

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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PASTORAL TEAM

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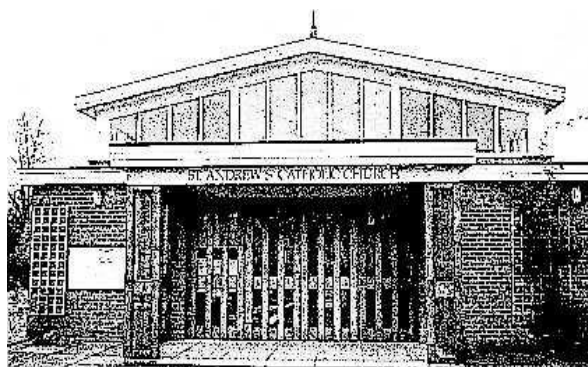
Fr Brendan Ona C.S.Sp.

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.



21st July 2024
16th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Deacon Errol

Bring the Good News and live by the Good News

The Gospel of today tells us about the return of the apostles from their ministry. It is a beautiful passage, which gives a deeper meaning to what is expected of us as disciples of Jesus, particularly, Christian leaders. The disciples return to Jesus after their mission. Because they took their mission from Jesus, they return to Him to give account on what had happened. There are two areas of Jesus' mission I would like us to reflect on, 'Actions and Teachings'. Because there was a lot of comings and goings, which is not a good place for reflection on the missionary experience, Jesus invites them to come away to a quiet place for rest. People saw them go which explains how a crowd appeared in the wilderness. (Mark 6:30-34) The people were there because they see in Jesus a genuine leader and that rubs off on His apostles too.

The Prophet Jeremiah in the first reading spoke against the sins of those misleading and scattering the people of God. The crime is that of driving people away, the very opposite of the concept of gathering God's people, which Jesus' mission brings. The cry, "You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them", is countered by God's compassionate response, "they need no longer fear and tremble". (Jeremiah 23:1-6)

The people of God are living in spiritual exile because of the actions of the very people who have taken on the role of shepherd. Shepherds (Leaders) are supposed to take care of their sheep (the people). Feed them; protect them; guide them. Every good leader has the best interest of the people he leads at heart. Therefore, the people's wellbeing in body, mind and spirit should be a priority. As Jesus stepped ashore and saw the large crowd, we are told He took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead people to God. What are we as leaders teaching the people around us? How are our actions drawing souls to God? What are parents teaching their young? The way we live here matter to our eternal life. May the Lord help us to bring the Good News to all and truly teach the gospel values and live by it. Amen.

This Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6

The remnant of my flock I will gather and I will raise up shepherds to look after them

Psalms 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

Ephesians 2:13-18

Christ Jesus is the peace between us, and has made the two into one

Mark 6:30-34

They were like sheep without a shepherd

Diary for the Week

Sunday 21st July <i>16th Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Maria York – Birthday Thanksgiving Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family- Thanksgiving and wellbeing Evie Menezes-Dias – Birthday For the people of the parish
	9.30am	Mass	
	11.30am	Mass	
	5.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	6.00pm	Mass	
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	
Monday 22nd July	7.30am	Mass	Victor DeCosta – Heavenly Birthday William De Menezes RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	7.00 – 9.00pm	Parish Surgery	
Tuesday 23rd July	7.30am	Mass	Carina Menezes – Birthday Juliet & Manuel Castellino RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
Wednesday 24th July	7.30am	Mass	Alexander Leggett - Birthday Elliott Joseph Thomas RIP
	10.00am	Funeral Mass	
	6.00pm	Junior Praesidium (hall)	
	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (hall)	
Thursday 25th July	7.30am	Mass	Prisca Fernandes RIP Joshua Oyeyinka – Birthday (June)
	10.00am	Mass	
Friday 26th July	7.30am	Mass	Sr Mary Martin RIP Augustus Bees RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
	10.30 – 12noon	Adoration	
	6.00pm	Mass for the sick	
Saturday 27th July	9.00 - 9.20am	Divine Mercy Prayers	Jude-Martin & Romina Etuka – Special Intentions Jane D’Souza RIP
	9.30am	Mass	
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 28th July <i>17th Sunday of the Year</i> <i>World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly</i>	9.30am	Mass	Ron Lakhani – 85 th Birthday Paul Etuka RIP For the people of the parish
	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

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.

GHANAIAN COMMITTEE

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

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 recently of Lewis Horner. May Lewis rest in peace with the Lord whom he loved and served so faithfully. His funeral will be held here in St Andrew’s, details will follow in due course.

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. The last one before the summer break is on Monday 22nd July, resuming again on Monday 9th September.

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.

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.

SCHOOL REFERENCES

This process commences after the school summer break. We are offering parents/guardians a number of dates for you to come along and see the Parish Priest for school references. Please make sure you bring with you all the relevant school forms and your child's Baptism Certificate. One parent/guardian who is known to the Parish Priest should come along to the Presbytery during the times shown, you do not need an individual appointment time. For all school priest references the following dates are:

Monday 9 September	11.30am – 1.00pm and 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Wednesday 11 September	11.30am – 1.00pm and 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Monday 16 September	11.30am – 1.00pm and 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Wednesday 18 September	11.30am – 1.00pm and 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Friday 20 September	11.30am – 1.00pm and 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Please note that these will be the only dates that the Parish Priest will see you to sign all school forms (nursery, primary, secondary), so please note the dates. Once again we have to remind you that we receive so many calls and visits about late applications after the original dates have been missed so please make every effort to attend – it is *your* responsibility. The above dates are the only ones available – no excuses!

ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP UK FOODBANK

The next one will be held in St Andrew's Church hall on Saturday 27th July 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 donations.*

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection will be for The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) which is the Annual Mission Appeal 2024 as agreed with the Archdiocese of Southwark. A summary of who the Spiritans are: The Spiritans are a Roman Catholic Religious Congregation founded in 1703. With a history spanning over 300 years, they currently have over 3000 professed and lay members drawn from all continents. These Spiritans carry out their mission of evangelisation in more than 60 countries around the world. In the UK they particularly serve in Parishes, Chaplains, hospital chaplains and they have a Just Youth project which help youths and the Revive Project which takes care of migrants. We welcome a Spiritan Priest who will be speaking more at all our weekend masses about The Spiritans Ministry.

400 CLUB PRIZE WINNERS MAY 2024 ARE:

No. 85 Mrs Anne Tiernan - 1st prize £20
No. 3 Presley Rebelo - 2nd prize £10
No. 25 Frances Gilbert - 3rd prize £10

Here is some general information about the 400 Club and how to join. There are some membership forms and information in the porch, please take a copy home.

The 400 Club is a monthly parish lottery and has been running for over 35 years. It has raised £44,942 for the parish to contribute towards the parish finances as well as paid to 400 Club members in prizes. The 400 Club always needs new members.

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Who can become a member?

Anyone over eighteen years can become a member. A member does not have to be a parishioner or live in the parish. A member can hold more than one membership.

How do I become a member and when?

You can become a member anytime by completing the application form and posting it through the Presbytery letterbox.

What is the subscription?

£2 per month.

How do I pay the subscription?

Preferably by Bankers Standing Order: £2-monthly, £6-quarterly £12 semi-annually or £24 annually. Or by cash or cheque payable to the "400 Club": £12-semi-annually or £24 annually in advance.

What happens to the money I give?

50% is given back in prize money. 50% is given to parish fund.

How is the prize fund distributed?

By monthly Prize Draw.

Who is eligible for the Prize Draw?

All paid-up members. Any member who is not up-to date with his or her payments is excluded from the Prize Draw for that month.

If you would like to join the 400 Club, or would like further information, please contact our 400 Club Secretary, Rose Ellerton, on the new email address: thorntonheath400club@rcaos.org.uk

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. Pope Francis has this year provided the theme: *Do not cast me off in my old age*. See the link on the Dicastery for Laity, Family & Life website: <https://www.ukvocation.org/grandparentsday> for the full message from Pope Francis.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK

The March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 7th September. There are many attempts at the moment to further liberalise abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint. The dangers of these situations are being highlighted by the theme for this year's March for Life which is 'Abortion isn't Healthcare'. Join thousands at this family-friendly event. On the day there is a Mass at St George's Cathedral at 11am. There will also be events happening at The Emmanuel Centre, SW1P 3DW from 10-1pm including a 'Pro-life Health Summit', prolife stalls, children's activities and more. The march itself will start outside this venue at 1.30pm and end at Parliament Square. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk