

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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PASTORAL TEAM

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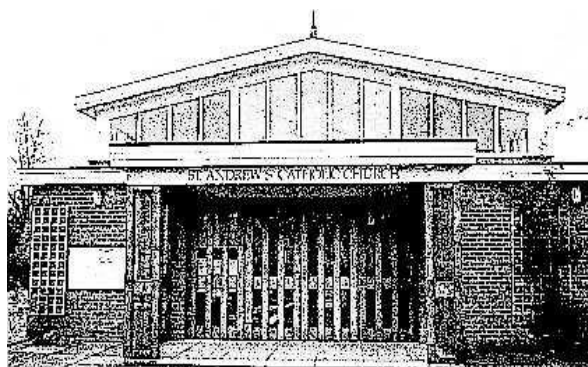
Fr Brendan Ona C.S.Sp.

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.



19th May 2024 Pentecost Sunday (B)

Message from Deacon Errol

COME HOLY SPIRIT!

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate. He comes with special gifts to help us in our Christian life, therefore, it is important we are predisposed to the Holy Spirit action in the world. In our preparation to welcome the Holy Spirit into our heart, and our lives, we pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the source of power that meets our need to escape the miserable weakness that grips us. He gives us the power to be truly good, and to try to live holy lives. St Paul tells us that the purpose of the spiritual gifts is, "for equipping of the saints for the work of service, to building up the body of Christ" (*Eph4:12*). This teaches us that each one of us has been given a task to do by God, and the supernatural gifts to help us achieve it. Therefore, to live victoriously in this life, we need the work of the Son of God for us, and the work of the Spirit of God in us. The Holy Spirit works internally within us to prepare us for eternal life with Jesus. He gives us the Wisdom to make the right decisions and choices in life. One of the main functions of the Holy Spirit therefore, is to impart the holiness of God to us, by developing within us a Christ-like character; a character marked by the fruits of godliness we bear, in our service to God, and service to one another, as He is the source of all these fruits of godliness, which St Paul outlines in Galatians 5:22.

Some of our young people are preparing to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Confirmation Programme. The Church teaches that these gifts are given to all of the faithful through the Sacraments of Baptism and especially Confirmation. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1303*). The gifts of the Spirit are; Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord (Awe and Wonder). During their catechesis our young people choose the name of a Saint they identify with to be their companion in their faith journey. God's purpose is for us to become mature Christians attaining the full measure of perfection found in Christ. *Eph4:13*.

We pray for all taking part in the confirmation programme that they may be great examples of godliness in our world.

**"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And renew the face of the earth"**

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 103

Galatians 5:16-25

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth

The fruit of the Spirit

The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth

Diary for the Week

Sunday 19th May <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Antonio Gonsalves RIP 1 st Year Anniv Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family- Thanksgiving & Wellbeing Lucas, Ubaldina, Sylvia & Amon De Souza RIP For the people of the parish
	9.30am	Mass (RCIA Sending Forth)	
	11.30am	Mass	
	5.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Monday 20th May <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	6.00pm	Mass	Helene Grima RIP Enid Viola Clark – Anniv
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	
	7.30am	Mass	
	10.00am	Mass	
Tuesday 21st May	7.00 – 9.00pm	Parish Surgery	Andradi Family – Wellbeing Mrs Veronica Ezike RIP 2 nd Year Anniv
	7.30am	Mass	
Wednesday 22nd May	10.00am	Mass	Mr Euidid Sequeira RIP Julie De Aranja – Wellbeing
	7.30am	Mass	
	10.00am	Mass	
	6.00pm	Junior Praesidium (hall)	
Thursday 23rd May <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (hall)	Canon Francis Moran (F) Steve Bradshaw RIP
	7.30am	Mass	
Friday 24th May	10.00am	Mass	Angela Berriman RIP Dolly Isabell Thomas RIP Birthday
	10.30 – 12noon	Adoration	
	6.30pm	Brownies/Guides (hall)	
	7.30am	Mass	
Saturday 25th May	9.00 - 9.20am	Divine Mercy Prayers	Apolonia and Carol Okoroafor RIP Raphael Etuka – Good health
	9.30am	Mass	
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 26th May <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	9.30am	Mass (RCIC First Communion)	Ronald Haslam RIP Agnes Amma Nsiah RIP Anniv For the people of the parish
	11.30am	Mass	
	5.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	6.00pm	Mass	
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

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

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts for the month of April 2024, basket £2,601, standing orders £3,623, card reader £632, Total **£6,856** - *thank you for your generosity*

Second collections for Priests Training Fund £509, Maintenance of Cathedral ££329 - *Thank you for your generosity*

Payment to Diocese for Diocesan assessments for the month of April 2024 - **£5,534**

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

FR ANTHONY'S INDUCTION MASS

Fr Anthony would like to thank everyone who attended his Induction Mass on Thursday last week. Thank you also for the many good wishes and blessings. Fr Anthony says, "rest assured that I will always keep you all in my daily prayers".

CAKE SALE TODAY

The Confirmation candidates will be holding a cake sale after the 9.30am Mass this Sunday to raise funds for their two chosen charities "CAFOD" and "The Sickle Cell Society". So please go along to the hall after the Mass to enjoy lots of lovely cakes and tea and help them support their chosen charities.

400 CLUB PRIZE WINNERS FOR APRIL 2024 DRAW:

No. 69 Mrs Elizabeth Hibberd - 1st prize £20

No. 28 Mrs Olayinka Oni - 2nd prize £10

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: PENTECOST SUNDAY – SPIRITAN COLLECTION

This collection is for the Holy Ghost Fathers and the missionary work carried out worldwide. Your support for this important work will be most welcome. You can use an envelope (The Spiritans) from the porch. Thank you.

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.

GHANAIAI COMMUNITY MEETING

The group will be meeting today Sunday 19th May in the hall following the 11.30am Mass.

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.

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.

YOUTH CLUB

The group will be meeting on Saturday 25th May from 7-9pm in the hall. If you would like to join the group, just come along or speak with the leaders for more info.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMITTEE

The group will be meeting on Sunday 26th May following the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

MONDAY 27TH MAY

This day is the Spring Bank Holiday and there will be no 7.30am Mass and no Parish Surgery in the evening. The 10am Mass will be on as normal.

NEW ALTAR SERVER APPLICATIONS

Applications are now open for those young people in Year 5 and above who wish to become an Altar Server. The application forms may be found at the back of the church. The forms should be returned to the Priests' house by Friday 24th May latest.

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.

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.

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.

ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP UK FOODBANK

The next one will be held in St Andrew's Church hall on Saturday 25th May 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.

MAINTENANCE OF OUR CHURCH FABRICS - FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our repair works to the Church and hall roofs. Work has now begun to tackle the most urgent problems. Fr Anthony says "I am well aware of the financial struggle that everyone is going through at the moment which is why I am most grateful that you can donate this money to us. I will keep you all in my daily prayers. Thank you all again". Please speak directly with Fr Anthony if you would like more information and you can still donate to us – please hand directly to Fr Anthony.

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.

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 which started on 7th April until 2nd 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 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th 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 13th. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is May 31st.

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

The Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ) was established 40 years ago on 16 June 1984 at a meeting of approximately 25 'founding members' from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. To mark this important Anniversary it is launching a new "Racial Justice Agenda for Change" aiming to bring about greater equality and creating a racially just church and society, a goal which continues to elude us in the 21st century.

There will be two national events to mark the Anniversary – on Saturday 25th May in London and Saturday 21st September in Oldham. For more information regarding these events and how to take part in the 40th Anniversary celebration day events, please visit the CARJ website <http://www.carj.org.uk>

Saturday's speakers include Yogi Sutton, Bishop Paul McAleenan, Fr Dan Mason, Fr Gerard Mitchell, Jackie McLoughlin, MBE, Richard Reddie, Sister Kumari Fernando and Fr Phil Sumner. Canon Victor Darlington will preside at the 3.00pm concluding Mass. Venue: Amigo Hall, adjacent to St George's Cathedral London SE1 7HY
Start Time: 10.30am (*open to all and free to attend, with free lunch served and a Sung Mass*). CARJ is a fine organisation, founded principally on the basis of needs discerned by lay Catholics, many of them from our diocese. Be part of the day's events, and preferably email your interest to info@carj.org.uk