

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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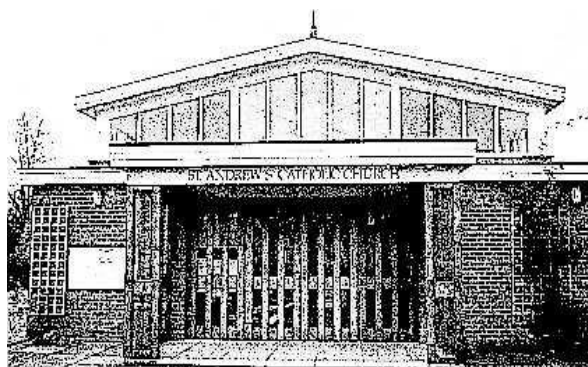
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Welcome to St Andrew's RC Church. Worship has been offered here since 1905. You are all very welcome to join in the hymns and other parts of the service as much as possible. Please switch mobile phones off and refrain from taking photographs, filming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



20th November 2022 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C)

Message from Fr Emmanuel

Christ the King—Solemnity

Feast of Christ the King, also called **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**, festival celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church in honour of Jesus Christ as Lord over all creation. This feast was instituted to remind Christians that the sovereignty of Christ encompasses all aspects of our lives – personal and political, temporal and eternal. Originally, it was celebrated on the last Sunday in October, but in the revised liturgical calendar promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1969 it was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time (immediately preceding Advent), where its theme of Christ's dominion made it a fitting end to the liturgical year. As we celebrate today the Solemnity of Christ the King, we proclaim not the worldly King with worldly power; but suffering Jesus who celebrate reconciliation and invites us to into paradise. The repentant thief understood this when he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

St. Paul describes him thus, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him".

"He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven."

As we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, may we join with the heavenly host to sing "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Happy Solemnity of Christ the Universal King!!!

This Sunday's Readings

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm 121

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43

They anointed David king of Israel

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house"

He has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves

Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom

Diary for the Week

Sunday 20th November <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Paul Etuka RIP Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family – Thanksgiving Joseph Kwame Baffoe RIP For the people of the parish / November List
Monday 21st November <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery	Deceased Andradi Family Members RIP November List
Tuesday 22nd November	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.45pm R.C.I.A.	Deceased Moloney Family Members RIP November List
Wednesday 23rd November	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	November List Christine Hayward RIP
Thursday 24th November	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	November List Frank Hayward – Wellbeing
Friday 25th November	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	November List Valeria, Marian, Daniel, Tatiana and Tahir - Wellbeing
Saturday 26th November	8.45 - 9.15am Divine Mercy Prayers 9.30am Bereavement Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	November List For the people of the parish
Sunday 27th November <i>1st Sunday of Advent (A)</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	November List Alfonso Ogwuke RIP Anniv Mary Cameron - Wellbeing

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

MASS SUNG IN LATIN DURING NOVEMBER

During the month of November, the 11.30am Choir, the Mass will be sung in Latin. Some of you might be familiar with this liturgy, please all join us in the singing of this traditional and beautiful music.

9:30AM CHOIR

The Choir at St. Andrews warmly invite parishioners who would like to join us. If you can play an instrument, or have a love for singing and would like to be part of a supportive and vibrant group, we would be delighted to meet you. All ages and abilities are most welcome. For more details or to sign up please speak to one of the choir leaders after Mass or turn up to our next practice session on Tuesday 22nd November at 7pm in the Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy is 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.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

There is a second collection for the Catholic Youth Work. This collection is taken on National Youth Sunday to support youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

GHANAIAN COMMITTEE MEETING

The Group will be meeting this weekend, Sunday 20th November, following the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

ST ANDREW'S WARM HUB

We are pleased to announce that St Andrew's Church hall will be open on Tuesdays from 22nd November between the hours of 11.00 and 4.00pm to provide a place of warmth and refreshment during these hours. Please feel free to

join us during this time. As well as hot drinks we will provide a soup meal for lunch. If you are able to help with donations for this service it would be very welcome, please contact the office.

ADVENT – THE JESSE TREE

The Jesse Tree tradition is rooted in Isaiah 11:1: “A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.” Jesse was the father of David, Israel’s greatest king. And Jesus is descended from the line of David. He is the branch God promised would grow from Jesse’s family tree. Each symbol represents a story from within this family tree and a step toward the birth of Jesus. The symbols on the tree start at the beginning of the old Testament with *.Adam and Eve, Noah Abraham and Jacob.*

As the season of Advent will begin next weekend The Jesse tree is also our “giving tree”. You are invited to put dried food and tins (not fresh food) in the box (on the Sanctuary) and also this year toiletries and unwrapped children’s toys for the SVP to put in the Christmas parcels for families for Christmas. Thank you all for your continued support.

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. Afterwards you are also invited to the hall for a chat and cup of tea – so please come along.

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 which began last week. If you are interested please come along on Tuesday 22nd November at 7.45 – 9.00pm in the parish hall (Quadrant Road).

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.

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.

FR EMMANUEL AWAY

Please note that Fr Emmanuel will be away in Nigeria from 24th November to 9th December as he attends a conference. During his absence please see Fr Anthony for any urgent matters.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Parish Pastoral Council has resumed with some new members and they are busy putting together lots of ideas and works. If you would like to contact the group, please email Jane Ritchie, Chair, on thorntonheathppc@rcaos.co.uk

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 26th November from 12.30 – 4.00pm. All are very welcome to come along, for further information please call Simon on 07947 493683.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The St Andrew’s Children’s Christmas Party will be on December 10th from 11am to 2pm. Tickets are £5 per child over 2 years of age and adults are £2 each, and this will include an audience with Santa Claus, arts and craft activities, a present and a lovely lunch. There are only 50 tickets available and will be sold on a first come first served basis. Everyone is welcome. Parents will need to stay with their children at all times. Please text Bernadette with your name and the children’s names and ages and you will be added to the list.

Also on December 24th at 5pm we will have our Christmas Nativity play. All children and parents are invited to come along for three rehearsals. The dates for these are 11th December at 3pm, December 18th at 3pm and December 23rd at 3pm. The rehearsal will be for one hour. We are encouraging all budding actors and actresses, singers and superstars to get involved for the first of our Christmas celebrations. Please text Bernadette for more information or to confirm you are interested. Bernadette 07729 322571.

DIVINE MERCY

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

St Andrew’s will be hosting a Celebration Dinner on Saturday 7th January 2023 after the evening Mass in our hall. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children and will be on sale after all Masses from the first weekend in December. This will be a fundraising event for St Andrew’s so we hope lots of you will be able to attend. More details to follow.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Chris Hayward RIP

It is with a heavy heart we announce death of Chris Hayward. Chris had been an extremely active member of the parish for nearly 50 years. Known more recently for selling jam for CAFOD. Her funeral will be held on Wednesday 7th December at 10am here at St Andrews, then at Morden Cemetery (New Battersea Cemetery) for a burial at 12pm. Chris has asked for no flowers but donations to her CAFOD Candlelight Fund only. [Candlelight Funds \(cafod.org.uk\)](#) The Lily May Alice CAFOD Candlelight Fund with her wonderful Grandma Chris Hayward or phone Maggie at CAFOD on 020 7095 5348.

Edwina Suckling RIP

Also please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Edwina Suckling RIP who sadly passed away recently. She was a parishioner for over 50 years here although she had not been attending St Andrew’s for the last few years. Funeral details will follow in due course.

Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the families.

RED WEDNESDAY EVENT 23RD NOVEMBER

Aid to the Church in Need is promoting **#RedWednesday – 23 November** as a way to *Break the Silence* on the persecution of Christians and all faiths, globally. Tomorrow, ACN will present its report, “Persecuted and Forgotten” detailing the situation in 24 countries because of state repression and/or attacks from extremists; and in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, on 23rd November itself, the main **#RedWednesday** event will be held in the Greek Catholic Cathedral in London from 17:45 until 21:00. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.