

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.

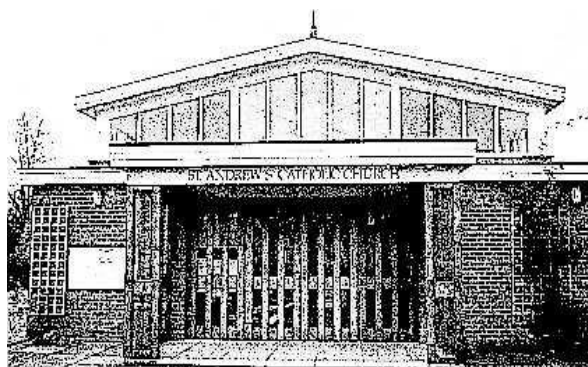
Deacons: Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine

Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ

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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.



18th June 2023 11th Sunday of the Year (A)

Message from Deacon Errol

Celebrating Diversity in the Body of Christ

The Ghanaian community of St Andrew's celebrates its fifteenth anniversary this weekend. Why is it necessary to form communities within a community of believers? The answer is simply to strengthen, embrace and celebrate diversity in the one body of Christ. This way we can bring the various cultures together in one harmonious voice to proclaim the beauty of God's love within His creation.

The Godhead is a Community of Three Persons, so while it is right to regard the Church as having Christ as its centre, it is easy to overlook the very important role of the Spirit. The structure of the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles seems to be helping us gain a proper understanding of the relationship that should exist between the Godhead (Father, Son and Spirit), a beautiful relationship of Three Persons, one God. Our diverse cultures fused together can make a beautiful parish family, united and ready to respond well to various needs of the parish.

The Church will ever be expressed through a variety of gifts, talents and backgrounds, and St Paul reminds us that we are recipients of these gifts, which enable us to continue to contribute to the building up the one universal body through our building up of the local church (1 Cor 12). Differences therefore, show forth the wonder of the fruitfulness of the Spirit, and so we need to celebrate of different expressions of church.

When Angela and I approached the late Fr Francis, the then Parish Priest, to start this community at St Andrew's, to encourage our members (young and old), to be more active in the faith and in the life of the church, we knew it wasn't going to be easy. However, with prayer and determination, and with the support of likeminded people, bringing their gifts and talents, here we are, celebrating our 15th Anniversary. Thanks be to God!

By celebrating diversity, we step forward to continue the work of gathering all peoples into the embrace of God, so that the communion of Father, Son, and Spirit is visible in the communion of all peoples and all creation. God Bless our St Andrew's family.

This Sunday's Readings

Exodus 19:2-6

I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation

Psalms 99

We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Romans 5:6-11

Now that we have been reconciled by the death of his Son, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son

Matthew 9:36-10:8

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out

Diary for the Week

Sunday 18th June <i>11th Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Father's Day</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Antonio Gonsalves RIP – 1 Month Anniv of death Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family – Thanksgiving Rev Deacon Errol Quagraine – 13 th Ordination Anniv For the people of the parish
	9.30am	Mass	
	11.30am	Mass	
	6.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Mass Charismatic Prayer Group	
Monday 19th June	7.30am	Mass	Jim Alford RIP Rev Fr Farmer RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	7.00 – 9.00pm	Parish Surgery	
Tuesday 20th June	7.30am	Mass	Jesus Pineda RIP – 1 Month Remembrance Cedric George Higher RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
Wednesday 21st June	7.30am	Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (hall)	
Thursday 22nd June	7.30am	Mass	Antonio Gonsalves RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
Friday 23rd June	7.30am	Mass	Private Intention Judex Leong-Chung RIP Anniv
	10.00am	Mass	
	10.30 – 12noon	Adoration	
	6.30pm	Brownies/Guides (hall)	
Saturday 24th June <i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	9.00 - 9.20am	Divine Mercy Prayers	Noreen Britto RIP For the people of the parish
	9.30am	Mass	
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 25th June <i>12th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am	Mass	For the Soul of Piedade Coelho Joshua Oyeyinka – Birthday Thanksgiving Mrs Kathleen Carrapiett RIP Anniv
	11.30am	Mass	
	6.00pm	Mass	
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

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

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.

SECOND COLLECTION - DAY FOR LIFE – THIS WEEKEND 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.

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY

The St Andrew's Ghanaian Community will celebrate their 15th Anniversary today, 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.

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.

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.

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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED NEXT WEEKEND - 24-25 JUNE

Next week we welcome Jerry Lohan who will be visiting our parish on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need and will have some items for sale to raise money for their work. Aid to the Church in Need supports persecuted Christians in over 140 countries around the world and is currently involved in 5,000 projects. ACN work directly with bishops, priests and religious sisters and brothers to make sure that any aid goes directly to those that it is intended for. Many of our religious partners risks their own lives every day to provide help and spiritual support to our suffering brothers and sisters. Your kind prayers and support would be greatly appreciated.

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. Please see the poster in the porch for more details. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family.

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.

MISSION TODAY

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

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.