

# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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## **PASTORAL TEAM**

**Priests:** Fr Anthony Saffa C.S.Sp.

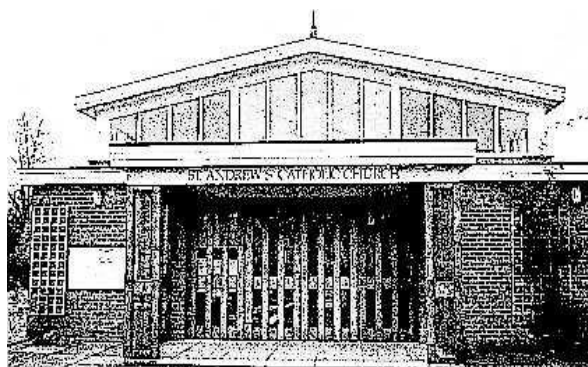
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**Deacon:** Rev. Errol Quagraine

**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.*



## 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

### Message from Deacon Errol

#### **Faith that Grows**

My dear sisters and brothers, may the name of the Lord be praised now and forever more. Amen.

Today we reflect on the readings for 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B. The readings are from Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 91(92), 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 and St Mark's Gospel 4:26-34. I would like to offer a different perspective for our reflection, which is centred on 'Growth'. We have celebrated the Risen Lord at Easter, the Most Holy Trinity and Pentecost and just a couple of weeks ago, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. All these celebrations are to help us focus on the God who loves us and calls us to faith in Him. Our faith must be active, like living streams of water teeming with life. Just as no one remains a baby forever, we too must grow in faith, and our faith must draw many to the Living Water, who is Christ.

To help our faith grow, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us the Parable of the Mustard Seed in our Gospel reading from Mark (4:26-34). The mustard seed is the smallest seed, but it grows into a huge plant. In this parable, Jesus teaches us that although the Kingdom of God started small, with Jesus and the disciples, it would grow to the ends of the world, and people from many nations would come into this kingdom. This would require all our efforts. The active faith of the disciples of Jesus from the very beginning has brought us Gentiles, represented in this parable by birds, to come and shelter in this kingdom of God. It is now our turn to 'fly' out and bring others to God's kingdom filled with goodness and mercy. St Peter said in his epistle, we have been called and chosen, and must work all the harder to justify it, so we do not fall away." 2Peter 1:10

What we hear from God's word helps us to grow closer to Him, so let us make every effort to allow the message of Christ to grow richly in us, as seeds planted in good soil and watered, so that wherever we find ourselves, it is not us, but Christ present in us to draw others to Himself. Amen.

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

**Ezekiel 17:22-24**

**I make low trees grow**

**Psalm 91**

**It is good to give you thanks, O Lord**

**2 Corinthians 5:6-10**

**Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord**

**Mark 4:26-34**

**It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Adele Rutledge – Birthday Blessings Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family – Thanksgiving and Wellbeing Jordan & Sabina Ogwuke – Birthdays  For the people of the parish
	9.30am	Mass	
	11.30am	Mass	
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	6.00pm	Mass	Canon Luke Smith – Wellbeing In memory of Ida Moraes RIP
	<b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	
	7.30am	Mass	
	10.00am	Mass	
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>7.00 – 9.00pm</b>	<b>Parish Surgery</b>	Hilrem Marilyn Fernandes – Birthday and Thanksgiving Kevin McKenna RIP
	7.30am	Mass	
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	10.00am	Mass	Paul Etuka RIP Jesse Lissenburgh RIP
	7.30am	Mass	
	10.00am	Mass	
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Junior Praesidium (hall)</b>	
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Santana Dias and Family Souls RIP Patricia Mendonza – Wellbeing
	7.30am	Mass	
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	10.00am	Mass	“Tony” BVM – Wellbeing and recovery Deceased Souls of the Freeman Family RIP
	<b>10.30 – 12noon</b>	<b>Adoration</b>	
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Brownies/Guides (hall)</b>	
	7.30am	Mass	
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>  <i>Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More</i>	<b>9.00 - 9.20am</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Prayers</b>	Heather Nicholas – Thanksgiving  For the people of the parish
	9.30am	Mass	
	<b>10.00 – 10.30am</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
	<b>5.00 – 5.30pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
	7.00pm	St Andrew’s Annual General Meeting (hall)	
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> <i>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am	Mass	Judex Leong-Chung RIP Anniv Henry, Muriel, Hughie Rozario RIP  Mrs Kathleen Carrapiett RIP Anniv
	11.30am	Mass	
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
	6.00pm	Mass	
	<b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b>	<b>Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	

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

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### THE “CLEAN UP” ON SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Thank you to everyone who came along to give a hand to our “clean up” yesterday. It was much appreciated.

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: DAY FOR LIFE

This is the day in the Church’s life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the Day for Life collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in the particular field determined by the theme of the year.

### 400 CLUB

The prize winners for the May 2024 draw are:

- No. 18 Don Patient - 1<sup>st</sup> prize £20
- No. 112 Mrs Nina Cowley - 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £10
- No. 8 Mrs Bella Prins - 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £10

### **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**

Our parish day out to Aylesford is 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, last few days remaining.

### **GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING**

The group will be meeting for their Anniversary Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June at the 11.30am Mass followed by a reception in the hall.

### **FATHER'S DAY IN ST ANDREW'S**

Although the "official" Father's Day will be on this Sunday nationally, in St Andrew's we will be celebrating this important day next Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Fr Anthony will put in place some arrangements so that we can show our appreciation and celebrate together all our fathers in a special way.

### **DAN TURNER'S ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE**

We congratulate Dan Turner who is receiving his Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. This will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 12:30pm and the Ordination will be conducted by Archbishop John Wilson at St. George's Cathedral.

Please diarise and all parishioners are invited to attend in support of Dan. Please give your name into the office if you are attending so we can have a guide on numbers by the end of June if possible.

### **PARISH AGM**

Please join us for the Parish AGM which will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June starting at 7.00pm in the hall followed by some light refreshments. Copies of the report will be available at the meeting.

### **CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY**

The group will be meeting on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June in the hall following the 11.30am Mass. Also a mass will be offered on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at the 11.30am Mass in Thanksgiving for The Caribbean Community.

### **SPECIAL CULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAY: SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

On this day St Andrew's are holding a special Cultural and International Day in our hall and also using the outside of the Church carpark (please note there will be no parking on this day). There will only be one Mass at 10.30am on this 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 this day there will be lots of food for a shared plate etc. Please keep the date free as we hope to welcome as many of our parishioners as possible (please pray for good weather!).

### **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.

### **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. The next one will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Please let all your family and friends know - come and receive God's healing and anointing.

### **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.

### **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.

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

The next one will be held in St Andrew's Church hall on Saturday 22<sup>nd</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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **SUMMERTIME 2024: ALTAR SERVERS SUMMER BREAK**

The Summertime 2024 Altar Servers Summer Break is on Monday 29th July–Thursday 1st August at the Westminster Youth Ministry Retreat Centre, Pinner. This is a few days for boy and girl servers aged 11- 17 of the Southwark Diocese to meet in a holiday atmosphere. Activities include talks, discussions, prayer, daily Mass, as well as sport. There is also a Thorpe Park visit and swimming. A coach will be provided from St. Anselm's, Dartford and the cost £189 for the week covers: all board and lodging and Thorpe Park. There are some application forms in the porch or contact Fr. Stephen (contact details on the poster in the porch) or download from [www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com](http://www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com)

### **ST JAMES THE GREAT SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR**

The Friends Association will be hosting the biannual Summer Fair extravaganza at St James the Great School, Windsor Road, CR7 8HJ on Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>, 11am till 3pm. There will be food, bouncy castles, entertainment (including Irish dancing and singing), gifts, hampers, bottle tombolas and much, much more! Entry is free and everyone is welcome. All funds raised go towards supporting the school and the children.

### **MESSAGE FROM CAFOD**

The Church tells us "All citizens ought to be aware of their right and duty to promote the common good by casting their votes...." Local Hustings: Croydon West; Stanley Halls; 6 - 7.30 pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. "Elections are an essential moment in the life of any country since they allow all citizens responsibly to choose their leaders." Pope Francis (8<sup>th</sup> January 2024)