

# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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## **PASTORAL TEAM**

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

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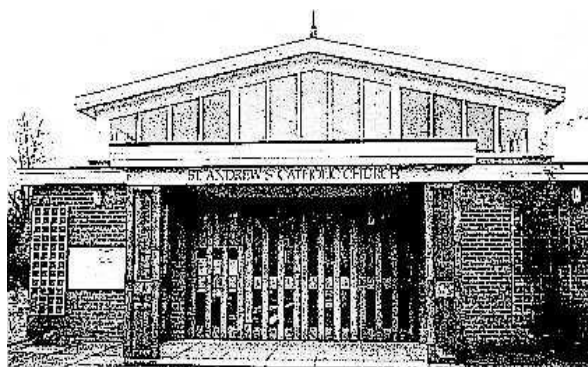
**Deacons:** Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine

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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.*



## 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year (C)

### Message from Deacon Errol

#### Faith, Suffering and Eternal Life

The readings for 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time helps us to reflect on two important aspects of spirituality, Faith in God and Eternal Life. We hear about the extraordinary faith of seven brothers who were tempted by the Syrian King Antiochus to eat pork and thus disown their Jewish faith with the promise of all kinds of privileges if they do. *2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14*. Their mother quietly encouraged them to stand strong and never lose faith in God. She said, "I do not know how you came into being in my womb. It was not I who gave you life and breath, nor I who set in order the elements within each of you. Therefore the Creator of the world, who shaped the beginning of man and devised the origin of all things, will in his mercy give life and breath back to you again, since you now forget yourselves for the sake of his laws." (Ch7:22-23). Jesus reminds us in the Gospel of Matthew, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself..... or whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Matthew 16:24-26. This teaches us to stop wrestling with suffering and persecution when we are faced with it, but look to God for strength and courage. God knows the path we are on and the difficulties we encounter, and how to traverse along that path.

Most of us focus only on the role we are currently taking part in, like a stage play. However, God's plan for us includes our entire existence, which does not end with death. We cannot understand God without faith, because our concepts of time and purpose are limited by the mortal lens through which we view them. Therefore, we have difficulty envisioning the limitlessness of eternity and eternal progression. God's gift of Resurrection is available to all of us, but whether or not we attain a fullness of joy in eternity is determined by how we live our time here on earth, however long or short. Faith in God therefore, cannot be separated from suffering and selflessness.

May God grant us what we need on our journey. Amen.

This Sunday's Readings	
2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14	The King of the world will raise us up to live again for ever
Psalm 16	I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord
2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5	May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say
Luke 20:27-38	He is God, not of the dead, but of the living

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>32<sup>nd</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>	Pasquelina (Rina) Fernandes RIP November List Frank Duff RIP and Deceased Souls of departed Legionaries For the people of the parish
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	7.30am Mass  10.00am Mass <b>7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery</b>	Andradi Family – Wellbeing and November List Jessica Mary Badu – Birthday RIP
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.45pm RCIA</b>	Paul Etuka RIP and November List Aleixo D’Souza RIP
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica in Rome</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Jessica Lourdes Rodrigues – Birthday November List
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	November List Frank to BVM –Thanks for favour/ Illhealth
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>Armistice Day</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>10.30 – 12noon Adoration</b> <b>6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)</b>	November List War Dead (F)
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>8.45 - 9.15am Divine Mercy Prayers</b> 9.30am Mass <b>10.00am Altar Servers Meeting (hall)</b> <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	John Paul Rodrigues – Birthday/ November List  Policardo (Paul) Fernandes RIP 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</i> <b>Remembrance Sunday</b> <b>World Day of the Poor</b>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	November List For the War Dead For the people of the parish

Church cleaners: this week: Judie’s Crew, next week: Fifi’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.

### 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. 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.

### 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.

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 which began last week. If you are interested please come along on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.45 – 9.00pm in the parish hall (Quadrant Road).

### **ALTAR SERVERS - NEW AND OLD**

'Serve the Lord with Gladness'

There will be an Altar Servers' meeting on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November after the 9.30am Mass. The meeting will meet initially in the hall. This training is essential for both new Altar Servers and for those who are already serving on the Altar. You need to attend only one session and you must already have made your First Holy Communion. Please email [thorntonheathppc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:thorntonheathppc@rcaos.org.uk) with a heading of 'ALTAR SERVER' to state which date is suitable for you and let us have the following information:-

Full name of server

Full name of parent

Parent's mobile if server is under 18 years

Personal mobile if server is over 18 years

Date attending

### **ST ANDREW'S MEETINGS**

A Gentle Reminder from Jane Ritchie (Parish Chair)

Thank you for the great effort made by many who managed to attend the meetings set up by the PPC over the last few weeks. This is a reminder to ask leaders to send a contact email and two mobile numbers belonging to two people which can be used to contact your group to [thorntonheathppc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:thorntonheathppc@rcaos.org.uk) If your group was unable to attend, please would the leader of the group do likewise.

### **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

The second collection next week, 13<sup>th</sup> November, will be for the Archbishop's Appeal.

The Archbishop's Appeal seeks to invest faith, hope, love, and charity into three key areas of mission and ministry in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

**Youth and Evangelisation:** To strengthen the formation of young people in the faith within our schools and parishes, enhance the faith life of parishioners, support the work of parish catechists, enhance the faith journeys of new Catholics; and for Southwark to become an evangelising and missionary Archdiocese.

**Our Faith in Action:** To show compassionate and active service in the world around us through love for all people: the protection of human dignity, respect for the inter-connectedness of our world and common home, hearing the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth. Supporting social outreach projects in parishes and schools.

**Clergy Care and Formation:** To care for sick and retired priests in their old age and ill health. Supporting the ongoing formation of our priests and deacons. Providing on-going formation of clergy in active ministry. Supporting the work of the vocations team and formation of seminarians and deacons.

Pooled together, your support can have significant impact in our faith community. A portion of the monies raised will be granted to parishes and Catholic schools to support local projects. Please support the Archbishop's Appeal, every gift is welcome. Please see the poster in the porch for further details. You can donate in the following ways: donate Online: [rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal](http://rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal), telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504, cash/cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes at the back of church. Thank you.

### **VOTIVE CANDLES**

Further to last week's announcement from Fr Emmanuel, The Saint Killian Candle Burning System is being trialled in our Church. We have decided to trial the Saint Killian Candle burning system here at St Andrew's giving our parishioners the opportunity to experience the safest, cleanest and most eco friendly way of burning candles in our Church. So far feedback has been very positive and because of its uniqueness, parishioners can now light candles with confidence and without fear of being burnt. In addition to the safety features the candles are smokeless and so cause no damage to walls and statues, wax will drop into a holding tray underneath avoiding wax spilling onto the floor and no more plastic/aluminium cups to the landfill. To use is very easy.

Step 1: Place your candle into the glass holder

Step 2: Use gas lighter provided to light your candle

Please place your offering in the box provided attached to the candle stand. Thank you once again for all your valued support, it is greatly appreciated.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> November 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.

### **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 from 10.30am – 12noon.

### **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.

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-11.30am

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-11.30am

### **CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**

Please see the notice in the porch with the Christmas events that are planned by the Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care Department for December.