

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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PASTORAL TEAM

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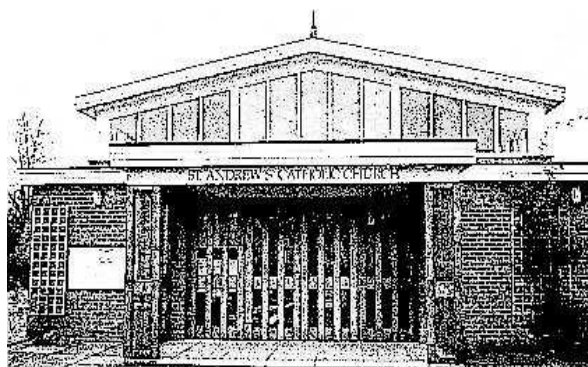
Deacons: Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine

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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.



28th May 2023 Pentecost Sunday (A)

Message from Deacon Errol

The Holy Ghost Action

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, which is the source of power at work in our lives to help us escape the miserable weakness that grips us. The lives of the early Christians changed dramatically by the action of the Holy Spirit. The book of Acts is filled with accounts of the early Church's remarkable spiritual impact on the surrounding society. A transformation was so evident that nonbelievers accused the Christians of "turning the world upside down" (Acts 17:6). Such was the dynamic, miraculous power of the Holy Spirit.

The madness of today's world is such that if we are to live victoriously as Christians, we need to focus on the work Jesus has done for us, and the work the Holy Spirit is doing in us. Therefore, we need Jesus for our eternal life, and we need the Holy Spirit for our internal life, and God sees how we do in both areas.

It was the Holy Spirit who in the Old Testament gave power to Moses to deliver the people of Israel from Pharaoh's tyranny and led them through the desert for forty years. It was by the same power of the Holy Spirit that the Incarnation took place. (Luke 1:35)

The Holy Spirit replaces our desires for earthly gains and fills us with the desires of heavenly things and the desire to make Christ known, and the gifts of the Spirit made visible. He fills us with peace and joy even in the midst of distress and sorrow. The Holy Spirit lightens the mind and lifts the veil Satan has put over our minds, so we can understand the things of God and scripture, and gives us power to resist the temptations of Satan.

The disciples took a step of faith to go to the Upper Room, and like them, we need to take a step into our inner room, into our hearts, in prayer and meditation to encounter the Holy Spirit's transforming power with a new heart of flesh to follow Christ Jesus in spirit and in truth. Come, Holy Spirit, with gifts to bestow to heal our broken world. Amen.

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:1-11

Psalms 103

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth

In the one Spirit we were all baptised

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit

Diary for the Week

Sunday 28th May <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Christopher & Georgina Igbudu – Birthday
	9.30am	Mass	Fifi Ilunga – Wellbeing
	11.30am	Mass	Madame Agnes Amma Nsiah RIP 2 nd Anniv
	6.00pm	Mass	For the people of the parish
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	
Monday 29th May <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i> <i>Spring Bank Holiday</i>	10.00am	Mass	Mary Rawitzer RIP 1st Anniv
Tuesday 30th May	7.30am	Mass	Deceased relatives of Andradi Family RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Maureen Patient 1 year Anniv
Wednesday 31st May <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7.30am	Mass	Sr Mary Jude Parkinson RIP Anniv
	10.00am	Mass	Antoinette Underwood RIP
	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (hall)	
Thursday 1st June <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>	7.30am	Mass	Antonio Gonsalves RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Gill Patient RIP Birthday
Friday 2nd June	7.30am	Mass	Romina Etuka - Special Intentions
	10.00am	Mass	Apolonia and Carol Okoroafor RIP
	10.30 – 12noon	Adoration	
Saturday 3rd June	9.00 - 9.20am	Divine Mercy Prayers	All Souls in Purgatory RIP
	9.30am	Mass	
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	11.00am	Confirmation Mass with the Bishop	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
Sunday 4th June <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	For the people of the parish
	9.30am	Mass	Esther Oyeyinka & Family - Wellbeing
	11.30am	Mass	Theophil Arthur – Birthday
	6.00pm	Mass	Power & Fennelly Families (F)
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

CONFIRMATIONS

Our congratulations to all our candidates on their Confirmations this coming Saturday, 3rd June. Our grateful thanks also to our team of Catechists for their hard work and dedication in preparing our candidates in their studies making them ready to receive this vital Sacrament. Please remember them in your prayers.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

On this special Pentecost Sunday, we are inviting our parishioners to join us for our 9.30am and 11.30am Masses wearing their traditional dress. Thank you to everyone who have embraced our invitation to come together in your special outfits from around the world so we can all celebrate together this special Pentecost Sunday.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection today Pentecost Sunday is for the Spiritan Feast Day collection. This collection is for the Holy Ghost Fathers and the missionary work carried out worldwide. You can use an envelope (The Spiritans) from the porch. Thank you.

INVITATION TO FR ANTHONY'S INDUCTION MASS

Fr Anthony would like to invite everyone to his Induction Mass to celebrate his role as the new Parish Priest of St Andrew's Church.

The Mass will be celebrated by The Episcopal Vicar for South West London Rev. Canon Gerard Bradley on Friday 30th June at 7.00pm followed by a small reception in our hall. Fr Anthony hopes that you will be able to join him for this important Mass here at St Andrew's.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

There are still some parishioners who have not collected their gift aid envelopes. Please make an effort to collect your boxes as they provide an additional income to the parish by way of tax claims from the tax office.

You will not have anymore left from last year. These are for the current tax year 2023-2024 and these are located at the back of the church next to the font.

TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS

Please do go along to the hall after the Sunday 9.30am Mass where tea/coffee and cakes are always served. All are welcome.

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.

PARISH SURGERY

Monday 29th May is a bank holiday so there will not be parish surgery. The next one will be on Monday 5th June from 7.00 – 9.00pm.

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.

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 10th June 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.

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.

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Michael Page RIP. Michael died on Thursday 18th May. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family. Funeral details will follow in due course.

CANDLE STANDS

Thank you to those who have contacted us to volunteer to help with the maintenance and cleaning of our candle stands. The group have met and talked about the procedures but if you wish to still volunteer, please do let Fr Anthony have your name and telephone number as you would be most welcome to join too.

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. Please post your Mass Offering envelopes through the presbytery door or hand over to a Priest.

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 every few weeks or so and would like to help by joining one of our groups, kindly contact Fifi on 07932 764273. Thank you.

CARPARK

Please can we ask you *not* to park in the NO PARKING section in our Church car park. This area is reserved for emergency crews only and we are obliged to keep this area free always for their vehicles.

CAFOD

Following the footsteps of the Saints - Called to action by our faith – Saturday 10th June

You are invited to CAFOD’s International Office on Saturday 10th June for a short time exploring our faith, why we campaign and how you can help. The morning will include guest speakers and a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as Live Simply, Our unfair Food System and Liturgy resources. The morning will run from 10.30-1pm at CAFOD’s Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further information contact Sarah or Celeste southwark@cafod.org.uk for booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events>