

# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

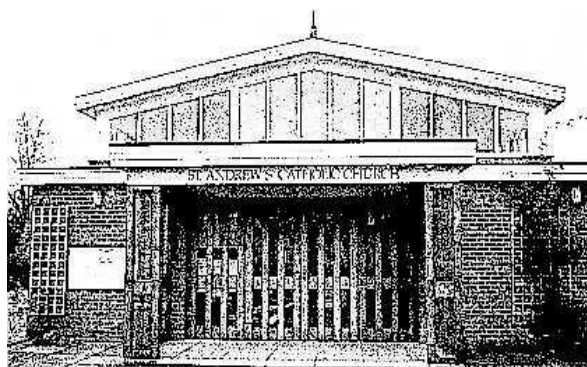
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## PASTORAL TEAM

**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.*

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25<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)

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## Message from Fr Anthony

### ***DON'T BE AFRAID GOD'S GOT YOUR BACK***

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom.

Today's Gospel however offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering cannot be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavour to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

### This Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 20:10-13	He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men
Psalms 68	In your great love, answer me, O God
Romans 5:12-15	The gift considerably outweighed the fall
Matthew 10:26-33	Do not be afraid of those who kill the body

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass  6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	For the people of the parish For the soul of Piedade Coelho Joshua Oyeyinka – Birthday Thanksgiving Mrs Kathleen Carrapiett RIP Anniv
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>12noon Funeral Mass: Antonio Gonsalves RIP</b> <b>7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery</b>	Elizabeth Dino Villamor RIP 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Deacon Tony Flavin – 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv Gilda Margaret James RIP Anniv
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Donal Lappin RIP recently deceased Victoria and Vincent Athayde RIP
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>St Peter &amp; St Paul, Apostles</i> <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 8.00pm Mass	Paul Etuka RIP John Burke RIP For the people of the parish
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>10.30 – 12noon Adoration</b> <b>7.00pm Induction Mass for Fr Anthony Saffa</b>	Justice Edu RIP – Birthday
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>9.00 - 9.20am Divine Mercy Prayers</b> 9.30am Mass <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Fr Edward Mostyn (F)  For the people of the parish
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b> <i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Peter Pires The Badu Family – thanksgiving Donal Lappin RIP recently deceased

Church cleaners: this week: Fifi's Group, next week: St Jude's Group

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED THIS WEEKEND - 24-25 JUNE**

This weekend 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 risk 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.

### **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.

## **THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - ST PETER AND ST PAUL, APOSTLES**

You are reminded that this is a Holyday of Obligation to attend Holy Mass on that day. Masses at 7.30am, 10.00am and 8.00pm.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **GHANAIAI COMMUNITY**

A big thank you to our Ghanaian Community who following their celebration on Sunday for their Anniversary, have made a donation to St Andrew's Church to help with repair costs to the Church and hall. Once again thank you for your generosity.

The group would also like to say a big thank you to the parish for the support and taking part in the spirit of togetherness.

And Deacon Errol would like to thank everyone for the gifts, prayers and presents in celebration of his 13th Ordination Anniversary.

## **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.

## **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Antonio Gonsalves RIP who sadly died recently. His family would like to invite parishioners to his funeral service at St Andrews on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

Also 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 11<sup>th</sup> July at 10am. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family.

## **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK (2 JULY) – 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.

## **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.

## **Racial Justice in the Church : *Walking together, praying together, and working together***

### **Webinar: 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church)

## **CATHEDRAL MASS IN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE**

If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk). The details needed are full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **SUMMERTIME 2023: 1<sup>ST</sup> – 4<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com) or email [dartford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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.

