

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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PASTORAL TEAM

Priests: Fr Anthony Saffa C.S.Sp.

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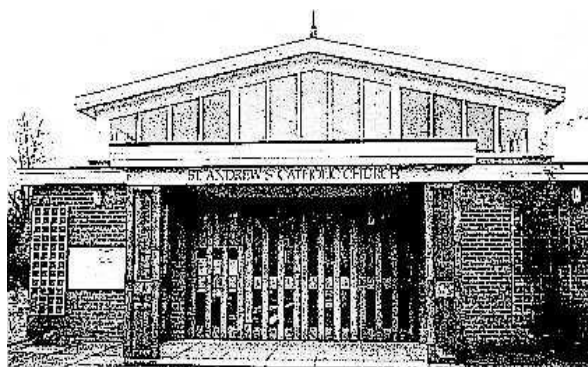
Deacons: Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine

Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ

Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy: Sr. Sheila DMJ

Infant Baptisms: Please contact - baptism.standrews@gmail.com

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.



11th June 2023

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (A)

Message from Deacon Tony

Happy Corpus Christi! Well that's the name most Catholics know this feast day by, but to give its real name we'd say The Feast of The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, or to be really technical *Dies Sanctissimi Corporis et Sanguinis Domini Iesu Christi*, but Corpus Christi will do,

While in England and Wales it is now transferred to a Sunday, traditionally it is observed on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday as happens in many other countries. Many of us will remember the Corpus Christi processions we would have on the feast day. Girls would wear their communion dresses again; boys would look equally as smart (albeit in my case in my school uniform) and we would follow the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance around the playground.

Such processions still happen. A few years ago, I joined one that walked around the streets of the West End of London. It was very interesting to see people's reactions. Some stared inquisitively, some stopped and bowed, less than a handful joined us and one or two even knelt or genuflected as we went past while the majority just let us go about our business. Those who did acknowledge us, joined with us, spiritually if not physically

The Eucharist is a uniting feature for us, as we hear today in our second reading from Paul to the Corinthians:-

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

This Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

He fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known

Psalms 147

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

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John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink

Diary for the Week

Sunday 11th June <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Michael McGovern RIP recently deceased
	9.30am	Mass (with Uniform Groups)	For the Soul of Maria Rosa Fernandes Jordan & Sabina – Birthday wishes For the people of the parish
	11.30am	Mass	
	6.00pm	Mass	
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	
Monday 12th June	7.30am	Mass	Michael & Phyllis Keane (F) Esther Oyeyinka – Wellbeing & Protection
	10.00am	Mass	
	7.00 – 9.00pm	Parish Surgery	
Tuesday 13th June	7.30am	Mass	St Anthony of Padua (Feast Day) – Thanksgiving Celebration of St Anthony – from Eugene Fernandes & Family
	10.00am	Mass	
Wednesday 14th June	7.30am	Mass	Heather Nicholas – Thanksgiving Birthday Michael D’Souza RIP Anniv
	10.00am	Mass	
	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (hall)	
Thursday 15th June	7.30am	Mass	Francis Tucker (F)
	10.00am	Mass	
Friday 16th June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	7.30am	Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	10.30 – 12noon	Adoration	
	6.30pm	Brownies/Guides (hall)	
Saturday 17th June <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00 - 9.20am	Divine Mercy Prayers	Mary Badu – Birthday Antonio Gonsalves RIP – 1 Month Anniv of death
	9.30am	Mass	
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 18th June <i>11th Sunday of the Year</i> <i>(Father’s Day)</i>	9.30am	Mass	Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family - Thanksgiving Rev. Deacon Errol Quagraine – 13 th Ordination Anniv For the people of the parish
	11.30am	Mass	
	6.00pm	Mass	
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

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.

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.

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY’S 15TH ANNIVERSARY

The St Andrew's Ghanaian Community will celebrate their 15th Anniversary on Sunday, 18th June. There will be a reception after the 11:30am Mass in the hall. **All are welcome.** It is also the 13th Ordination Anniversary of Rev Deacon Errol Quagraine. Please remember him, Angela and the family in your prayers.

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 24th 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.

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.

400 CLUB

No. 157 Linda Lands - 1st prize £20

No. 24 Lalitha Persaud - 2nd prize £10

No. 78 Henry Barrie - 3rd prize £10

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED

It is with sadness that we let you know that Antonio Gonsalves RIP died recently on 17th May. Antonio has been a parishioner here for a long time so he will be very well known to many. His family would like to invite parishioners to his funeral service at St Andrews on 26th June at 12noon.

The Committal is at 2.15pm at Croydon Cremation, East Chapel Thornton Road, Thornton Heath, immediately followed by a reception in our hall. The family have asked instead of flowers, you may wish to make a donation to Parkinson's UK. Donation envelopes will be available at the Church. For further details, condolence messages and online donations to Parkinson's UK, please visit this webpage. <https://antoniogonsalves.muchloved.com/> Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family.

SECOND COLLECTION - DAY FOR LIFE – WEEKEND OF 17/18 JUNE

This is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the Day for Life collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities

supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in the particular field determined by the theme of the year.

We encourage you to pray about the protection of life in the womb and for improvements in legislation which will better protect the unborn and women.

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.

MISSION TODAY

Please take home for you to read a copy of the Mission Today Summer 2023 Impact Report.

SAFER RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Please see below the Safer Recruitment instructions for your information. Fr Anthony and the Parish Safeguarding Reps of St Andrew's would like everyone to be aware that obtaining a valid DBS for volunteering to work with children and/or vulnerable adults in our parish is very important.

RC Archdiocese of Southwark – Safer Recruitment process for volunteers - St Andrew's Thornton Heath

Follow the five steps below to obtain a valid DBS for volunteering to work with children and/or vulnerable adults in our parish:

1. You or your group leader should email the PSR (Parish Safeguarding Rep) on thorntonheathsg1@safeguardraos.org.uk giving your full name, email address and your date of birth.
2. If you are a new applicant, you will receive a Parish Application Form to complete. This includes giving the names and details of two referees. If it is a DBS renewal you will skip this stage.
3. After references have been obtained the PSR will request the safeguarding office add you to the online application system. You will then receive an email asking you to complete an online form using your DOB as your unique identity number to log in. You should complete this form asap to avoid any delay. It will require you to detail the identity documents upon which you are relying such as passport, driving licence and documents for proof of your address.
4. The PSR will then get an alert to say you are ready to have your Identity verified and will arrange to meet with you to discuss your application and see your original ID documents that you have listed, the PSR will take a copy and submit these together with an online form in your presence which will be sent to CSAS (Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service) who will process the application.
5. Once processed the DBS certificate will be issued directly to you and the PSR, Parish Priest will be informed when a certificate is issued, and your group leader will then be informed.
6. **Only once volunteers have been issued with a valid DBS certificate which lasts for three years should they start their volunteering with a parish group.**

**The above safer recruitment process relies on all parties adhering to three C's throughout the process:
Co-operation, Commitment and Communication**

This way we can ensure that our parish is a safe place for our children and vulnerable adults and that only suitable volunteers are carrying out regulated activities within our parish and that we are complying with diocesan and national Catholic Safeguarding Policies.

And finally, a gentle reminder that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and if you wish to raise any concerns contact the PSR of the safeguarding office on 0207 261 1606, and if you think a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger call 999.

Lesley Brennan & Christine Monahan St Andrew's PSR's, May 2023