

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

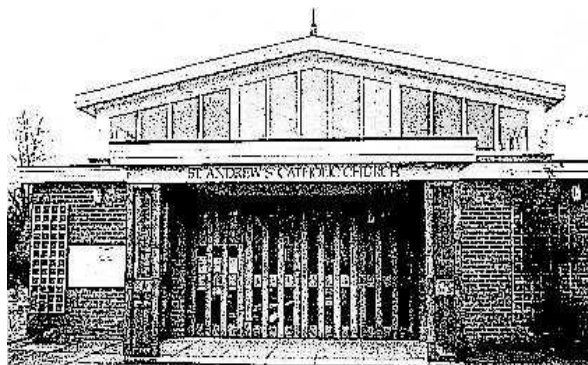
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PASTORAL TEAM

Priests: Fr Anthony Saffa C.S.Sp.
Fr Brendan Ona C.S.Sp.
Deacons: Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine
Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ
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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 July 2023
13th Sunday of the Year (A)

Message from Deacon Tony

Monday is the feast day of St Thomas the Apostle. The one known as Doubting Thomas. You will recall that Thomas was not with the apostles when Jesus first appeared to them in the upper room after his resurrection. He told the brethren that until he could physical touch Jesus' wounds he would not believe that the resurrection had taken place.

Needless to say, Jesus proved to Thomas that he had truly risen. It's interesting that in 1945 a document was found in Nag Hammadi, Egypt that appeared to be "the Gospel of Thomas". Obviously, doubt was cast on its authenticity. This document was not so much a narrative of the life and work of Jesus; it was more a collection of one hundred and fourteen of Jesus' sayings. It also recalls thirteen of the sixteen parables. The fact it is written in the Coptic language means it is therefore assumed to have been written much later than the four canonical Gospels, all of which were written in Greek.

We understand that in later life Thomas travelled to India, in about 52AD. He landed on the south west Kerala coast where he had a great impact on many of the locals. He baptised many families some of whom, in modern times can trace their ancestry back to such events. However, as is the case with so many early Christians, he upset too many people and was martyred on 3 July 72AD.

Our important lesson to take away from the life of Thomas is that in his doubts Christ said to him, "I am here, I am real" and when we have doubts he will say it to us too.

This Sunday's Readings

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| 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 | This is a holy man of God; let him rest there |
| Psalms 88 | I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord |
| Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 | When we were baptised we went into the tomb with Christ, so that we too might live a new life |
| Matthew 10:37-42 | Anyone who does not take his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me |

Diary for the Week

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| Sunday 2nd July <i>13th Sunday of the Year</i> | 6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group | For the people of the parish Peter Pires The Badu Family – Thanksgiving Donal Lappin RIP |
| Monday 3rd July | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery | Mary Donnelly (F) Irineu Fernandes – Birthday & Thanksgiving |
| Tuesday 4th July | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass | “Frank” to BVM – Successful operation Michael Rabbitt RIP |
| Wednesday 5th July | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall) | Sr Mary Martin RIP Annie Walsh RIP |
| Thursday 6th July | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass | Margaret Chambers RIP Anniv John Burke RIP |
| Friday 7th July | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall) | Paul Etuka RIP Assi Victor D’Sa RIP Birthday |
| Saturday 8th July | 9.00 - 9.20am Divine Mercy Prayers 9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday | Trevin Pinto RIP For the people of the parish |
| Sunday 9th July <i>14th Sunday of the Year</i> | 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group | Deceased Freeman Family RIP Rev Deacon Errol Quagraine – Anniv The Etuka Family – Special Intentions |

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

St. Andrew’s Parish Notices

FR ANTHONY’S INDUCTION MASS

Following Fr Anthony’s announcements last week, we are sorry to have to let you know that Fr Anthony’s Induction Mass which was planned for Friday 30th June has had to be postponed. Fr Anthony is waiting for a new date and we will let you know as soon as possible.

We apologise for the short notice and for any inconvenience caused.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – PETER’S PENCE

By reason of the bond of unity and charity, the bishops of the Church, with their people, join together to produce those means which the Holy Father and the Apostolic See need to exercise works of mercy and charity and its service of the Universal Church. The faithful’s offerings to the Holy Father are destined to church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope, being pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and faithful in grave difficulties: the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalised and the victims of war and natural disasters. Concrete aid is thus made available to bishops or dioceses in need, to Catholic education, assistance, to refugees and immigrants, etc. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

THANK YOU - AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Jerry Lohan from the Aid to the Church in Need would like us to pass on his grateful thanks for the warm welcome he received from St Andrew’s last weekend. Thank you for your generous support and prayers to our suffering brothers and sisters. Your support is greatly appreciated.

PARISH DAY OUT AT AYLESFORD

Last year we had a wonderful parish day out at Aylesford. This year it will take place on Saturday 19th August. We shall leave at 8.30am from St Andrew's and arrive back for 6pm Mass. On the coach we shall celebrate Lauds and we shall then have Mass at Aylesford, walk the Rosary Way together, and have a talk given by Fr Anthony. Afterwards we will then enjoy our lunch with games together on the green.

The coach will take 53 people. Tickets will be £20 for an adult and £10 for a child. Tickets will go on sale on the 2nd Sunday of July on a first come first served basis. Please bring a packed lunch/food to share.

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

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.

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.

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 run two sessions per month. The next one will be held in St Andrew's Church hall on Saturday 8th July 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 and thank you to those who have donated.

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.

400 CLUB

If you would like to join the 400 Club, or would like further information, please contact our new 400 Club Secretary, Rose Ellerton, email: club_400@hotmail.com

There are some membership forms and information in the porch, please take a copy home.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The group will be meeting in the hall following the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 9th July.

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 who sadly passed away recently. His family would like to invite parishioners to his funeral service at St Andrews on Tuesday 11th July at 10am. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family.

CHURCH CLEANING

We are grateful to those who help to clean our church. We are still appealing for more hands to help with 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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - SEA SUNDAY

Stella Maris (formerly the Apostleship of the Sea) is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. Port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome seafarers, offer welfare service and advice, practical help, care and friendship. Stella Maris in Great Britain is part of an international network in more than 250 ports around the world. 90% of world trade is transported by ship, however the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their family and loved ones and often working in harsh conditions. Stella Maris relies wholly on voluntary contributions, and can only continue its work through the generous donations of its supporters, particularly this collection.

You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

MISSIO

Missio is proud to be the Pope's charity for world mission. Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. For almost 200 years, Missio have been supporting world mission, providing missionaries with the spiritual and material support they need to enable local people to build and sustain their own faith communities. Today Missio continue to empower the Catholic Church globally, showing the love of Christ to everyone, and especially to those in need. We achieve this with the Mill Hill Missionaries, and your generous Red Box donations.

If you would like a Red Box or more info please contact Savio on 07902 933534. We hope to give a date shortly for those who would like to bring in their boxes for emptying.

RACIAL JUSTICE IN THE CHURCH: *Walking together, praying together, and working together*

Webinar: 11th July 14:00-15:30

A webinar will be held this summer to build upon the work which has taken place around *Racial Justice Sunday* in recent years, and is open to anyone who wishes to discover more about racial justice in the Church. Participants will be encouraged to learn from one another, and to share their own experiences and initiatives, which will help inform the ongoing mission of the Bishops' Conference in this area.

As part of this, two projects which have received favourable attention in the national media will be shared: the Image and Likeness of God initiative which celebrates images of Our Lady and the Child Jesus from a range of countries and cultures; and the Walking Together, Praying Together, and Working Together project, which reflects on the role that each of us has to play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church. To register interest: www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church

CATHEDRAL MASS IN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3.00pm on September 23rd. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, please email your details to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk. The details needed are full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline is July 31st.

SUMMERTIME 2023: 1ST – 4TH AUGUST

The annual Summertime for Altar Servers aged 11–17 is being held again on 1-4 August. The venue is the Oratory school in Reading. Total Cost £169. There are some forms available from the porch with an application form on the back or visit website www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com or email dartford@rcaos.org.uk. It is a brilliant few days of prayer and recreation. For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, Chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen: Tel: 01322 220075.

VACANCIES/SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please check our noticeboard for some of the vacancies and school open days and evenings that we have been asked to let you know about.