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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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

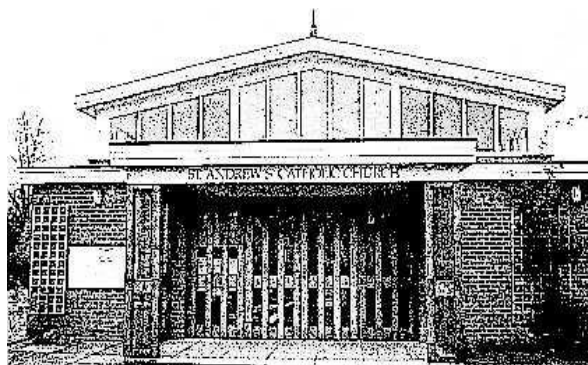
**Parish Sister:** Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ

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

**Infant Baptisms:** Please contact - [baptism.standrews@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

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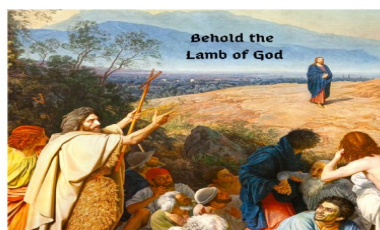


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## 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)

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### Message from Fr Anthony



This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him. John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to the entire world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

### This Sunday's Readings

**Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**

**I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth**

**Psalm 39**

**Here I am Lord! I come to do your will**

**1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

**May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace**

**John 1:29-34**

**Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b> <i>2<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>	Sr Mary Martin RIP Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family – thanksgiving  Paul Etuka RIP For the people of the parish
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	7.30am Mass <b>10.00am Funeral Mass</b> <b>7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery</b>	Margaret Rebelo RIP Brendan Grennan RIP
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>6.30pm RCIC</b> <b>7.45pm RCIA</b>	Gail Henderson – Birthday (Thanksgiving) Wilfred Rebelo RIP
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Michael Tabinshi RIP Roque Fernandes RIP Anniv
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Cecelia Angress (F) Roland Neave RIP
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>10.30 – 12noon Adoration</b> <b>6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)</b>	Paul Etuka RIP David Errol Joseph RIP Anniv
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>9.00 - 9.20am Divine Mercy Prayers</b> 9.30am Mass <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Richard Cowie (F)  Irene Smith RIP
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	9.30am Mass  11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Deceased Ritchie and Hampshire Family Members RIP Dieter Muller RIP For the people of the parish

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

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### FR EMMANUEL

It is with sadness that we inform you that Fr Emmanuel is leaving St Andrew's just after Easter. He has been elected to the Leadership Team of his home province. He will return to Nigeria to continue his ministry there for at least the next four years. We thank Fr Emmanuel for his three years with us at St Andrew's and we hope to let you know soon a date and time for a leaving celebration.

### 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 TODAY: PEACE SUNDAY

The work of Pax Christi, International Catholic Movement for Peace, is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. As the Catholic Movement for Peace in England and Wales, Pax Christi relies on your support to continue their work of peace making. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. There are some Pax Christi envelopes in the porch which you can use and return to us as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

### CHRISTMAS

A big thank you to everyone who helped with preparations in readiness for Christmas in St Andrew's. As always, we are very grateful to everyone who give up their time to help – thank you again.

## **Christmas Offerings**

The Priests thank you all for your most generous Christmas offerings – it is much appreciated.

## **Christmas Crib Offerings**

Our Christmas Crib is still on the Altar and will be for a little while longer. This year our Christmas Crib Offerings will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund to provide emergency support for families in our Archdiocese. Please be as generous as you can and you can also donate online: [www.cathchild.org.uk/donate](http://www.cathchild.org.uk/donate). Thank you for your continued support.

## **Jesse Tree**

Thank you also to everyone who kindly donated food, toiletries and toys for our Jesse Tree which will help many families locally.

## **GHANAIAN COMMITTEE MEETING**

The group are meeting today Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January in the hall after the 11.30am Mass.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

For the First Holy Communion programme 2023, we are asking parents of children who are in year 3 or 4 from September 2022 to complete an application to register their children for the next programme by 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please complete the online form by following the link <https://forms.gle/rvdhHUyCT784Ba8D9>

In order for the Sacraments to go ahead, we will need help from you. If you have a child who would like to join the programme, please consider becoming a Catechist so we can move forward with our programme. Please send your details via email into the office.

## **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.

## **REPOSITORY**

The Repository will be open after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Sunday. We also have copies for sale of the new Catholic Directories for 2023, which is plain bound priced at £4.50.

## **YOUTH CHOIR - WE NEED NEW MEMBERS!**

The youth choir has successfully led the 9:30am Mass once a month since 2016. We are keen to invite new members aged 8 years upwards to join the choir. If you like singing or can play a musical instrument why not come along to meet us on any Sunday after Mass at 10:30am when we practice in the church for approximately half an hour. You might be preparing for Holy Communion or Confirmation and wondering what you can do to celebrate and support the Church. Why not consider being in the youth choir? If you have any queries, please call Maxine on 07903401107 to discuss – thank you. If you would like to join any of our choirs, please do have a chat with any of the choir leaders – you would be most welcomed.

## **ST ANDREW'S WARM HUB**

We are pleased to announce that St Andrew's Church hall will be open on Tuesdays 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. We will continue to leave a collection box near the Altar as we would like to ask you for some donations for our Warm Hub. If you can help please donate soup, biscuits, teas/coffees and long life milk – thank you for your continued support.

## **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. We are still collecting your dedications so please do hand in your envelopes. 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. Thank you in advance for helping with this project.

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

### **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.

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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

### **DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS**

Please join us in the Church every Saturday morning, 9.00–9.20am for devotions including the Divine Mercy Chaplet. *Please note the change of times.* 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. Please note we are not meeting on Christmas day.

### **ST ANDREW'S CELEBRATION DINNER**

St Andrew's hosted a Celebration Dinner on 7<sup>th</sup> January which was very well attended and enjoyed by all so thank you for coming. A special big thank you to everyone who helped to organise the evening and making it a great success.

### **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.

### **BRENDAN GRENNAN RIP**

Brendan's family invite you all to attend Brendan's funeral which will be held here at St Andrews on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 10am. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family.

### **ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP UK FOODBANK**

The group would like to help families who are in need of extra help with regards to some food items. We are now running two sessions per month as there is a need for this. The next one will be held in St Andrew's Church hall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 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.

### **INVITATIONS FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON**

You are invited to the two Thanksgiving Masses for:

- for the Ministry of Bishop Patrick Lynch on Wednesday 18 January at 6:00pm and
- for the Ministry of Mgr Matthew Dickens in his role as Vicar General on Saturday 28 January at 12:30pm

Both Masses will be at St George's Cathedral and followed by a Reception in Amigo Hall.

### **INVITATION TO RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY CELEBRATION BY ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON**

Our Chaplaincies are invited on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February to St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY, when Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating Racial Justice Sunday. It has been organised by the Racial Justice and Cultural Inclusion Commission. Our Chaplaincies are kindly asked to come in their traditional dress and costumes and possibly a flag of their country of origin. This will add vigour and colour to the occasion. Mass will begin by 10.00am and everyone is requested to be seated at least 15 minutes before. Please confirm your participation and numbers attending to Jennifer Da Silva, Racial Justice & Cultural Inclusion team member, Goan Chaplaincy UK, tel: 07712273024.