

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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PASTORAL TEAM

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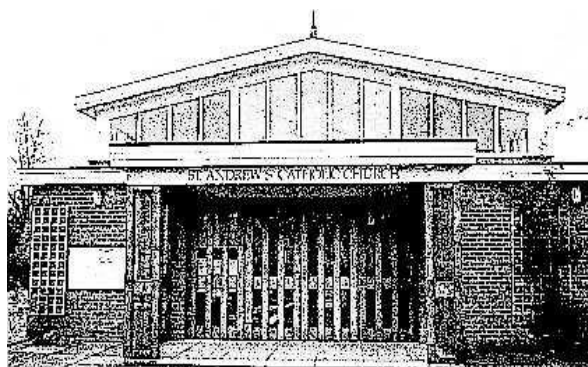
Fr Brendan Ona C.S.Sp.

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.



30th June 2024 St Peter and St Paul, Apostles

Message from Deacon Errol

Who is Jesus to You?

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of two great men, St Peter and St Paul. Each of these two saints is important for different reasons. St Peter preaching to the Jews, and St Paul to the non-Jews, also called the Gentiles, you and I included. Peter is important because he was the first Pope and kept the church united, which was growing very rapidly in the years following Pentecost. Jesus is asking us today – “Who do people say I am?” (Matthew 16:13-19). This question draws us to consider who Jesus is and what we believe. We ask; who is Jesus for me? What do I believe about Him? How can I know Jesus in a way that it is no longer I, but Jesus living in me? How can I surrender to Jesus?

As Catholic Christians, Jesus has given us a strong and firm foundation, but we need to stay close and true to Him, in order to receive the graces we need to be effective witness as good and faithful disciples. We must be confident in Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. In Jesus, we need not fear. Each of us is called to be a foundation stone for the up building of the lives of those around us. St Peter is the rock because he has found the Rock, that is Jesus.

We must remember that before these saints were shepherds and apostles, they were sheep and disciples like us. God was able to do great things in them, through them and with them, because they made a decision to surrender control of their lives and destiny to Jesus, the Son of God.

Are you in the grip of hopelessness, despair, or fear, doubt and pride? This is the time to come to Jesus in faith and trust in God, that He may help you. He has given us free and easy access to come to Him, especially in the Most Blessed Sacrament, but how many of us come and receive of His fullness in faith? Often we allow the worldly affairs and tribulations to render us faithless and thus displeasing to God (Heb.11:6). We must remember that it is always at the most trying times that our faith can be gauged rightly. The Apostles overcame the trials of life because they focused on Jesus. They trusted and obeyed Him, the Author and finisher of our faith. God make us true disciples. Amen.

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 12:1-11

Psalms 33

Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod

From all my terrors the Lord set me free

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
for me

All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved

Matthew 16:13-19

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven

Diary for the Week

Sunday 30th June <i>Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday	For the people of the parish
	10.30am Mass	Mary Badu and Family – Thanksgiving & wellbeing
	7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	
Monday 1st July	7.30am Mass	Fr Edward Mostyn (F) Angela Berriman RIP
	10.00am Mass	
	7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery	
Tuesday 2nd July	7.30am Mass	Timothy & Cleta Andradi RIP Baby Salazar RIP
	10.00am Mass	
Wednesday 3rd July	7.30am Mass	Irineu Santana Fernandes – Birthday & Thanksgiving Mary Donnelly (F)
	10.00am Mass	
	6.00pm Junior Praesidium (hall)	
	7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	
Thursday 4th July	7.30am Mass	Leo Nicolaou – Thanksgiving 5 th Birthday Thelma Jarrett – Birthday
	10.00am Mass	
Friday 5th July	7.30am Mass	Denis Linehane – Wellbeing Antonio Joao Fernandes Calisto RIP Anniv
	10.00am Mass	
	10.30 – 12noon Adoration	
	6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	
Saturday 6th July	9.00 - 9.20am Divine Mercy Prayers	Margaret Chambers RIP Anniv Robin Alvin's Family – Thanksgiving
	9.30am Mass	
	10.00 – 10.30am Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions	
	6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 7th July <i>14th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass	Agnes Danso-Dapaah Family – Wellbeing For the people of the parish Assi Victor D'Sa – birthday
	11.30am Mass	
	5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	6.00pm Mass	
	7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	

Church cleaners: this week: Fifi's Group, next week: Charismatic Group

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

FR NICHOLAS

We thank Fr Nicholas who has been helping us with our masses over the last few weeks. He will be leaving us this weekend and returning home to Ghana. We wish him a safe return journey and please continue to keep Fr Nicholas in your prayers.

SPECIAL CULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAY: SUNDAY 30TH JUNE

Following our Mass at 10.30am, this Sunday at St Andrew's we are holding a special Cultural and International Day in our hall and also using the outside of the Church carpark and as previously announced there will only be one Mass at 10.30am today.

We are holding various events which has been organised by our different groups and communities including some international cuisine. We invite and welcome everyone from our parish to join us. A very big thank you to all who have organised and planned our events today and everyone for attending. Remember we want helpers at the end to help us clear up too! Thank you again and we hope everyone will enjoy themselves.

SECOND COLLECTON THIS WEEKEND – PETER’S PENCE

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.

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. Coaches need to be booked and so we will be taking names, mobiles and payment after each Mass this Sunday, last few days remaining.

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

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.

THE NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The group will be meeting on Sunday 7th July following the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

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.

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.

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.

MISSION TODAY

Please take home with you a copy of the Mission Today Summer 2024 Impact Report.

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 info.

PUBLIC SPEAKING IN CHURCH,

Join CAFOD online training, learn tips and build your confidence

CAFOD are offering 1-hour training sessions on Zoom for anyone interested in building their confidence for public speaking. Designed for beginners and anyone who needs to make announcements, ask for volunteers or speak on behalf of a charity or a parish appeal at Mass. Come along to learn new skills, practice, and discover how you can inspire our congregation. On Saturday 13 July, 11am-12pm and Tuesday 16 July, 7pm-8pm. Please register at CAFOD Southwark Office: southwark@cafod.org.uk

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. 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. 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 bi-annual 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, 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.

