

# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

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

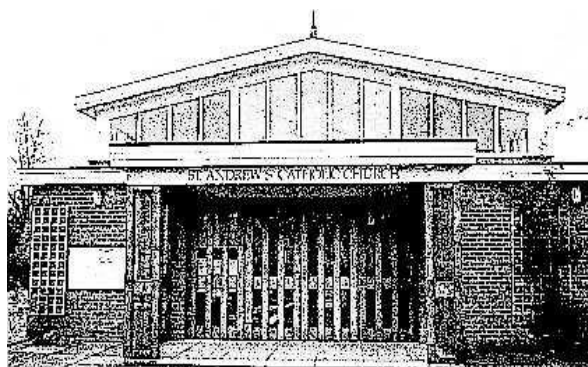
Fr Brendan Ona C.S.Sp.

**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.*



9<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

## Message from Fr Anthony

### **Theme: We Are Members Of The Victorious Family of Christ**

On this tenth Sunday of ordinary time, the Church reminds us that as humans, we all have an existential struggle against evil. However, the good news is that, we are illuminated through the assurance of victory. It is Christ, the seed of the Woman (Mary) who helps us to obtain this victory in our daily and earthly struggle against evil.

The first reading is from the story of the fall of Adam and Eve. It is an integral part of our salvific history which reminds us of something that we inherited from them. That is, the adamic nature due to Original Sin. Also, it reminds us of the consequences disobedience.

In the second reading, Paul simply brings to light the significant characteristics of a life lived in faith. With the words of the psalmist he testifies: "We also believe and therefore we speak (Ps 116:10), knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us." Yes, this is a great profession of faith.

Today's gospel narrates Jesus' encounter with his people and family. They thought he was out of his mind. They accused him of being possessed when he was actually liberating the possessed. They were ready to restrain him with false charges. They wished to tame his miraculous works and powerful preaching. In spite of all these, He remained focused.

Every true disciple of Christ is, His brother, sister, mother and a member of his victorious family. He came to save all who are ready to do the will of God. Of course, Mary his Mother is a great model of this for all of us. Hence, Christ did not disrespect his own faithful mother. Rather, he teaches an important lesson today; that, through faith and obedience to God's will, we all have the opportunity to become members of his victorious and happy family.

Also, Christ reminds us that it is not status, but action in response to God's call that determines who belongs to his victorious family. To become part of the victorious family of Christ is a dynamic process. It flows from a personal encounter with Christ, faithfulness and obedience to God's will. Hence, if we are disciples of Christ, we must prove it through our faith and obedience to God's will.

### This Sunday's Readings

**Genesis 3:9-15**

**I will make you enemies of each other; you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring**

**Psalms 129**

**With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption**

**2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

**We believe, and therefore we speak**

**Mark 3:20-35**

**It is the end of Satan**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass <b>5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Thanksgiving Lucinda De Souza RIP Esther Oyeyinka & Family – Health, protection & wellbeing  For the people of the parish
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery</b>	Angela Berriman RIP Paul Etuka RIP
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Fr Sunith Nonis – 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Michael Flynn RIP Birthday
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>6.00pm Junior Praesidium (hall)</b> <b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Michael & Phyllis Keane (F) Anthony Orell RIP
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30am Mass  10.00am Mass	St Anthony Feast from Eugene Fernandes & Family Lucas, Ubaldina, Sylvia & Amon De Souza RIP
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>10.30 – 12noon Adoration</b> <b>6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)</b>	Michael D’Souza RIP Anniv St Anthony of Padua – Feast Day, Thanksgiving from Athayde Family
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.00 - 9.20am Divine Mercy Prayers</b> 9.30am Mass <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Francis Tucker (F)  Adele Rutledge – Birthday Blessings
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>  <i>Father’s Day</i>	9.30am Mass  11.30am Mass <b>5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family – Thanksgiving & Wellbeing Jordan & Sabina Ogwuke – Birthdays  For the people of the parish

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

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts for the month of May 2024, basket £3,053, standing orders £3,501, card reader £555, **Total £7,109** - *Thank you for your generosity*

(second collection £327 for CAFOD Sudan Appeal, £480 for Spiritan Pentecost Sunday, £223 for World Communication Sunday) - *Thank you for your generosity*

Payment to Diocese for Diocesan assessments for the month of May 2024, **Total £5,534**

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### THANK YOU

Fr Anthony would like to thank everyone who attended last Sunday’s special Corpus Christi Mass with the procession and to everyone who helped and attended our special picnic. A special thank you to our Scout Group for their help with providing the shelter for the picnic and to those who helped with the setting up and putting away of the furniture. All of it was really appreciated – thank you all again.

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

Please can we ask if you have a little time to come and help us with a “clean up” on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June with cleaning the Church, hall and grounds. We will be starting after the 9.30am Mass. All help would be greatly appreciated however small.

### **THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY**

A mass will be offered on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at the 11.30am Mass in Thanksgiving for The Caribbean Community.

### **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**

Our 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.

### **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK (16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE): 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.

### **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 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 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. 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.

### **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.

### **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.

## **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.

## **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)