

# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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## **PASTORAL TEAM**

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

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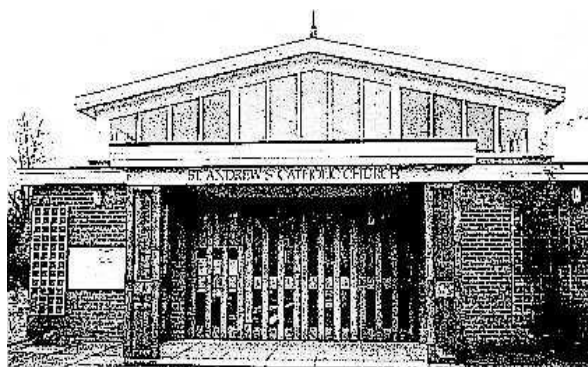
**Deacons:** Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine

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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.*



## 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)

### Message from Deacon Errol

#### What is Love?

In a Christian's life, everything must revolve around Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord (*Romans 14:8*). Everything we do is with Christ in mind. The world and all it offers can lead us away from the Gospel values into behaving as though we are not baptised into Christ. We might say,

I have the right to do anything, but not everything is beneficial. *1 Cor 6:12* And the Christian should not be mastered by anything except God and that which brings God to others.

As someone who works with young people, I can see how the youth can misunderstand life and interpret it differently, getting things wrong through no fault of theirs; love often being at the top of the list. Love is a subject that has been written and spoken about over the centuries. Love is probably the most loosely and carelessly used word in the English language to the point that we have lost its true meaning and worth.

Love is eternal and we know that love fascinates us all, but the question to which every young person wishes to have answered is, "What is love?" Love is a mystery that requires total commitment. Love is to immerse our self in Christ, and walk in Him, who renews His love for us each day, so that we are able to pass on what we have received from Him to others. The wealth of love lies buried in the first experience we bear our parents, our friends and our needy neighbour.

Through my interaction with young people, I know how easily admiration, emotions, desire, lust, and possessiveness can be misconstrued for love. Love is essentially a gift of oneself to another, which is a conscious choice of the will. This is how we become true lights of the world; allowing Christ to shine through us to light the path of others.

St John says, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." *1 John 4:7-9*

#### This Sunday's Readings

**Isaiah 58:7-10**

**Then will your light shine like the dawn**

**Psalms 111**

**The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright**

**1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

**During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus as the crucified Christ**

**Matthew 5:13-16**

**You are the light of the world**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>  <i>Racial Justice Day</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>	For the people of the parish Ajibola Oyeyinka RIP 10 Year Anniv Pasquelina (Rina) Fernandes RIP Moraes Family – Thanksgiving
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery</b>	Paul Etuka RIP Michael Tabinshi RIP
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.45pm R.C.I.A. (hall)</b>	Andradi Family – Wellbeing Lucia Day’s Intentions
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Irene Smith RIP Frank to B.V.M. – Thanks (Illhealth)
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Roland Neave RIP
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>10.30 – 12noon Adoration</b> <b>6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)</b>	Deceased Members Andradi Family RIP Mrs Christina Etuka – Special Intentions
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>  <i>World Day of Prayer for the Sick</i>	<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	Ryan Townsend – For a successful outcome
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Mary Sequiera RIP Paul Etuka 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

### CONFIRMATION 2023

This is the last weekend we will be accepting requests from those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 3rd June at 11am in St. Andrews parish. This will be administered by Canon Gerard Bradley our Episcopal Vicar for South West London. Those who apply must be in year 9 or above. Please make your request to Sr. Jennie or a Catechist after any of the Masses and be prepared to say why you wish to be confirmed.

### SAFEGUARDING

It has been noticed that some young children are attending Mass without a parent or carer. Please can we remind parents and carers that we should not have primary school aged children attending Mass unaccompanied. This would mean that no one is in loco parentis and St Andrew's parish cannot be held responsible for any concerns or incidents that might happen whilst a child is unsupervised. Whilst it is everyone's responsibility to safeguard children and vulnerable adults; parents and carers have a duty to act responsibly and not send their young children to Mass, which is a public place, on their own.

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend, 5<sup>th</sup> February, will be for Racial Justice Sunday. This collection is taken to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

## **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.

## **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.

## **FR ANTHONY - LEAVE**

Please note Fr Anthony will be away on leave from 13<sup>th</sup> February returning 14<sup>th</sup> March.

## **GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS**

This once a year ecumenical event has been organised by St Andrew's parish for many many years. The last person who took this on has moved and therefore a volunteer/volunteers are needed. Please can you help? If so give your name to the Priests, Deacons or the parish office. 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.

## **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**

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. If you would like to give some donations for our Warm Hub, you can leave these at the Presbytery, please donate soup, biscuits, teas/coffees and long life milk – thank you for your continued support.

We have given our details about the warm hub to some local organisations including Croydon Council but please pass on our details to anyone who you think would like to come along – everyone is most welcome.

## **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.org.uk](mailto:thorntonheathppc@rcaos.org.uk)

## **DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS**

Please join us in the Church every Saturday morning, 9.00–9.20am 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.

### **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 11<sup>th</sup> February 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.

### **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY CELEBRATION WITH ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON**

Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating Racial Justice Sunday today, 5th February, at St George's Cathedral, at 10.00am in collaboration with the Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion which is led by Canon Victor Darlington and followed by refreshments in the downstairs hall. Mass is for parishes, schools and chaplaincies and all are invited to attend and are encouraged to wear cultural dress and are asked to be seated by 9.45am. For more information about the event, please contact Jennifer Da Silva on 07712 273024 or via email [jenole@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jenole@hotmail.co.uk)

### **GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR CHURCH**

Our Church relies on people getting involved. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our Church? What aspects of Church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? If you want to get involved, please speak to a member of the Clergy.

### **ST JAMES THE GREAT SCHOOL – GOVERNOR VACANCY**

St James the Great Catholic Primary School have a Governor vacancy. This is a voluntary post and they would ideally like someone with a financial background but are not limited to this. If you are interested, please contact the clerk on [clerk@stjamesthegreat.org](mailto:clerk@stjamesthegreat.org) for further details.

### **BUILDING A BETTER MARRIGE**

How to get the marriage you want out of the marriage you have. This Saturday morning online course on February 18<sup>th</sup> is aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to improve their relationship further and gain insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no personal sharing between couples. For details email Carole on [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) or phone 07983 524 727.

### **GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST**

If you are mourning the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. It's being held at Aylesford Priory from March 24-26; cost £230 single, £210 shared. For more details phone 01622 717272 or email [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)

### **GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER**

SycamOre is an online course exploring our Catholic faith and suitable for individuals and couples alike. It runs throughout Lent, with weekly one-hour sessions on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm starting on February 28<sup>th</sup>. For more details or to register, visit the website: Growing in Faith Together — Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis ([rcaos.org.uk](http://rcaos.org.uk))

### **THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSPAPER**

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Here is the link to the latest edition of the Universe Catholic Weekly:-

<https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/universe-weekly-newsletters/january-2023/UNIVERSE-27-JAN-2023.pdf>