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# 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.

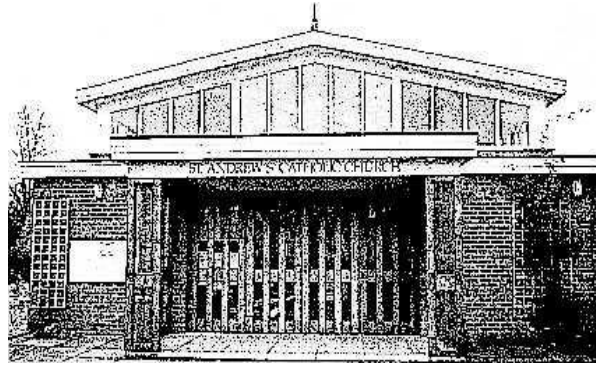
**Deacon:** Rev. Errol Quagraine

**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.*

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2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

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### Message from Deacon Errol

### Christ's Body and Blood gives Life

Today the Church celebrates Corpus Christi (the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ). It is a feast of the Saviour's Paschal Mystery and it flows from Easter and Pentecost. This is the gift of God coming directly to us from the divine life of the Trinity, which we celebrated last week. God has moved to engage us in this unique relationship and we are invited to move toward God. In the Gospel, we are invited to 'take and eat', 'take and drink', the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many and to do this in memory of him. Blood was profoundly symbolic for the people of Israel. It was something which embodied life. The Prophet Moses in the First reading, ratifies the covenant with blood, representing the life-giving union between God and the people. (Exodus 24:3-8) In the Second reading, St Paul, in his letter to the Hebrews, shows how Christ, as mediator, brings a new eternal covenant, because he offers himself as the "perfect sacrifice to God through the Holy Spirit". Through the action of the Priest at the holy sacrifice of the Mass the bread becomes Jesus' Body and the wine becomes Jesus' very Life-giving Blood; an abiding memorial of His passion. We consume the bread from heaven 'to purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.' (Heb 9:11-15) Just as food maintains life and promotes growth, Holy Communion promotes growth in this life and brings it to full maturity which is manifested in our relationship with God and with others.

However, the redeemed still struggle to bring life and peace to our troubled world, particularly war-torn areas like Palestine, Ukraine and Sudan. Holy Communion takes away infirmity and imparts vitality to our souls. And whatever the physical illness, it is well with our soul. How could we ever repay such goodness? It is only through Christ, His cup of salvation, His thanksgiving sacrifice and His holy name are we able to live and do anything well. Let us pray this week that, through the Holy Spirit, we might be able to offer ourselves daily to God and so be united to Christ in His thanksgiving sacrifice

### This Sunday's Readings

**Exodus 24:3-8**

**This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you**

**Psalms 115**

**The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name**

**Hebrews 9:11-15**

**The blood of Christ can purify our inner self from dead actions**

**Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**

**This is my body. This is my blood**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> <i>Corpus Christi</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) 10.30am <b>5.00pm</b>  <b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	First Mass of Sunday Mass <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Helene Grima RIP For the people of the parish
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	7.30am 10.00am <b>7.00 – 9.00pm</b>	Mass Mass <b>Parish Surgery</b>	Angela Berriman RIP Harry Nagamootoo RIP Anniv
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Timothy & Clela Andradi RIP Power & Fennelly Families (F)
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30am 10.00am <b>6.00pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Mass Mass <b>Junior Praesidium (hall)</b> <b>Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Rosemarie MacQueen RIP Martin & May Power RIP
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30am  10.00am	Mass  Mass	F. Cunningham to BVM-Wellbeing & Recovery Patrick & Mary Sheehan RIP
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	7.30am 10.00am <b>10.30 – 12noon</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	Mass Mass <b>Adoration</b> <b>Brownies/Guides (hall)</b>	Mrs Venancia Pinto RIP Graeme Hollinshead RIP
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<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	Netty D’Costa RIP  Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am 11.30am <b>5.00pm</b>  6.00pm <b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	Mass Mass <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Mass <b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Lucinda De Souza RIP Esther Oyeyinka & Family - Health, Protection & Wellbeing For the people of the parish

Church cleaners: this week: St Jude’s Group, next week: Fifi’s Group (*with apologies for the mix-up on dates and groups*)

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **CORPUS CHRISTI – 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE**

As previously announced by Fr Anthony, please note that on this day there will only be one Mass at 10.30am. We are holding a Corpus Christi procession for the Mass starting in the hall at 9.45am and we will walk via Elliot Road, then onto Brigstock Road and return to the Church.

### **FR ANTHONY SAFFA IS AWAY**

As Fr Anthony has already mentioned, he will be away from Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June returning on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. During his absence, please only contact the office for urgent matters but please also remember that the office is only open from Monday to Wednesday mornings only. Thank you for your understanding.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION**

Congratulations to all our candidates for this year’s recent First Holy Communion and Confirmations. Our sincere thanks to all our Catechists and helpers who have worked tirelessly to ensure that all our candidates completed their studies, making them ready to receive these two vital Sacraments. Please do keep all our candidates and their families in your prayers.

## **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.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The Children's Liturgy is on Sundays during 9.30am Mass, term-time only. All children are welcome to come in now above the age of 3 years.

## **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 begin. Coaches need to be booked and so we will be taking names, mobiles and payment after each Mass this Sunday.

## **SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

On this day St Andrew's will be holding a special Cultural and International Day in our hall and also using the outside of the Church (please note there will be no parking). There will only be one Mass at 10.30am on that day (there will still be a 6pm Mass on Saturday evening). We are planning to hold various events which is being organised by our different groups and communities. On that day there will be lots of food to buy for lunch etc. Please keep the date free as we hope to welcome as many of our parishioners as possible (please pray for good weather!).

## **MASS FOR THE SICK**

Please note that we are now only holding one Mass for the Sick 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.

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

The next one will be held in St Andrew's Church hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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. We now have a box in our porch to collect any food donations. Please feel free to drop your food items in the box which will be emptied by the group regularly – thank you for your kind donations.

## **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.

## **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.

## **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

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

## **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. Please join the group today, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, for their last date 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 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.

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Ida Moraes RIP who died on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family. Funeral details are: Celebration Mass for the life of Ida Moraes on 4<sup>th</sup> June at 12.10pm at St Mary's Catholic Church, followed by burial at 2pm at Sutton Cemetery, A17 Alcorn Close, SM3 9PX.

### **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 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. No date or time can be guaranteed. Also, where a funeral occurs at 10am, this will take precedence.

### **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. If you have a little time to spare, 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.

### **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Details of this can be found on the Archdiocesan website: [rcaos.org.uk](http://rcaos.org.uk). Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

<https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/archbishop-john-to-lead-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/>

### **SVP AND CAFOD WORKING TOGETHER IN THE RUN UP TO THE GENERAL ELECTION**

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) or [svp.org.uk/encounter](http://svp.org.uk/encounter) for more information.