

# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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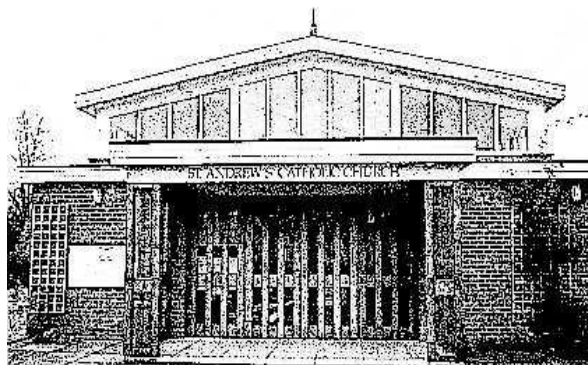
**Priests:** Fr Anthony Saffa C.S.Sp.  
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**Deacons:** Rev. Errol Quagraine

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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.*



29<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)

## Message from Deacon Errol

### Is it Love or Lust?

In today's world, love is often confused with lust, and that makes it hard for relationships of every kind to grow harmoniously, especially when you listen to young people. St Clare of Assisi said, "We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become." Let us reflect on this and see if we need to change. Jesus clearly puts love at the heart of our everyday life on which our relationship with God is founded. Some people may emphasise the love of God in such a way that makes the relationship with one's neighbour secondary. Others might give great importance to serving the neighbour without feeling the need to have a personal relationship with God. Interestingly Jesus does not give us a choice. He says that **LOVING GOD** is the first and the **GREATEST COMMANDMENT**. It is from that loving relationship with God that the second gets its meaning and importance; **LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOUR**. The two loves are not meant to be conflicting. It is not a question of either one or the other but 'both and'.

In our confusion of what love is we tend to destroy our self by misplacing our love, and displacing the very people we ought to love. The first definition of love was for God and humans. Therefore, is something seriously wrong if we love other things and hate our neighbour, for none of those things were created in the image and likeness of God, except humankind (Genesis 1:1-28).

Love makes the observance of every law in the world harmonious with human dignity. Which is why Jesus combines love of God (Deuteronomy 6:5) and love of neighbour (Leviticus 19:18) to clearly interlock the image of God in us that links our soul to God in love, and the likeness of God in us that links our love to our neighbour. Why this is important is because God first loved us, and He has placed His love in us to share with one another. However, here is the danger; we might be arrogant in thinking we know better than Jesus when we choose one or the other but not both?

### This Sunday's Readings

Exodus 22:20-26	If you are harsh with the widow, the orphan, my anger will flare against you
Psalms 17	I love you, Lord, my strength
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10	You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son
Matthew 22:34-40	You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself

## Diary for the Week

<p><b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>October</b> <i>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i></p> <p><i>(clocks back 1 hour)</i></p>	<p>6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass <b>5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b></p>	<p>Mr &amp; Mrs Mathius – Birthdays Thanksgiving for Deacon Tony Esther Oyeyinka &amp; Family – Wellbeing &amp; Protection</p> <p>For the people of the parish</p>
<p><b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery</b></p>	<p>Our Lady of Africa Dennis Mannion RIP Anniv</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass</p>	<p>Christine Jordan RIP Joseph Fernandes RIP</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b> <b>All Saints Day</b> <b>Holyday of Obligation</b></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall annex)</b> <b>7.30pm SVP Meeting (hall)</b> <b>8.00pm Mass</b></p>	<p>November List Joseph Kwame Baffoe RIP</p> <p>For the people of the parish</p>
<p><b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> <b>All Souls Day</b></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass</p>	<p>November List</p>
<p><b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b></p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>10.30 – 12noon Adoration</b> <b>6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)</b> <b>7.30pm SVP Meeting (Presbytery)</b></p>	<p>November List Paul Etuka RIP</p>
<p><b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b></p>	<p><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</p>	<p>Pam Freeman – Birthday &amp; Wellbeing</p> <p>November List</p>
<p><b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year</i></p>	<p>9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass <b>5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b></p>	<p>November List Pasquelina (Rina) Fernandes RIP</p> <p>For the people of the parish</p>

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

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### ALL SAINTS DAY: 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER

On this day it is the Solemnity of All Saints where the Mother Church commemorates the life of the Saints and is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be an extra Mass at 8.00pm.

### MASS SUNG IN LATIN DURING NOVEMBER

During the month of November, the 11.30am choir, the Mass will be sung in Latin. Some of you might be familiar with this liturgy, please all join us in the singing of this traditional and beautiful music.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy is on Sundays during 9.30am Mass, term-time only. Please can parents note that the class is only for children who have not had their First Holy Communion.

### WARM HUB

As we are now starting to feel a little chill in the air beginning we have started the **Warm Hub** has opened again from 11am - 4pm every Tuesday, in the parish hall in Quadrant Road. Come along and receive a warm welcome,

perhaps meet old friends and/or make some new ones. Hot drinks will be served, and there will be a simple soup lunch available. All good reasons to just pop in and see – any donations welcome.

### **ST ANDREW'S DAY: THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

On St Andrew's Day we have planned a special Mass at 6.00pm. This will be followed by a talk in the Church on St Andrew and we also will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We do hope many of you will be able to come to celebrate with us.

### **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES: FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER – PARISH FEAST DAY OF ST ANDREW**

This year as part of our celebrations for the parish feast day of St Andrew, we will be having a social evening in the hall on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 7.00 -10.45pm. There will be Mass at 6.00pm followed by the social evening in the hall afterwards. *Please note this is a change of date as previously we had advertised it for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – we apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.* This will include a two course meal Tickets will be available after all Masses from this weekend. It promises to be a really good evening and there will also be a bar and a raffle. Tickets adults £10 and child £5.

### **PARISH SURGERY**

Please come along if you need to see a member of the Clergy to discuss baptisms, marriage etc to our parish surgery on Monday evenings from 7.00 – 9.00pm, term-time only.

### **THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)**

The SVP group in our parish has worked hard to support many local individuals and families over the years. Sadly, soaring inflation has seen the cost of food, household items, fuel, energy, council tax, etc., become much higher. This has resulted in our parishioners needing more help and, therefore, the SVP needs more members to cope with these needs.

This week-end we will be having a Recruitment Drive at all Masses. In the past weeks, we have asked you to consider volunteering to become SVP members. Your support and help is essential in reactivating the SVP Group so that those in need in our Parish can be given the help they require. There will be a follow-up meeting on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm in the hall and Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7:30pm in the Presbytery when more information will be provided.

### **LEGION OF MARY**

There will be an information meeting with a view to setting up a Junior Praesidium at St Andrew's Church. This will be on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November after the 9.30am Mass starting at 10.40am to 11.15am in the hall.

All are welcome especially our youth (7 to 16 years old), adults who would like to help, support and find out more about the Legion of Mary. We pray that you will answer Our Lady's call.

### **MASS FOR THE SICK**

We will be having Mass for the Sick in St Andrew's every 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Fridays of every month. The first one will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm. Please let all your family and friends know and we hope to see you there. Come and receive God's healing and anointing.

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

If you are a Eucharistic Minister and you still need to obtain your DBS Certificate to carry out your ministry, please send your full name, email address and date of birth to the Parish Safeguarding Rep's email address: [thorntonheathsg1@safeguardraos.org.uk](mailto:thorntonheathsg1@safeguardraos.org.uk) as soon as possible.

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Please join us every Sunday evening before the 6pm Mass starting at 5.00pm and finishing at 5.45pm.

### **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.

### **NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

During the month of November, the month of Holy Souls, we particularly remember and pray in a special way for those whom God has called from this life, especially members of our families and friends. A list of the deceased whose funerals took place here at St Andrew's will be displayed in the front of the Altar. Anyone who has a

relative or friend who has died elsewhere in the last year should give in their names and date of death to the office or to one of the Priests and we will add your names to our November prayers.

Please put the names in a Holy Souls envelope (in the porch) together with your offering in the basket before the Altar from the beginning of November. These envelopes will be brought up during each Mass in the month of November and we will say at least one Mass for those souls everyday. On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am we will hold our annual Bereavement Mass for those who have died in the last year, we hope you can join us.

#### **ST ANDREW'S FISHERMAN GROUP**

The group will next be meeting on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 1.00-4.30pm in the hall.

#### **GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING**

The group will be meeting after the 11.30am Mass in the hall on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **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.

#### **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. We already have our Christmas stock, so please do visit to make your purchases early.

#### **ROSARY GROUP**

October is a month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. Please join our Rosary Group each weekday after the 10am Mass and Saturday 9.30am. All are very welcome.

#### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Thank you for celebrating World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

#### **CHURCH CLEANING**

We are very 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.

#### **A DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

St Boniface Church in Tooting will be hosting a Day of Reflection for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 10am finishing with lunch at 2.15pm. Canon Gerard Bradley will be hosting. The idea is to give you an option to attend such a day locally or to those who can't make the diocesan one. Please can you let Fr Anthony know if you would like to attend as we will have to confirm numbers to St Boniface to help with catering. There will be no charge. See the poster in the porch for more info.

#### **MARY'S MEALS: FOREIGN CURRENCY COLLECTION**

Mary's Meals have asked us to help them with collecting all your foreign currency\* no matter how old or obscure to turn it into cash to feed hungry children. During the weekends in November there will be envelopes at the back of church for you to take home and put all your foreign coins and notes into. Please return these and put into the collection baskets.

Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child. Mary's Meals feeds in over 18 countries. Because of their low costs they can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year! Thank you for your generosity.



*\* They will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender*