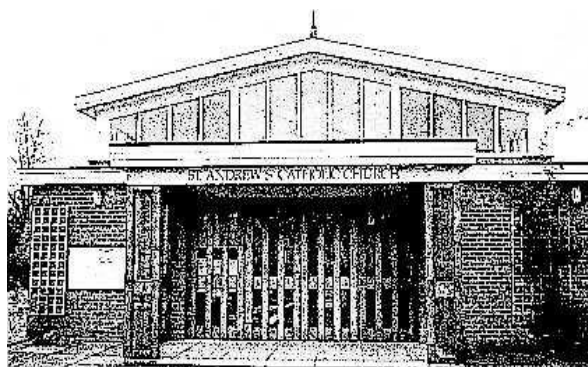
Deacons: Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine

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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.



25th September 2022 26th Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Deacon Errol

Children of God in the World

The heart of the gospel is that God became a man in order to rescue and redeem His creation. Among the religions of the world, only Christianity makes the incredible claim of God seeking the fallen, rather than humanity looking for God. Instead of the hungry seeking for the Bread of Life, the Bread of Life came searching for the hungry, John 6:33 – “For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” The truth is that the Son of God became the Son of Man, so sons of men could become sons and daughters of God (1 John 3:2).

The parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) bears similar message to that of the Prophet Amos in Amos 6:1,4-7, warning those who have enough, not to think they can get away with any excuse of not knowing about the existence of the poor and marginalised. One person who in her own way helped the less fortunate was the Late Queen Elizabeth II. The nation, and indeed a good number of people in world mourned her death. Why has the Queen touched so many hearts? I think we can find the answer in Galatians 2:20 – “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

The Queen saw herself as a servant following in the steps of Christ, with a mission to serve. Christ was her anchor in good time as well as in bad time, and that kept her quietly optimistic and buoyant in difficult situations. Her personal relationship with Christ gave her the richness to reach out to people from all backgrounds and that was evident in the outpouring of love and prayers for the repose of her soul.

My families encounter with the Queen was when she opened “The Web of Life” in London Zoo in 1999, where Errol Jnr showed the Queen and Prince Philip a piece of work he had done; Jessica gave Her Majesty flowers which she received with a warm smile. Queen Elizabeth II had the gift of making all in her presence feel at ease, following Jesus who left His throne in heaven to come down to our level in order to lift us into His divine nature.

This Sunday's Readings

Amos 6:1, 4-7

Those who sprawl and those who bawl will be exiled

Psalm 145

My soul, give praise to the Lord

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Do all that you have been told until the Appearing of the Lord

Luke 16:19-31

Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony

Diary for the Week

Sunday 25th September <i>Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Laura Anne Murtagh RIP Anniv F. Cunningham – Illhealth (to BVM – thanks) Margurita Grimshaw (to BVM – thanks) For the people of the parish
Monday 26th September	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 12.10pm Funeral: Madouka Bhurtun RIP 7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery	Fr Joe O’Connor – Wellbeing/Birthday Deceased Freeman Family RIP
Tuesday 27th September	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.30pm RCIC registration (hall)	Michelle Mannion RIP Len Highland RIP
Wednesday 28th September	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Marion Ryan – Wellbeing Agatha Harry & Decosta Harry RIP – Special Remembrance
Thursday 29th September	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Dr Sainsbury RIP F. Cunningham (to BVM - thanks & Wellbeing)
Friday 30th September	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall) 7.00pm Divine Mercy Prayers	Francis & Ursula Kershaw (F) Mrs Margaret Grillo RIP 3 rd Anniv
Saturday 1st October	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Victor D’Sa RIP In Honour of Our Lady of Africa – Thanksgiving
Sunday 2nd October <i>27th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Susan Woods RIP Nigerian Catholic Community – Harvest Anniv For the people of the parish

Church cleaners: this week: Sancho’s Dusters, next week: St Jude’s Group

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

NOVENA PRAYER CARD

Please collect the Novena prayer card from the porch and take it home so you can pray for 3 people by name for 9 days.

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.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Thank you to our counters who for the next four weeks will be counting the numbers.

SHEILA BEHAN RIP

Sheila Behan sadly passed away on 28th August and has been buried in Ireland. You are all invited to come along to her Memorial Mass and many of our parishioners will remember Sheila as she used to be a very active member of the Church and was involved in many of our groups, Children's Liturgy and the children's Good Friday Stations of the Cross as well as having three daughters who all went to St James the Great School. Sheila's Memorial Mass has been arranged for Saturday 8th October at 2.00pm here at St Andrew's, followed by refreshments in the hall afterwards. Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Sheila. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family.

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. The next surgery is on Monday 26th September.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC)

This is for children whose parent is a baptised Catholic and who are over the age of 7yrs and have not been baptised. It is also for children in school year 5 and above who have not made their First Communion. Please come to registration and Session 1 on Tuesday 27th September in the parish hall on Quadrant Road at 6.30pm -7.30pm. Please note accompanying parent or adult must stay with their child for the full session.

(NB this is not the First Communion Programme for children in school years 3 and 4 - this will commence later)

THE NIGERIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

The Nigerian Catholic Association (St Andrew's Parish) invites all Parishioners to an afternoon of refreshments in marking their independence on Sunday 2nd of October after the 11.30am Mass in the Church hall.

REPOSITORY

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

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.

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 info please call Stella on 07983 775879.

ALTAR SERVERS NATIONAL ANNUAL MASS

All Altar Servers are invited to the annual National Mass to be hosted by the Archdiocese of Westminster at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 1st October at 2.30pm. Please see the poster for more info.

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 8th October 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.

SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS

Please see our notice board in the porch for the many notices regarding dates and times for school open evenings as well as vacancies.

THE WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2022

First celebrated in 1914, The World Day for Migrants and Refugees 2022 (WDMR) is an international day of prayer which offers an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them in the challenges they face; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. This year, it will be celebrated on 25 September, and both the Bishops' Conference and the Vatican have websites dedicated to Migrants and Refugees.

Pope Francis' theme for this year's WDMR is "*Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees*". The Holy Father asks us to proclaim the message that full citizenship of God's Kingdom does not exclude those most vulnerable, as we recognise the value each of them can bring to the process of construction.

STELLA MARIS: INVITATION TO WEBINAR

The Catholic charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) invites you to join a webinar on Tuesday 27th September from 7.30pm to 9pm to learn more about the issue of seafarer abandonment, and how donations like yours on Sea Sunday are supporting those in crisis. If you would like to attend, please register in advance at www.stellamaris.org.uk/abandonment

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST

Recently bereaved? Emotions out of control? Feeling at a loss? This weekend is for those who are in mourning. A time for you. A space for you. It's being held at Aylesford Priory from October 7-9. More details: 01622 717272

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

If you have suffered a divorce or separation, this residential weekend will help you heal. It is being held from October 14-16 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. More details: 01322 838415 or email johnabrotherton@gmail.com

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs for further information. Modules begin 13th September.

CAFOD: STEP INTO THE GAP PROGRAMME FOR 18-30 YEAR OLDS

CAFOD, in partnership with their UK placements, offers the exciting opportunity to spend a fully funded year volunteering in a retreat centre or school chaplaincy, where you will work alongside the Catholic community and others to bring about a more just world. It is a great chance to develop a range of skills and gain work experience within the context of your faith. For more information, please contact Arianne at youngleadership@cafod.org.uk or go to <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-young-people/CAFOD-Gap-year>

RESTORED LIVES

Struggling after the breakdown of a significant relationship either now or in the past? This eight-session online course is for you. It runs for consecutive Monday evenings from 7-9.30pm starting October 3rd. More details: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/restored-lives-32666416387>