

# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

**Priests:**

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**Deacons:**

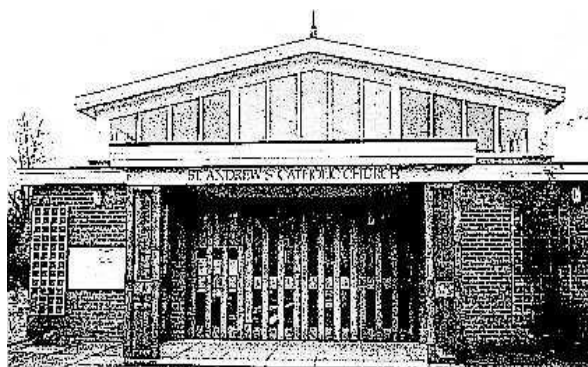
Rev. Errol Quagraine

**Parish Sister:**

Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ

**Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy:** Sr. Sheila DMJ

*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.*



21<sup>st</sup> April 2024  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)

Message from Fr Anthony



## **Theme: The Risen Christ is Our Good Shepherd and Model**

Today, the 4th Sunday of Easter, the church celebrates Christ, the Good Shepherd. He accepted suffering and death to save his flock. Christ, the good shepherd, is our role model of love and care. If we obediently continue to listen to him and follow him, he will lead us safely to our destination in heaven.

In our first reading, Peter testified through his miracle and testimony that Jesus is the good shepherd who cares for his flock. So as his flock, he is with us at all times. He watches over us and guides through the paths of life. Whenever we call upon Christ, our good shepherd in faith, he hears and answers us according to the purpose of his will. The Apostles were very much aware of the divine and protective presence of Christ, the good shepherd. So, whenever they were in need, they turned to him for help. In today's gospel from John, Jesus tells us: "I am a good shepherd: the good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep... I know my own, and mine own know me. They listen to my voice..." We learn from this, two crucial lessons. The first role and characteristics of a good shepherd; the second is the duty and response of the flock.

The good shepherd knows and takes care of his flock. He is patient; he loves and never harms his flock or sheep. A good shepherd is readily available for his flock. He is ready to make sacrifices for their good. On the other hand, a good flock listens to its shepherd. It obeys his instructions and follows him with trust and confidence. In other words, there must be a good relationship and understanding between a good shepherd and his flock. The celebration of Christ the Good Shepherd today reminds us that we are shepherds, as well as flocks. This is because each one of us is occupying one leadership position or the other. So, who is a good shepherd, and where can we find one? We find an honest president or governor and a holy and caring priest in every good mother or father. We can find a good Shepherd in every humble and God-fearing youth, in a devoted brother or sister, and every just and respectful police officer. Wherever there is a caring doctor, a dedicated teacher, a good cook, cleaner, or gardener, there is a good shepherd.

Finally, today, the church provides us another beautiful opportunity to pray for the Holy Father, all church, family, and world leaders. With our hope and confidence firmly placed in the risen Christ, let pray: "The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want" (Ps 23). Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **This Sunday's Readings**

**Acts 4:8-12**

**This is the only name by which we can be saved**

**Psalm 117**

**The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone**

**1 John 3:1-2**

**We shall see God as he really is**

**John 10:11-18**

**The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>  <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday	Paul Etuka RIP Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family- Thanksgiving and Wellbeing Virginia & Vincent Athayde RIP  For the people of the parish
	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>		
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery</b>	Anniversary of death Esther Oyeyinka – Birthday
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b> <i>St George</i> <i>Patron of England</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Ana Rita Fernandes RIP Anniv All Souls in Purgatory RIP
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>6.00pm Junior Praesidium (hall)</b> <b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Canon Peter Wilkie RIP Carol & Apolonia Okoroafor RIP
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>St Mark</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Angela Berriman RIP Mr & Mrs De Araujo – Wedding Anniv
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>10.30 – 12noon Adoration</b> <b>6.00pm Mass for the sick</b> <b>6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)</b>	Sr Mary Martin RIP Mr P. J. Rodrigues RIP
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April</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	Len Highland RIP Birthday  For the people of the parish
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	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>	In Honour of Our Lady of Africa Madeline Victoire - 95 <sup>th</sup> Birthday  Esther Oyeyinka & Family – Wellbeing and protection

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

### RECEIPTS

Receipts for the month of March 2024, basket £3,117, standing orders £3,447, card reader £66, **Total £6,630 –**  
*thank you for your generosity*

(Second collections: Poor Parishes £321, Easter flowers £323, Holy Places £303)

Payment to the Diocese for Diocesan assessments for the month of **March - £5,610**

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### KEEP THE DATE

Fr Anthony Saffa is delighted to invite you all to his Induction Mass as Parish Priest of St Andrew's Church. This will be carried out by Bishop Philip Moger on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.00pm. There will also be a reception in our hall following the Mass. Please do come along and join Fr Anthony in the celebrations.

### 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.

### THANKSGIVING MASS – FRENCH COMMUNITY

You are welcome to join us this Sunday at the 11.30am Mass, for the Thanksgiving Mass for the French Community.

## **SECOND COLLECTON TODAY: PRIEST TRAINING FUND**

Priest Training Fund (Ecclesiastical Education): this collection helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy. Please use one of the envelopes from the porch. You can also donate online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF)

## **EASTER RAFFLE**

Thank you again to everyone who supported our Easter raffle. There are still some prizes to be claimed, Green ticket no:7, Green ticket No:315, Yellow ticket no:282 and Brown ticket no:405. Please call Alex 07827 611769.

## **PARISH DAY OUT TO AYLESFORD**

Once again we shall have a parish day out to Aylesford on the 20th July. The cost will stay the same as last year at £20 per adult and £10 per child. We hope that this year more people will be able to join us before the summer holidays are in full swing. Coaches need to be booked and so we will be taking names, mobiles and payment after each Mass this Sunday.

## **GHANAIAN COMMITTEE MEETING**

The group will be meeting today, 21<sup>st</sup> April, after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

## **400 CLUB PRIZE WINNERS FOR MARCH DRAW:**

No. 113 Mrs Maxine Mahoney - 1<sup>st</sup> prize £20  
No. 2 Mr I Stevenage - 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £10  
No. 66 Miss S. S. Tye - 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £10

## **GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2024/2025**

There are still a few Gift Aid Envelopes 2024/2025 for collection. The boxes are placed on the shelf by the side of the font.

## **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.

## **REPOSITORY**

The Repository will be open after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Sunday.

## **MASS FOR THE SICK**

Please note that we are now only holding one Mass for the Sick in St Andrew's on the last Friday of every month at 6.00pm. Please let all your family and friends know - come and receive God's healing and anointing.

## **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.

## **JUNIOR PRAESIDIUM**

We meet every Wednesday in St Andrew's Church Hall from 6.00pm to 7.10pm. You are more than welcome to join us if you are aged between 7 and 17 years old.

## **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. We will resume again on Saturday 6th April at 9am.

## **MAINTENANCE OF OUR CHURCH FABRICS - FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their forms. If you would still like to donate to our repair works to the Church and hall roofs, please consider taking a standing order form and filling it in (in the porch) and if you have ticked to say that you pay tax, please complete a separate gift aid form too (also in the porch). We greatly appreciate your support for maintenance of our church building and the hall. Please speak directly with Fr Anthony if you would like more information.

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

The next one will be held in St Andrew's Church hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 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.

## **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: MAINTENANCE OF ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

St George's Cathedral, Southwark, is the mother church of the diocese. This collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral. St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. You can also donate online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral)

## **MASS REQUESTS AND OFFERINGS**

Please post your Mass Offering envelopes through the Presbytery door. There are envelopes in the porch which can be handed in to the collection baskets or give to Father after Masses.

### **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.

### **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.

### **CHURCH CLEANING – URGENT APPEAL**

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. Our groups have now been reduced to a few groups so if you can spare an hour every couple of weeks we would love to hear from you. All are welcome regardless of age! Please contact Fifi on 07932 764273. Thank you.

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

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

### **THANK YOU - CAFOD GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH**

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Good Friday CAFOD lunch. It was very good to see so many people who were able to join us as a witness to and in support of those in dire need in our world. We collected £307 in donations which we have sent in to CAFOD for their work amongst the poorest peoples on our planet. Your support is very gratefully received.

### **WEEKLY MASS IN CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**

There will be regular weekly Masses in the hospital. Mass will be on every Wednesday at 12noon in the Chapel. All are most welcome.

### **THE ALL NATIONS CHARISMATIC GROUP (ANCCG)**

The All Nations Catholic Charismatic Group (ANCCG) would like to invite you all to the ‘Life in the Spirit Seminar’ programme starting on 7<sup>th</sup> April until 2<sup>nd</sup> June here at St Andrews. This seminar is to take place in line with Pope Francis’ address to the worldwide retreat for clergy to organise seminars of Life in the Spirit in parishes. The programme will consist of talks on various topics every Sunday from 7-9pm by prominent speakers helping the participants to be ignited with the power of the Holy Spirit. All are most welcome to come along.

### **CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING 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 3pm on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email to [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk) the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS**

This year, the Mass for New Catholics will be offered, to all those who have been received into the Church this Easter, in three different locations. You are welcome to attend any of these Masses of your choice (along with any friends, family or supporters) but please register your intention to do so through the relevant link, provided below.

[Mass for New Catholics \(05-May-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) (main celebrant: Bishop Paul Hendricks)  
St Teresa, 4 Maidstone Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 8TX

[Mass for New Catholics \(15-May-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) (main celebrant: Bishop Philip Moger)  
St Peter the Apostle, 103 Woolwich New Road, Woolwich, SE18 6EF

[Mass for New Catholics \(25-May-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) (main celebrant: Bishop Philip Moger)  
St Anselm's, 309 Balham High Rd, Tooting Bec, London SW17 7BA