

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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PASTORAL TEAM

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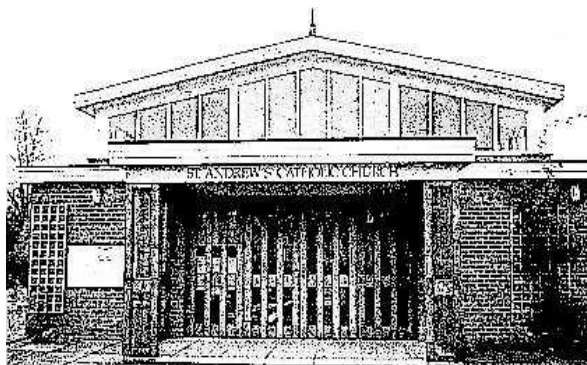
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Deacon: Rev. Errol Quagraine

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.



23rd June 2024
12th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Fr Anthony

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity – only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping". We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective.

When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

This Sunday's Readings

Job 38:1, 8-11

Here your proud waves shall break

Psalm 106

O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever

2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

Now the new creation is here

Mark 4:35-41

Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him

Diary for the Week

Sunday 23rd June <i>12th Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	For the people of the parish Judex Leong-Chung RIP Anniv Henry, Muriel, Hughie Rozario RIP Mrs Kathleen Carrapiett RIP Anniv
Monday 24th June <i>The Nativity of Saint John The Baptist</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery	Berryl Coleman RIP Noreen Britto RIP Anniv
Tuesday 25th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Andradi Family -Wellbeing Elizabeth Dino Villamor RIP 3 rd Anniv
Wednesday 26th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Junior Praesidium (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Henery Nathaniel – Heavenly Birthday Ursula and Ken Madine
Thursday 27th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Gilda Margaret James RIP Anniv Sharon Tucker RIP
Friday 28th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.00pm Mass for the sick 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	Ana Ditoz Gonsalves & Family Souls RIP Christina Etuka – Special Intentions
Saturday 29th June	9.00 - 9.20am Divine Mercy Prayers 9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 1.00pm 26th Croydon Scouts 90th Anniv Mass 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Donald Patient – 90 th Birthday For the people of the parish
Sunday 30th June <i>St Peter and St Paul, Apostles</i>	10.30am Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Mary Badu & Family – Thanksgiving and wellbeing

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

FATHER'S DAY IN ST ANDREW'S

Although the "official" Father's Day was last Sunday, today in St Andrew's we will be celebrating this important day. Please join us as we show our deep appreciation and celebrate together all our fathers.

FR NICHOLAS

As you know we have had Fr Nicholas with us for a few weeks now helping us with our masses. He will be leaving us on 30th June and returning home to Ghana. As a sign of our appreciation there will be a second collection this weekend to support his ministry back at home. Thank you for any support you can give.

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.

26TH CROYDON 90TH ANNIVERSARY MASS ON 29TH JUNE AT 1.00PM

Our parish Scout Group 26th Croydon (St. Andrew's) is 90 years old. They have had a wonderful year celebrating but would like to share their final celebration with you. Please join them on Saturday 29th June at 1.00pm for a celebratory Mass. There will be light refreshments served in the hall afterwards.

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 27th 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.

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY

The group will be meeting today Sunday 23rd June in the hall following the 11.30am Mass. Also a mass will be offered on Sunday 14th July at the 11.30am Mass in Thanksgiving for The Caribbean Community followed by a reception in the hall.

The group will also be hosting a Caribbean Soiree on Saturday 6th July at 7.00pm in the church hall. Tickets are on sale at £35.00. Please contact Rhondalee or Verne on 07950986857, 07956039776 and see the posters for more info.

A special all-night vigil on Friday 19th July - Saturday 20th July has also been arranged by the Caribbean Community starting at 8pm and concluding at 5am. They look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible, all are warmly invited.

SPECIAL CULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAY: SUNDAY 30TH JUNE

Next week on Sunday 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 and no 5pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (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 do come along as we hope to welcome as many of our parishioners as possible so we can all socialise together (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 28th 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.

SECOND COLLECTON NEXT WEEK – PETER’S PENCE 30TH JUNE

Peter’s Pence: by reason of the bond of unity and charity, the bishops of the Church, with their people, join together to produce those means which the Holy Father and the Apostolic See need to exercise works of mercy and charity and its service of the Universal Church. The faithful’s offerings to the Holy Father are destined to church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope, being pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and faithful in grave difficulties: the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalised and the victims of war and natural disasters. Concrete aid is thus made available to bishops or dioceses in need, to Catholic education, assistance, to refugees, and immigrants etc.

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.

DAY FOR CATECHISTS

Croydon Deanery Saturday 27th July

If you are thinking about being involved in any catechesis in the church, please consider attending the workshops organised by the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis. You will need to register for these free workshops being held at St Mary’s in West Croydon, 70 Wellesley Road, CR0 2AR. Please see the poster for more information.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23rd to 30th August 2024. Details of this can be found on the Archdiocesan website: 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 useful guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information and to order this handy booklet which arrives very quickly if ordered online.

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

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 7th, 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.

SHORT PILGRIMAGE/HOLIDAY TO THE WEST OF IRELAND

Full Pilgrimage programme, 15th October - 4 days, return flights Stanstead to Knock, 3-night dinner, bed and breakfast in the Knock area, £550 per person. Holy Mass in the place where Our Lady appeared with St Joseph and St John the Evangelist, to poor people, in Knock, in the year 1879, visit to the parish church, the Peyton Centre (Fr Peyton, the ‘Rosary Priest) and more. Please contact Fr Malachy (Sanderstead) for further details, on: tel: 020 8657 1728 or email: malachykeegan@rcaos.org.uk