

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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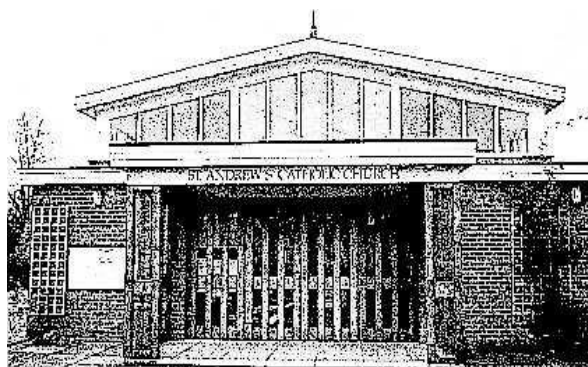
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Welcome to St Andrew's RC Church. Worship has been offered here since 1905. You are all very welcome to join in the hymns and other parts of the service as much as possible. Please switch mobile phones off and refrain from taking photographs, filming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



2nd April 2023 Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

Message from Fr Emmanuel

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Holy week gives us the opportunity to accompany Jesus on his final Journey. On that journey, he suffered betrayal, torture, crucifixion, and death. It gives us an insight in the fickleness of the human heart, but also into the immense compassion of God.

The gospel for procession from Matthew tells us that Jesus, the messiah, enters Jerusalem, not as an all-conquering warrior on horseback, but as a humble, gentle bearer of Good News riding on a donkey. Thus, he fulfils the prophecy of Zacharia (9.9) in this way, Jesus took on himself our human condition. He went ever further: He humbled himself to the point of accepting the most shameful kind of death-death on the cross.

The day on which Jesus died might well have been called "Bad Friday". But we call it "Good Friday". We do so because that dark day was made luminous by the goodness of Jesus, and because we see it in the light of Easter. His death may have seemed a defeat, it was not a defeat; it was a victory; the victory of love over hate, of good over evil, and of life over death.

The road of suffering is more narrow and difficult. But it is not the same since Jesus travelled it. A bright light illuminates it. And even though it leads to Calvary, it doesn't end there. It ends at Easter. Those who suffer with him on earth will share his glory in heaven.

On this day we remember the death of Jesus not as an arbitrary, heedless act of violence; rather, we honour his death as the supreme act of love. The love of one who "did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself" to become as we all are; and, by being as we are, to show that, in spite of our sins and stupidities, God still loves us.

This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult, I know I shall not be shamed

Psalms 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself; but God raised him high

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Diary for the Week

<p>Sunday 2nd April <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord</i> <i>Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses</i></p>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	<p>For the people of the parish Lucille Hylton RIP Paul Etuka RIP Suzanne Evans RIP</p>
	9.30am	Mass	
	11.30am	Mass	
	4.00pm	Confirmation Session	
	6.00pm	Mass	
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	
<p>Monday 3rd April</p>	7.30am	Mass	<p>Maria & Salomao Rebello RIP Joe Kinsella RIP</p>
	10.00am	Mass	
	7.00pm	Parish Penitential Service/ Confessions	
<p>Tuesday 4th April</p>	7.30am	Mass	<p>Andradi Family – Wellbeing Suzanne Evans RIP</p>
	10.00am	Mass	
	7.00pm	RCIA/RCIC Rehearsals	
<p>Wednesday 5th April</p>	8.00am	Mass	<p>Emmanuel Adizuanwa-Negbo</p>
	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (hall)	
<p>Thursday 6th April <i>Holy Thursday</i></p>	6.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	<p>For the people of the parish</p>
<p>Friday 7th April <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Fast and Abstinence</i></p>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
	10.00am	Stations of the Cross	
	12noon	Walk of Witness	
	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday	
<p>Saturday 8th April <i>Holy Saturday</i> <i>Easter Vigil</i></p>	8.00pm	Easter Vigil	<p>For the people of the parish</p>
<p>Sunday 9th April <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord</i></p>	9.30am	Mass	<p>Ronald Haslam RIP Assi Victor D'Sa RIP 1st Anniv</p>
	11.30am	Mass	
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

LENT

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord– 2nd April

Our observance of Lent culminates in the solemn celebrations of Holy Week when on Palm Sunday we follow Christ from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to the foot of the Cross as sorrowful bystanders to His Passion, before rolling back the stone of the empty tomb and the joy of the Resurrection.

Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses. Please note that on Palm Sunday for the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses, please gather in the hall.

Parish Penitential Service

Please join us for our Parish Penitential Service on Monday 3rd April at 7pm. This is a great way to prepare for Easter so please do come along.

Please take home with you our Easter card with all the information about our services for Easter.

Please take home the Easter poster which should be put on your window on Palm Sunday but not showing "He Is Risen" until Easter Sunday and then taking the poster down on Easter Monday.

Also available are the Easter envelopes which is the Easter collection for our Priests of the Parish.

Walk of Witness

Please do join us for our Walk of Witness on Good Friday, 7th April. Please all assemble outside the Job Centre in Thornton Heath High Street at 11.45am. The walk has been organised by members of the local churches in Thornton Heath of all denominations. Afterwards you are invited to St Andrew's hall for a frugal lunch (bread roll and soup) and we would welcome donations in aid of CAFOD. Please see the poster in the porch for more info.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR FLOWERS

The cost of flowers, as with everything else, has increased! This weekend, 2nd April, if you would like to help us to provide flowers for our Church, please donate this weekend, however small. Thank you for your generosity.

FEAST OF ST GEORGE CELEBRATION

The Social Committee are holding a St George's Day Sparking Tea Party! On Saturday 22nd April between 2.00-5.00pm in the hall. Tickets will be £10 per adult and £5 per child (under 11years) and will start with a glass of sparkling wine. Tickets will be on sale this weekend after Masses.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2023/2024

Envelopes from 6th April 2023 – 5th April 2024 are available for collection at all Masses on the weekend of 1st and 2nd of April. Please come to collect your boxes. Envelopes are only available to parishioners who are currently using envelopes this year. If you do not want to use envelopes any more from next year onwards please write down your box number with your name and give it to any priests. You can continue to donate online by using the contactless card reader at the back of the church or via your online banking. Should you wish to set up a standing order please complete a banker's order form available at the back of the church and hand it over to the priest. Thank you for your generosity

ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE

Thank you to everyone who has confirmed their availability for the Paschal Triduum. There will be a practice this Sunday after the 11.30am Mass

PARISH SURGERY

There is no surgery now as it is the Easter school holidays. The next one will be on Monday 17th April.

CHILDREN'S REHEARSALS FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All children from St Andrew's parish, years 1-6, are invited to take part in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. There will be two rehearsals for children who wish to join the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 10am. The dates are: Saturday 1st April at 11.30am in the Church and Wednesday 5th April at 10am in the Church. It is very important that all children involved attend the rehearsals. For more info please call Bernadette on 07729 322571.

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. Our details about the warm hub have been passed 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.

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 or collect a leaflet in the porch.

EASTER MY DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS

The Easter My Day by Day booklets are now available and you can buy these from the Repository now.

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 8th April 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.

NEW HYMN BOOKS

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our new hymn books. We are in the process of arranging for the dedications to be printed and sourcing a new cover for the books. Hopefully we will have the new books in the Church soon for us to use. Thank you for your patience while we sort this out.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week on Good Friday, will be for Holy Places. The places connected with Our Lord's Passion have always been centres of veneration and pilgrimage. This Good Friday collection is sent for their upkeep, and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area.

REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Sunday.

ROSARY GROUP

The Rosary is prayed each weekday after the 10am Mass and Saturday 9.30am Mass (Fridays 10.30 – 12noon Adoration). After Mass and after a few minutes of silence the Rosary will be prayed and then, after a short pause, other devotional prayers will be prayed. All are welcome to join however long you can stay – there is no formal membership, just a desire to pray the Rosary.

MASS OFFERING BOOKINGS AND DONATIONS THROUGH PAYPAL

If you would like to use the facility to book your mass intentions and make donations through Paypal, please go on our website where you will find the "Donations" menu. Please follow the instructions given there. Mass bookings can still be booked in the normal way using envelopes in the porch.

CHURCH CLEANING

We are always in need of more people who would like to volunteer for this important task of cleaning God's house. If you can spare an hour and would like to help by joining one of our groups, kindly contact Fifi on 07932 764273. Thank you.

MASS REQUESTS & OFFERINGS

Please post your Mass Offering Envelopes through the presbytery door or hand over to a Priest. There are envelopes in the porch.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Have you suffered a divorce or separation? If so, there is a residential weekend to help you heal being held from April 21-23 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For more information, ring Freda on 01322 838415 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com