
ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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PASTORAL TEAM

Priests: Fr Anthony Saffa C.S.Sp.

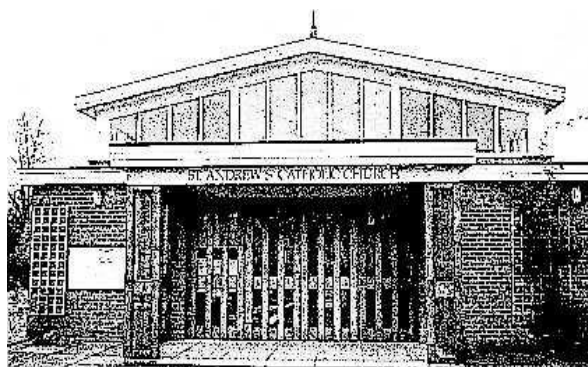
Fr Brendan Ona C.S.Sp.

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.



14th July 2024 15th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Fr Brendan C.S.Sp.

Mark 6:7-13

He involves them in His mission

Having called the apostles, Jesus instructed them. Then he involved them in his work. This is because when he chose them, he chose them for a purpose - to spread the good news of the kingdom of God. Now the time has come to involve them in that work, to share the divine mission with them. So he sent them out.

Jesus sent the apostles out in twos so that they could support one another and learn to work with others in a fraternal community. He empowers them to speak and act in his name.

We must remember that this was only a temporary mission, of short duration and limited to the surrounding Jewish towns and villages. The final commissioning, in which they were sent to the whole world, was still in the future. The apostles' main task is to preach the message. But they won't be able to control the response of the people, nor should they try to do so. They have to respect their freedom. And they have to expect that some will refuse it. If their preaching is rejected they are to react with a symbolic gesture - shaking the dust from their feet as they leave. The people would have known what this gesture meant. It meant that the apostles were dissociating themselves completely from them and henceforth would regard them as heathens. Its purpose was to make them rethink what was being offered to them and the consequences of their refusal.

This gospel passage has great lessons for us. Just as Amos in the first reading and the apostles were called to preach God's word to the people, we are also called in different capacities to witness Christ to those around us. We are called to some kind of involvement, according to our age and circumstances. We must be living branches of the vine bearing fruits. It is a great challenge to us all to be active, not passive followers. The world needs effective witnesses now. All of us must be involved. SHALOM.

This Sunday's Readings

Amos 7:12-15

Go, prophesy to my people

Psalm 84

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help

Ephesians 1:3-14

Before the world was made, God chose us

Mark 6:7-13

He began to send them out

Diary for the Week

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| Sunday 14th July <i>15th 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 | Alda Monteiro RIP Paul Etuka RIP The Caribbean Community – Thanksgiving For the people of the parish |
| Monday 15th July | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery | Birthday (14 July) Norbert and Yvonne D’Costa – Wedding Anniv |
| Tuesday 16th July | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass | Fr Arthur Mostyn (F) Lucas, Ubaldina, Sylvia and Amon De Souza RIP |
| Wednesday 17th July | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Junior Praesidium (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall) | Samar Staussi – Wellbeing Deceased souls of the Freeman Family RIP |
| Thursday 18th July | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass | Bertha D’Costa – Heavenly Birthday Birthday (June) |
| Friday 19th July | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall) | Brigid Lakhani RIP Birthday Tony Lawrence RIP 1 st Anniv |
| Saturday 20th July | 9.00 - 9.20am Divine Mercy Prayers 9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday | PA Daniel Ejiofor RIP Maria York – Birthday thanksgiving |
| Sunday 21st July <i>16th Sunday of the Year</i> | 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group | Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family- Thanksgiving & wellbeing Evie Menezes-Dias – Birthday For the people of the parish |

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

RECEIPTS

Receipts for the month of June, basket £3,338, standing orders £3,440, card reader £569, **Total £7,347** - *thank you for your generosity*

Second collections Day for Life £251, for Peter’s Pence £211 - *thank you*

Payment to Diocese for Diocesan assessments for the month of June: **Total £5,534**

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

MEETINGS WITH NEWLY CONFIRMED CANDIDATES

Fr Anthony would like to meet with *all* newly Confirmed candidates for 2024 in the hall after every Mass this weekend for a short while.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: SEA SUNDAY 14TH JULY

Stella Maris is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. Port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome seafarers, offer welfare service and advice, practical help, care and friendship. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our

lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their families. Stella Maris relies wholly on voluntary contributions, and can only continue its work through the generous donations of its supporters, particularly this collection. You can donate in church using one of the special Stella Maris envelopes, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Please see the poster in the porch for more info. Thank you to Salvina Bartholomeusz who will be speaking at all our weekend masses about the work of Stella Maris.

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 coach for Aylesford will arrive at St Andrew's at 7.45am and we will leave at 8.15am. We shall celebrate Morning Prayer on the coach and then when we arrive at the Priory we shall have Mass and walk the Rosary Way for those who are able to. Fr Anthony will give a talk and then we shall have lunch and spend the afternoon together chatting and playing games for those who want. Please bring a pack lunch and something to share if you are able to. The coach will leave Aylesford no later than 4.30pm. If you haven't yet bought a ticket there are still a few places on the coach left, £20 per adult and £10 per child - please pass your details to the office.

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. Dan's first Mass as a Deacon will be on Sunday 28th July at the 11.30am Mass and you are all invited into the hall afterwards for some light refreshments.

LEWIS HORNER RIP

We are sorry to learn of the death last week of Lewis Horner. He was a long-standing, faithful parishioner of this parish, before moving to a Care Home in Purley a few years ago. He is fondly remembered as our organist and played so beautifully at countless Masses – on Sundays, weekdays, funerals etc. He also played regularly at a Sunday Mass in Purley parish where he had great connections with Thomas More School, having taught there and also served as a Governor. He was also the Chair of Croydon Deanery Pastoral Council for many years. We will publish his funeral arrangements when we have them. May Lewis rest in peace with the Lord whom he loved and served so faithfully.

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY

The Caribbean Community would like to thank everyone who supported and attended their Soiree on Saturday 6th July. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you and hopefully see you all again at the next one!

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.

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.

GHANAIAN COMMITTEE

The group will be meeting on Sunday 21st July in the hall after the 11.30am Mass.

MASS FOR THE SICK

The next Mass for the Sick will be on Friday 26th July at 6.00pm. Please let all your family and friends know - come and receive God's healing and anointing.

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.

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.

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 but please note there will be NO Masses in the hospital during August resuming again Wednesday 4th September.

ST ANDREW'S NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

Please take a copy of the letter, in the porch, of a Pastoral Message from Archbishop John Wilson to Catholics from Nigeria, or with Nigerian Heritage, in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

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.

DIACONAL DAY

On this Sunday 14th July we are celebrating our first Archdiocesan Diaconal Day, during which we pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our Archdiocese as well as we pray for the new vocations to this ministry. If you are a man between 21 years to 58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love God and God's people, you are involved in services within your parish and community, you have tried many things and still feel drawn to a closer relationship with Christ and His Church you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon? If you require further information about the Permanent Diaconate, please speak to Fr Anthony, Deacon Errol, or contact the Diaconate Formation Director via e-mail: ianblack@rcaos.org.uk.

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.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

This is on Sunday 28th July and is an opportunity to celebrate the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. This is a chance to show your love and appreciation and gratitude for these important members of your family, perhaps with a shared meal or a picnic or simply a visit and a prayer. Pope Francis has this year provided the theme: *Do not cast me off in my old age*. Check out the link for the day on the Dicastery for Laity, Family & Life website: <https://www.ukvocation.org/grandparentsday> for the full message from Pope Francis.

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/>)