

# 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

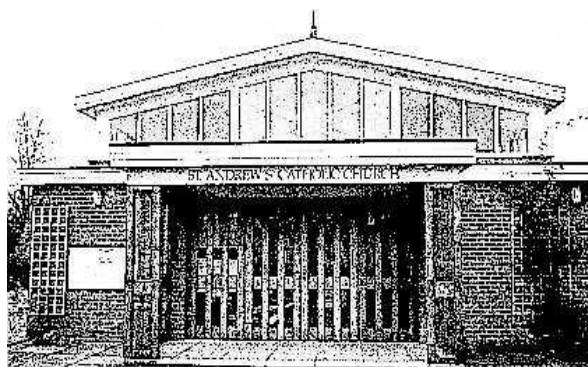
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*Welcome to St Andrew's RC Church. Worship has been offered here since 1905. You are all very welcome to join in the hymns and other parts of the service as much as possible. Please switch mobile phones off and refrain from taking photographs, filming or recording.*



## 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)

### Message from Deacon Errol

### Following Jesus is to Find Heaven

In the last couple of weeks, we have heard Jesus teaching the crowd about the kingdom of heaven in parables, and he interprets some of his teachings for the disciples. We heard the Parables of the Sower, Weeds and Wheat, Mustard Seed, Yeast, Buried Treasure, Precious Pearl, and Dragnet. This week, Jesus describes the great value of the kingdom of heaven; in other words, Jesus is inviting us to order our lives, and to have priority of values. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of God's kingdom.

King Solomon pleased God, by knowing the priority of values, looking upon wisdom and understanding of hearts to know right from wrong, as the greatest value of life. What are your values in life? What values are we giving the next generation?

The disciples left everything to follow Jesus (Matthew 19: 27-29), and that clearly shows what they have discovered by grace, and of great value. This links in with the interpretation of two of the parables this week, which is, Jesus is both the hidden treasure and the precious pearl. As we go through life, we are the unnamed person and the merchant who first seek Jesus and then someday find Jesus. It is up to us to sell all that we have to possess him. The lesson for us today is that, for the buried treasure and the precious pearl no cost is too great, not even his life.

May the Lord enlighten our heart and mind to know what is truly important to sustain us as we sojourn, making our way to eternal life with Jesus. Amen.

### This Sunday's Readings

**1 Kings 3:5, 7-12**

**Psalm 118**

**Romans 8:28-30**

**Matthew 13:44-52**

**You have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself**

**Lord, how I love your law!**

**God intended us to become true images of his Son**

**He sells everything he owns and buys the field**

## Diary for the Weeks

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) 9.30am 11.30am 6.00pm <b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	First Mass of Sunday Mass Mass Mass <b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	For the people of the parish Esther Oyeyinka & Family – Wellbeing Marie Muriel D’Souza RIP Deacon Errol Quagraine – Birthday celebration
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Apolonia and Carol Okoroafor RIP Cecilia Rocha RIP
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>	7.30am <b>10.00am</b>	Mass <b>Funeral Mass</b>	Andradi Family – Wellbeing Diana Nazareth RIP
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	7.30am 10.00am <b>12noon</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Mass Mass <b>Funeral Mass: Alfonso Orlando RIP</b> <b>Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Tony Lloyd RIP Paul Etuka RIP
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Felicio Mgbemere – Birthday Phalim Kelly RIP
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b>	7.30am 10.00am <b>10.30 – 12noon</b>	Mass Mass <b>Adoration</b>	Veronica Ezike RIP 1 year Anniv Cheryl Sequeira RIP 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9.00 - 9.20am</b> 9.30am <b>10.00 – 10.30am</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm</b> 6.00pm	<b>Divine Mercy Prayers</b> Mass <b>Confessions</b> <b>Confessions</b> First Mass of Sunday	Joanita Miranda – Thanksgiving  Annie Antoinette RIP 10th Anniv
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	9.30am 11.30am 6.00pm <b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	Mass Mass Mass <b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Cheryl Sequeira RIP 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv Theodore Arthur – Birthday For the people of the parish
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Deacon Errol Quagraine – Birthday celebration
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Mrs Rosalina Velbis
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	7.30am 10.00am <b>7.30pm</b>	Mass Mass <b>Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Sean Mannion RIP Anniv All Souls in Purgatory

<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Manick Persaud RIP 41 <sup>st</sup> Anniv
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	7.30am 10.00am <b>10.30 – 12noon</b>	Mass Mass <b>Adoration</b>	Steven Freeman – Birthday & Welfare
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9.00 - 9.20am</b> 9.30am <b>10.00 – 10.30am</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm</b> 6.00pm	<b>Divine Mercy Prayers</b> Mass <b>Confessions</b> <b>Confessions</b> First Mass of Sunday	Antonio Gonsalves RIP  Thanksgiving for support to Gonsalves & Periera Families
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am  11.30am 6.00pm <b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	Mass  Mass Mass <b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Deceased Ritchie and Hampshire Family Members RIP Paul Etuka RIP For the people of the parish
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	George John Pinto RIP
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holyday of Obligation</i>	7.30am 10.00am  8.00pm	Mass Mass  Mass	Martin Charles RIP Anniv Lucas Ubaldina Sylvia & Amon De Souza RIP For the people of the parish
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	7.30am <b>10.00am</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Mass <b>Funeral Mass</b> <b>Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Richard Creary RIP
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Elizabeth Cunningham RIP Anniv
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	7.30am 10.00am <b>10.30 – 12noon</b>	Mass Mass <b>Adoration</b>	Fr Michael Etuka - Anniv of Ordination
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9.00 - 9.20am</b> 9.30am <b>10.00 – 10.30am</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm</b> 6.00pm	<b>Divine Mercy Prayers</b> Mass <b>Confessions</b> <b>Confessions</b> First Mass of Sunday	Paul Etuka RIP  Albert Pires RIP
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am  11.30am 6.00pm <b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	Mass  Mass Mass <b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family - Thanksgiving Jean D'Souza – Thanksgiving For the people of the parish
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Lewin Family
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	7.30am 10.00am <b>7.30pm</b>	Mass Mass <b>Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	

<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>August</b>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>August</b>	7.30am 10.00am <b>10.30 – 12noon</b>	Mass Mass <b>Adoration</b>	Luis Fernandes – Birthday & Thanksgiving
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>August</b>	<b>9.00 - 9.20am</b> 9.30am <b>10.00 – 10.30am</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm</b> 6.00pm	<b>Divine Mercy Prayers</b> Mass <b>Confessions</b> <b>Confessions</b> First Mass of Sunday	Betty & Alec Eldridge RIP
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>August</b> <i>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am  11.30am 6.00pm <b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	Mass  Mass Mass <b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Deceased Ritchie & Hampshire Family Members RIP Paul Etuka RIP Phillip Johnson RIP Anniv
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b> <i>Bank holiday</i>	10.00am	Mass	Frank D’Souza – Thanksgiving
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>August</b>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Cheryl Sequeira RIP Birthday
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	7.30am 10.00am <b>7.30pm</b>	Mass Mass <b>Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Chuks Etuka – Thanksgiving
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Sr Mary Martin RIP
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>September</b> <i>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</i>	7.30am 10.00am <b>10.30 – 12noon</b>	Mass Mass <b>Adoration</b>	Hilda Nazareth – Thanksgiving
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>September</b>	<b>9.00 - 9.20am</b> 9.30am <b>10.00 – 10.30am</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm</b> 6.00pm	<b>Divine Mercy Prayers</b> Mass <b>Confessions</b> <b>Confessions</b> First Mass of Sunday	Antonio Gonsalves RIP  For the people of the parish
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>September</b> <i>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am  11.30am 6.00pm <b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	Mass  Mass Mass <b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Philbert Sprott – 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday, Wellbeing Ajibola Oyeyinka RIP Birthday Paul Etuka RIP
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>September</b>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	7.30am 10.00am <b>7.30pm</b>	Mass Mass <b>Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	

<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>September</b>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	M. Chin – Thanksgiving
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>September</b> <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7.30am 10.00am <b>10.30 – 12noon</b>	Mass Mass <b>Adoration</b>	
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>September</b>	<b>9.00 – 9.20am</b> 9.30am <b>10.00 – 10.30am</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm</b> 6.00pm	<b>Divine Mercy Prayers</b> Mass <b>Confessions</b> <b>Confessions</b> First Mass of Sunday	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>September</b> <i>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am 11.30am 6.00pm <b>7.00 – 9.00pm</b>	Mass Mass Mass <b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	For the people of the parish Paul Etuka RIP

Church cleaners: this week: Judie's Crew, next weeks: Fifi's Group – 9.8.23, St Jude's Group – 16.8.23, Judie's Crew – 23.8.23, Fifi's Group – 30.8.23, St Jude's Group – 6.9.23

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **NIGERIAN COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

The group will be meeting today, 30<sup>th</sup> July, in the hall from 1.00 – 3.00pm. They will also be meeting on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September following the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

### **PARISH DAY OUT AT AYLESFORD**

Last year we had a wonderful parish day out at Aylesford. This year it will take place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 be on sale this Sunday. Please bring a packed lunch/food to share.

### **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**

Parish Surgery has now finished for the summer break. The next one will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 7 - 9pm.

### **GROUPS**

**Mother & Toddler Group:** The group have now finished for the summer and will resume again on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**Brownies & Guides:** The group have now finished for the summer and will resume again on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Message from Maggie: “The Guides and Ranger Guides would like to say a big Thank You for all the support given last Sunday at our cake sale after 9.30 Mass. We raised £137 towards their trip to Belgium. Wishing

everyone a safe and happy summer. Anyone wanting to join or find out more about Guiding please get in touch”

**Children’s Liturgy:** Has also finished and will resume again on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Please can parents note that the class is only for children who have not had their First Holy Communion.

### **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.

### **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.

### **HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at 7.30am, 10am and 8.00pm.

### **GHANAIAI COMMITTEE MEETING**

The group will be meeting on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September following the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

### **SECOND COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER**

#### **10th September: Catholic Education Services**

The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh Governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all and increased parental choice. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England educating over 800,000 pupils. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all the schools in the country. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

#### **17th September: Bishops’ Conference (Home Mission)**

This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support “Home Mission”, the spread of the Gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.

### **YOUTH CLUB**

We are happy to introduce to you a new youth club for our church. The group will be meeting once a month and we hope to start meeting in September (date and time to be advised) and the group will be for boys and girls ages 12-18 years.

Our goal is to teach young people within our church to continue trusting and growing in their relationships with God, to help build their confidence and live a happy life in a positive manner. So we are asking for parents to encourage their children to come along, meet, talk and have fun with others. We are also looking for volunteers to help run this new club – anything you can do would be most welcomed. For more information or to put your child’s name forward please contact Fifi 07932764273 or Rosemond 07956865022.

Josiah Oyeyinka will be starting a new group for ages 7 – 12years in September. Details to follow.

### **SCHOOL REFERENCES**

This process commences after the school summer break. We are once again offering parents many dates for you to come along and see the Parish Priest for school references. Please make sure you bring with you all the relevant school forms and your child’s Baptism Certificate. One parent/guardian who is known to the Parish

Priest should come along to the Presbytery during the times shown, you do not need an individual appointment time. For **all** school priest references the following dates are:

Monday 11 September	11.30am – 1.00pm and 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Wednesday 13 September	11.30am – 1.00pm and 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Tuesday 19 September	11.30am – 1.00pm and 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Friday 22 September	7.00pm – 9.00pm
Wednesday 27 September	11.30am – 1.00pm and 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Please note that these will be the only dates that the Priest will see you to sign **all** school forms (nursery, primary, secondary), so please note the dates and times and make every effort to attend. In the last few years we have had to see many parents with very late forms giving lots of different excuses as to why they missed the original dates. The above dates are the only dates available – no excuses!

#### **ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP UK FOODBANK**

The next one will be held in St Andrew's Church hall on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August approximately from 12.00 – 1.00pm and 26<sup>th</sup> August from 12.00 – 1.00pm.

#### **YOUTH CHOIR**

The youth choir are taking a break for the summer holidays. We will resume rehearsals in the first week of September after the 9:30am mass. We are keen to encourage new children to join. Parents please kindly contact Maxine directly on 07903401107 to discuss the commitment as a youth choir member. Thank you

#### **WALK WITH US**

Our walking group celebrated its first anniversary earlier this year. We are keen to welcome new members. We walk locally on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 10:30am. Once a month we challenge ourselves with a walk outside of the borough. Our members will say they enjoy walking because it can provide emotional and practical support, motivation to start the day and friendship. If you are interested in joining, please contact Maxine directly on 07903401107.

#### **NEWSLETTER/OFFICE**

This is our last newsletter before the summer break. After the summer break, the next newsletter will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Please note the office will be closed from Thursday 17 August to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September due to staff leave. During this time the office answerphone will not be manned so please do not leave messages but should you have any urgent messages, please email the office for the attention of Fr Anthony. The office will reopen again on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

*Thank you to all our parishioners for your prayers and continued support  
We hope you all have a safe, restful and peaceful summer*