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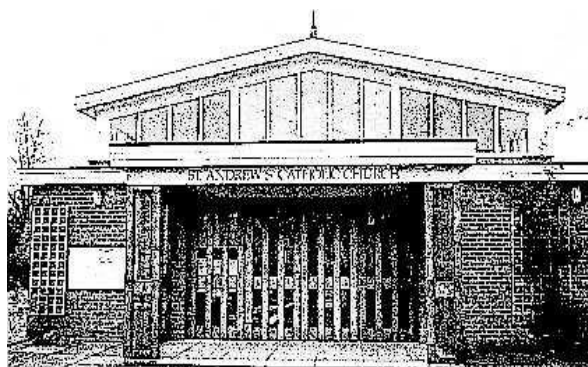
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PASTORAL TEAM

Priests: Fr Emmanuel Ahua C.S.Sp.
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

Infant Baptisms: Please contact - baptism.standrews@gmail.com

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.



23rd October 2022 30th Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Fr Anthony



GOD'S MERCY FOR THE POOR AND THE HUMBLE

The readings for this Sunday are focused on God's mercy for the poor and the humble. In the first reading we are told that God hears those who cry out in pain. And the psalm echoes this sentiment. In the second reading Paul speaks of feeling deserted by all those around him, but the Lord stood by him. In the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. **PRIDE, HUMILITY, TRUST IN GOD**

The second parable that Jesus tells in today's gospel addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

This Sunday's Readings	
Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19	The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds
Psalm 33	This poor man called; the Lord heard him
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness
reserved	
for me	
Luke 18:9-14	The publican went home at rights with God; the Pharisee did

Diary for the Week

Sunday 23rd October <i>30th Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Mission Sunday</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Susie & Craig Lobo - Wellbeing Gill Patient RIP Anniv Paul Etuka RIP For the people of the parish
Monday 24th October	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Sr Dorothy Wilcock SSA RIP Christine Hayward – Wellbeing, Illhealth
Tuesday 25th October	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.45pm RCIA (hall)	Anton Mariaratnaseelan & Kanagambigai – 50 th Wedding Anniv
Wednesday 26th October	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Special Mass for Len Highland RIP 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Stephen Sponsor RIP
Thursday 27th October	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
Friday 28th October	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 11.00am Funeral Mass for Ann Manthorpe RIP followed by Adoration	Ann Manthorpe RIP
Saturday 29th October	8.45 - 9.15am Divine Mercy Prayers 9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Salus Vicente Fernandes RIP 6 th Anniv For the people of the parish
Sunday 30th October <i>31st Sunday of the Year</i> <i>(clocks back 1 hour)</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Thanksgiving In Honour of Our Lady of Africa – thanksgiving The Epie Family – Special Intentions

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 23RD OCTOBER

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Maria witness to their faith and offer vulnerable women in Ethiopia hope for a better future. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: mission.org.uk or use one of the envelopes in the porch. Thank you.

PARISH SURGERY

Please note there is no parish surgery on Monday 24th October as it is half term week.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

During the month of November, the month of Holy Souls, we particularly remember and pray in a special way for those whom God has called from this life, especially members of our families and friends. A list of the deceased whose funerals took place here at St Andrew's will be displayed in the front of the Altar. Anyone who has a relative or friend who has died elsewhere in the last year should give in their names and date of death to the office or to one of the Priests and we will add your names.

Please put the names in a Holy Souls envelope (in the porch) together with your offering in the basket before the Altar from the beginning of November. These envelopes will be brought up during each Mass in the month of November. On Saturday 26th November at 9.30am we will hold our annual Bereavement Mass for those who have died in the last year, we hope you can join us.

HYMN BOOKS

'He who sings prays twice' St Augustine

Some of our hymn books have become very tatty and so we are going to try and replace 100 of them. If you would like to dedicate a book to someone who has died or to your own family or a friend, please just write the name of the person in CAPITAL LETTERS on the front of the envelope with a donation of £10 and give it to one of the pastoral team at the end of Mass. Envelopes are available from the porch area. Thank you in advance for helping with this project.

R.C.I.A. THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Would you like to know more about the Catholic faith? Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic that you could encourage to come along? Or are you interested in becoming a Catholic yourself? Or an adult Baptised Catholic who would like to be confirmed? Everyone is welcome to join this journey of faith beginning Tuesday 25th October at 7.45 – 9.00pm in the parish hall (Quadrant Road).

LEN HIGHLAND RIP

The family of Len Highland RIP would like to invite you to a special Mass being held for Len on Wednesday 26th October at 6.00pm here at St Andrew's. You are all warmly invited to come along.

ANN MARGARET MANTHORPE RIP

Ann Margaret Manthorpe sadly passed away recently. The family and friends of Ann would like to invite you to her funeral on Friday 28th October at 11.00am here at St Andrew's. You are also invited to the reception afterwards in our hall. Ann was an active member of St Andrew's and many of our parishioners will have known her. Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Ann. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to her family and friends.

REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Sunday. We have some Christmas stock already so please do visit to make your purchases early.

ADORATION

Please come in and spend some time in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration every Friday. On Friday 28th October Adoration will follow the funeral of Ann Manthorpe RIP which is at 11.00am.

DIVINE MERCY

Please note that Divine Mercy has changed to Saturday mornings. Please join us in the Church every Saturday morning, 8.45–9.15am for devotions including the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are very welcome to attend.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is a month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. Please join our Rosary Group 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.

CHURCH CLEANERS WANTED

We really need more people to help with the task of cleaning God's house. If you can spare an hour and would like to help by joining one of our groups, please contact Fifi on 07932 764273. Thank you.

ST JAMES THE GREAT SCHOOL RC PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

The school have commenced the admissions process for the September 2023 intake for Nursery and Reception classes. They have open mornings on the following days, no appointments needed, just turn up.

Tuesday 8th November 9.30-11.30am

Monday 14th November 9.30-11.30am

LOURDES 2023

Have you ever wanted to go to Lourdes? Have you heard of HCPT? They take disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes at Easter and we are based in the Croydon Deanery. They are looking for new volunteers (9th -15th April, approx £800). Are you interested? Email Jane at group14@hcpt.org.uk for more information.

THE ST JOHN'S ASSOCIATION

Archbishop John is delighted to welcome The St John's Association to St George's Cathedral on Tuesday 25th October for Mass at 12:30pm. The Celebrant of the Mass will be the Association's President, Bishop Richard Moth.

Bishop Moth extends a special invitation to all clergy and friends of St John's Seminary to join him for the Mass, which will be followed by a celebratory luncheon in Amigo Hall. Further questions, please email Canon T Madley directly: billingshurst@abdiocese.org.uk.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

We have been asked to let you know about The Universe Catholic Weekly.

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