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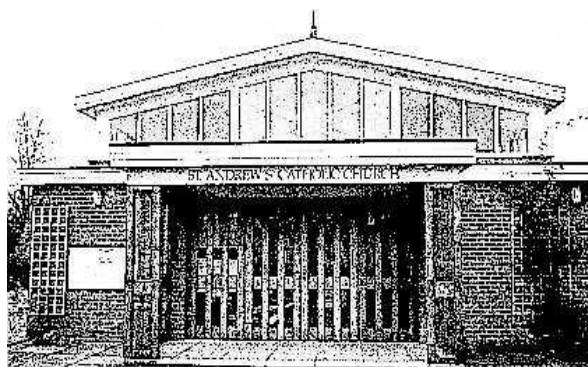
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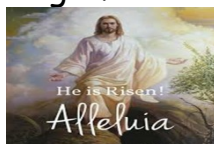
Welcome to St Andrew's RC Church. Worship has been offered here since 1905. You are all very welcome to join in the hymns and other parts of the service as much as possible. Please switch mobile phones off and refrain from taking photographs, filming or recording.



9th April 2023

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord

Message from Fr Anthony



Christ The Lord Is Risen Today: Alleluia, Alleluia!

In the gospel that we read just now, the women came to anoint and bury Jesus and found an empty tomb. They ran to tell the disciples to announce the astounding news. It was a difficult time for everyone. A terrible time. Jesus crucified! The death of all their hopes and dreams, and the shame that they had run away, leaving him to suffer and die alone... except, of course, for his mother and few friends. And yet in his final agony, Jesus was heard to say from the cross: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." It was to be his final gesture of self-sacrificing love and service to us. The Saviour of the World, and we unable to raise a hand to save him. "Lord have mercy on us all."

A poet once wrote about the two arms of God: the right arm of Justice, and Justice must be served, and the left arm of Mercy, Mercy, that forgives. And when Jesus cries out on the cross, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do," his Father is left no choice, for his son has asked for mercy and for forgiveness for us all.

Today we do not celebrate Jesus rising from the dead to go back to some heaven from where he came. We celebrate something more. Jesus comes to stay. He comes to share his life with ours, not to teach us how to die and leave us, but how to live and love in this often sad and weary world. That is why the Father gives His only Son into our hands, that we might never be alone again, without his loving care.

Jesus knows our aches and pains and all our sorrows too, our need to love and to be loved, to reach out and care for one another as he himself has always cared for us. Jesus has promised us "to be with us always" and we'll never be alone again. "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection

Psalm 117

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad

Colossians 3:1-4

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is

John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead

Diary for the Week

<i>Sunday 9th April</i> <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	8.00pm (Saturday) 9.30am 11.30am 7.00 - 9.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass Mass Mass Charismatic Prayer Group	For the people of the parish Ronald Haslam RIP Assi Victor D'Sa RIP 1 st Anniv
<i>Monday 10th April</i> <i>Easter Monday</i>	10.00am	Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
<i>Tuesday 11th April</i>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Antoinette Underwood RIP Margaret Crossley RIP
<i>Wednesday 12th April</i>	7.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (hall)	Fr. Farmer Op RIP Betty Conway RIP
<i>Thursday 13th April</i>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Antoinette Underwood RIP Margaret Crossley RIP
<i>Friday 14th April</i>	7.30am 10.00am 10.30 – 12noon	Mass Mass Adoration	Ana Rita Fernandes RIP Anniv Julius Filomeno Fernandes RIP
<i>Saturday 15th April</i>	9.30am 10.00 – 10.30am 5.00 – 5.30pm 6.00pm	Mass Confessions Confessions First Mass of Sunday	Paul Etuka RIP Ignatius Pereira RIP
<i>Sunday 16th April</i> <i>2nd Sunday of Easter Feast of the Divine Mercy</i>	9.30am 11.30am 2.00pm 2.30pm 6.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Mass Mass The Divine Mercy Sunday Service followed by Mass Mass Mass Charismatic Prayer Group	Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family – Thanksgiving Chantella & Anastasia – Birthday wishes For the people of the parish
<i>Monday 17th April</i>	7.30am 10.00am 7.00 – 9.00pm	Mass Mass Parish Surgery	Cedric Higher RIP Margaret Crossley RIP
<i>Tuesday 18th April</i>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Paul Etuka RIP Peter Young– 80 th Birthday & Wellbeing
<i>Wednesday 19th April</i>	7.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Mass Mass Legion of Mary (hall)	Chuks Etuka – Special Intentions Sr Mary Martin RIP

<i>Thursday 20th</i> <i>April</i>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Adrian Gladwin Freeman RIP Anniv
<i>Friday 21st April</i>	7.30am 10.00am 10.30 – 12noon 6.30pm	Mass Mass Adoration Brownies/Guides (hall)	Margaret Crossley RIP
<i>Saturday 22nd</i> <i>April</i>	9.00 - 9.20am 9.15am 9.30am 10.00 – 10.30am 5.00 – 5.30pm 6.00pm	Divine Mercy Prayers First Holy Communion Mass Confessions Confessions First Mass of Sunday	Paul Etuka RIP Esther Oyeyinka– Birthday & Wellbeing
<i>Sunday 23rd April</i> <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am 11.30am 4.00pm 6.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Mass Mass Confirmation Session Mass Charismatic Prayer Group	Madeline Victoire – 94 th Birthday Owen & June Simon RIP For the people of the parish

Church cleaners: this week: St Jude's Group, next weeks: Judie's Crew (19.4.23), Fifi's Group (26.4.23)

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

FR EMMANUEL

As you all know Fr Emmanuel will be leaving us soon to return to Nigeria. His last day with us is on Friday 28th April. Fr Emmanuel would like to invite all parishioners for his leaving Mass on Friday 28th April at 6.30pm. Afterwards you are invited into the hall for a small reception. Also we are having a farewell collection for Fr Emmanuel and if you would like to contribute, please use one of the envelopes in the porch.

EASTER ENVELOPES

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

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.

THE DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy Sunday Service is on Sunday 16th April, 2 - 4pm and includes Mass at 2.30pm. There will be no Saturday morning Divine Mercy prayer gathering on 15th April. All are very welcome to attend.

PARISH SURGERY

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

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.

GHANAIAN COMMITTEE MEETING

The group will be meeting on Sunday 16th April in the hall following the 11.30am Mass.

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.

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 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 22nd 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

The second collection on 23rd April will be for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral. St George's Cathedral, Southwark, is the mother church of the diocese. This collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral.

REPOSITORY

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

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.

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 22nd April from 12.30 – 4.00pm. All are very welcome to come along, for further information please call Simon on 07947 493683.

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.

TEACHING AND LEADING IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Are you a Catholic and a teacher, middle or senior leader in a community school or academy and interested in taking up a role in Catholic education? If so, the Archdiocese of Southwark Education Commission would like to invite you to a twilight session: Teaching and Leading in Catholic Schools.

The session will include opportunities to meet current leaders and the education team, find out about Catholic schools and tips in relation to the application process. This event will be held on Thursday 27th April from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Amigo Hall, Lambeth Road SE1 6HR.

If you are interested in attending please register or if you have any queries please contact Sharon Docherty, RE Team Leader and Professional Learning Manager sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk tel: 01689 829 331 or website: www.rcaoseducation.org.uk

OFFICE CLOSURE

From 11th to 17th April the office will be closed due to staff leave. During this time the office answer phone will not be manned so please do not leave messages but please email the office instead. The office will re-open again on 18th April. Our next newsletter will be on Sunday 23rd April.



*Wishing you the Joy and Peace of Easter
Fathers Emmanuel, Anthony and Brendan
Deacons Tony and Errol
Sisters Sheila and Jennie*