

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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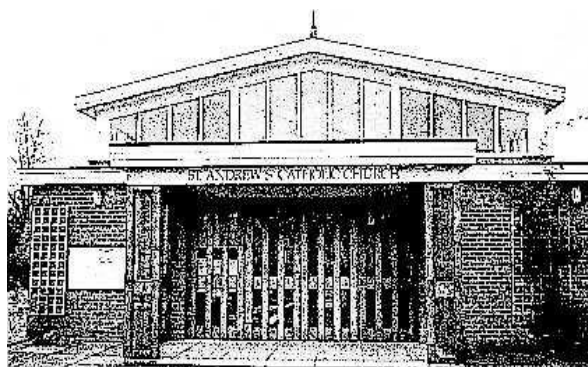
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Welcome to St Andrew's RC Church. Worship has been offered here since 1905. You are all very welcome to join in the hymns and other parts of the service as much as possible. Please switch mobile phones off and refrain from taking photographs, filming or recording.



28th July 2024
17th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Fr Anthony

Christ Continues to Feed His People

On this 17th Sunday of ordinary time, we celebrate Christ the new Elisha who feeds, and unites us in him. Our first reading and the gospel both narrate the miracles of the multiplication of bread motivated by compassion and generosity. In our first reading, Elisha got a gift of food. However, noticing that the people were hungry and moved by compassion, he generously offered it to them. Through him God miraculously multiplied the food, thus, fulfilling his prophecy: "They will eat and have left over."

In the gospel, moved by compassion for his flock, Jesus, "the new Elisha," replicated the miracle of Elisha. He fed more than five thousand people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. He was sensitive to their situation and need. Christ cares both for our physical and spiritual needs. He feeds us with both His word, and the Holy Eucharist, which is His body.

There are many important lessons we can learn from today's readings and especially from the miracles. The first is from the compassion and generosity of both Elisha and Jesus for their flocks. Compassion moved them to generously feed their people. Compassion is the basis of empathy and sympathy. We need it to understand what it means for others to be hungry, thirsty, sick, homeless, jobless, and lonely. In fact, we need them to be human. The second lesson is that God can transform something little into something great. So, we must not doubt God as the disciples did. This is because; our God is a God of impossibilities. As Christ tells us: "With God all things are possible" (Mt 19: 26), and Paul affirms: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil 4: 13). The third lesson is the generosity of the little boy. He is a hero in Jesus' miracle. He generously offered what he had and his generosity became the motivation of a great miracle for his community. From two fish and five loaves, the community was blessed with more twelve baskets of food. This shows that at times, God works with what we have. To be compassionate is to be like Christ. To be generous is to cooperate with Christ in his ministry. Christ sought the cooperation of his disciples and community, and the little boy. He exhibited a fraternal spirit and so, changed the destiny of his community.

How do we respond to the needs of our community in times of need? The goods we have, our talents, time, knowledge, experience, including our faith are values that we must place at the service of others. A generous and compassionate attitude towards others can enrich the life of many, as well as our own life. When compassion and generosity embrace, great miracles happen for a community united by one faith, one spirit and one baptism.

Finally, through his generosity and compassion, Christ continues to work miracles in our midst. He continues to feed and nourish us physically and spiritually at every Eucharistic celebration. So, with the psalmist let us praise Christ: "You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires."

This Sunday's Readings

2 Kings 4:42-44

They will eat and have some left over

Psalm 144

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires

Ephesians 4:1-6

One Body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism

Diary for the Week

Sunday 28th July <i>17th Sunday of the Year</i> <i>World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly</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	Jane D'Souza RIP Ron Lakhani – 85 th Birthday Paul Etuka RIP For the people of the parish
Monday 29th July	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Ponciano Fernandes RIP Apolonia & Carol Okoroafor RIP
Tuesday 30th July	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Timothy and Cleta Andradi RIP For the Souls in Purgatory RIP
Wednesday 31st July	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Junior Praesidium (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Robert Fernandes RIP Angela Berriman RIP
Thursday 1st August	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Egidia and Bonoventure RIP Lewis Horner RIP
Friday 2nd August	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration	William De Menezes RIP Anniv Romina Etuka – Special intentions
Saturday 3rd August	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	Max and Shirley RIP For the people of the parish
Sunday 4th August <i>18th 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	Mrs Veronica Ezike RIP – 2 nd year Anniv of Burial Charlotte and Oli – Wedding Anniv Paul Etuka RIP
Monday 5th August	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Lorraine Viegas RIP Annie Antoinette RIP Anniv
Tuesday 6th August <i>Transfiguration of The Lord</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass	Savio Dias - Birthday Francis De Souza RIP
Wednesday 7th August	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Junior Praesidium (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Helena and Benjamin RIP Sr. Ancilla D'Souza RIP
Thursday 8th August	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Angela Berriman RIP Cajetan D'Souza RIP
Friday 9th August	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration	Martha and Victor Lobo RIP Lewis Horner RIP
Saturday 10th August	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	Urmila and Anil RIP Manick Persaud RIP
Sunday 11th August <i>19th 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	Patrocine Carrasco RIP Paul Etuka RIP For the people of the parish
Monday 12th August	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Arnaldo Fernandes RIP Ramiro Carrasco RIP

<i>Tuesday 13th August</i>	7.30am 10.00am 12noon	Mass Mass Funeral Mass: Dr Denis Bramwell RIP	Brian Curran RIP – recently deceased Romina Etuka – Special intentions
<i>Wednesday 14th August</i>	7.30am 10.00am 6.00pm 7.30pm	Mass Mass Junior Praesidium (hall) Legion of Mary (hall)	David and Laura Dantas – Wellbeing Clifton Carrasco RIP
<i>Thursday 15th August</i> <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holyday of Obligation</i>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Apolinario Fernandes RIP Anniv Elizabeth Cunningham RIP 3 rd Anniv
<i>Friday 16th August</i>	7.30am 10.00am 10.30 – 12noon	Mass Mass Adoration	Martin Charles RIP Peter Ebom RIP
<i>Saturday 17th August</i>	9.00 - 9.20am 9.30am 10.00 – 10.30am 5.00 – 5.30pm 6.00pm	Divine Mercy Prayers Mass Confessions Confessions First Mass of Sunday	Lewis Horner RIP Moira and Gilbert Carrasco RIP
<i>Sunday 18th August</i> <i>20th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Mass Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass Charismatic Prayer Group	Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family- Thanksgiving and Wellbeing Deceased Souls of the Freeman Family RIP For the people of the parish
<i>Monday 19th August</i>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Lucy and John D’Souza RIP Jean D’Souza – Thanksgiving
<i>Tuesday 20th August</i>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	The Andradi Family – Wellbeing Heather & Vivian Fonseca RIP
<i>Wednesday 21st August</i>	7.30am 10.00am 6.00pm 7.30pm	Mass Mass Junior Praesidium (hall) Legion of Mary (hall)	Nelly and Victor D’Lima RIP Norina and Frank Fernandes RIP
<i>Thursday 22nd August</i>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Rosemond Obeng – Birthday Frank Hayward – Wellbeing
<i>Friday 23rd August</i>	7.30am 10.00am 10.30 – 12noon	Mass Mass Adoration	Hannah Obeng Plange RIP Anniv Julius Fernandes RIP
<i>Saturday 24th August</i>	9.00 - 9.20am 9.30am 10.00 – 10.30am 5.00 – 5.30pm 6.00pm	Divine Mercy Prayers Mass Confessions Confessions First Mass of Sunday	Rui Pinto RIP For the people of the parish
<i>Sunday 25th August</i> <i>21st Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Mass Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass Charismatic Prayer Group	Luis Jose Vicente Fernandes – Birthday & Thanksgiving Monica & Newton Carrasco RIP Paul Etuka RIP
<i>Monday 26th August</i> <i>Bank Holiday</i>	10.00am	Mass	Alec and Betty Eldridge RIP
<i>Tuesday 27th August</i>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Lewis Horner RIP Phillip Johnson RIP Anniv
<i>Wednesday 28th August</i>	7.30am 10.00am 6.00pm 7.30pm	Mass Mass Junior Praesidium (hall) Legion of Mary (hall)	Olive Moran RIP Bond Family RIP

Thursday 29th August <i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Cledwyn Lobo RIP Frank D'Souza – Thanksgiving
Friday 30th August	7.30am 10.00am 10.30 – 12noon	Mass Mass Adoration	Steven Freeman – Birthday and Wellbeing Lucas, Ubaldina, Sylvia & Amon De Souza RIP
Saturday 31st August	9.00 - 9.20am 9.30am 10.00 – 10.30am 5.00 – 5.30pm 6.00pm	Divine Mercy Prayers Mass Confessions Confessions First Mass of Sunday	Tecla and Raymond D'Souza RIP Samantha Peterson – Birthday
Sunday 1st September <i>22nd Sunday of the Year</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</i>	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Mass Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass Charismatic Prayer Group	Estefania & Benedict D'Souza RIP Hilda D'Souza – Thanksgiving For the people of the parish
Monday 2nd September	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Patrick Mascarenhas RIP Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
Tuesday 3rd September <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Lewis Horner RIP Paul Etuka RIP
Wednesday 4th September	7.30am 10.00am 6.00pm 7.30pm	Mass Mass Junior Praesidium (hall) Legion of Mary (hall)	Ida Moraes RIP Felicia Mgbemere – Birthday
Thursday 5th September	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Funeral Mass	Sr Mary Pauline DMJ RIP Lewis Horner RIP
Friday 6th September	7.30am 10.00am 10.30 – 12noon	Mass Mass Adoration	All Souls in Purgatory RIP Joseph Oyeyinka – Birthday Anniv
Saturday 7th September	9.00 - 9.20am 9.30am 10.00 – 10.30am 5.00 – 5.30pm 6.00pm	Divine Mercy Prayers Mass Confessions Confessions First Mass of Sunday	Montey Chin – Thanksgiving Frank Hayward – Wellbeing
Sunday 8th September <i>23rd Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Mass Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass Charismatic Prayer Group	Paul Etuka RIP Jude-Martin & Romina Etuka – Special Intentions For the people of the parish
Monday 9th September	7.30am 10.00am 11.30am-1.00pm 7.00 – 9.00pm	Mass Mass School references School references/Parish Surgery	Lewis Horner RIP Carol and Apolonia Okoroafor RIP
Tuesday 10th September	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Jude Martin & Romina Etuka – Special Intentions
Wednesday 11th September	7.30am 10.00am 11.30am-1.00pm 6.00pm 7.00-9.00pm 7.30pm	Mass Mass School references Junior Praesidium (hall) School references Legion of Mary (hall)	Paul Etuka RIP Michael Dunne RIP
Thursday 12th September <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	7.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass	Pam & Bernard Freeman – Wedding Anniv

Friday 13th September	7.30am 10.00am 10.30 – 12noon 6.30pm	Mass Mass Adoration Brownies/Guides (hall)	Lewis Horner RIP
Saturday 14th September	9.00 - 9.20am 9.30am 10.00 – 10.30am 5.00 – 5.30pm 6.00pm	Divine Mercy Prayers Mass Confessions Confessions First Mass of Sunday	Paul Etuka RIP For the people of the parish
Sunday 15th September <i>24th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am 11.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Mass Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass Charismatic Prayer Group	Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family- Thanksgiving and wellbeing Brigid Lakhani RIP – 8 th Anniv Bernadette Menezes-Dias – Birthday

Church cleaners: this week: Charismatic Group, next week: St Jude's Group (*afterwards please refer to rota in cupboard*)

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

This weekend, Sunday 28th July, 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.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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. We welcome Fr Emmanuel Osei-Akoto who will be speaking at all our weekend masses about The Spiritans Ministry.

DEACON DAN TURNER

Deacon Dan's first Mass as a Deacon will be this Sunday 28th July at the 11.30am Mass and you are all invited to celebrate with him and his family in the hall afterwards for some light refreshments.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy will return after the summer break.

FUNERAL MASS FOR LEWIS HORNER RIP

The Requiem Mass for Lewis Horner will be on Thursday 5th September at 10am here in St. Andrew's. There will be tea and biscuits in the hall after the Mass, and the cremation will follow. All are most welcome.

SUNDAY CHOIR 11.30AM

Are you a musician or do you know someone who is? The 11.30am Music Ministry would love to hear from you! They are in need of a musician to deputise for their organist Eugenie, whenever she needs a break. If you would like to join us or would like more information please contact: Maria York 07720 444 940 or Eugenie Fatoba 07858 409957 – we look forward to hearing from you.

PARISH SURGERY

We will resume 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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please join us every Sunday evening before the 6pm Mass starting at 5.00pm and finishing at 5.45pm.

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.

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 no Masses in the hospital during August resuming again Wednesday 4th September.

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!

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY

The group will be meeting on Sunday 4th August after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

FUNERAL OF FRANCIS DE SOUZA RIP

The funeral of Francis De Souza RIP will be held here at St Andrew's on Tuesday 6th August at 10am followed by a reception in our hall after the cremation service at Croydon Crematorium West Chapel at 11.30am. Our condolences and prayers go out to the family.

GROUP MEETINGS

The Nigerian Catholic Community: Meeting on Sunday 8th September in the hall following the 11.30am Mass.

The Ghanaian Community: Meeting on Sunday 15th September in the hall following the 11.30am Mass.

ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP UK FOODBANK

The next ones will be held in St Andrew's Church hall on Saturdays 10th August, 24th August and 14th September 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.***

400 CLUB

If you would still like to join our Club, please take home our membership form with our information in the porch.

You can contact our 400 Club Secretary, Rose Ellerton, on the new email address:

thorntonheath400club@rcaos.org.uk for more info.

SECOND COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

The Catholic Education Service on 8th September 2024: There are over 2,000 Catholic schools and academies in England and Wales educating over 800,000 students. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education.

Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) Sunday on 15th September 2024: This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support the spread of the gospel in our own country.

OFFICE CLOSURE

This is our last newsletter before the summer break. From 8 August to 4 September the office will be closed due to staff leave. During this time the office answer phone will **not** be manned so please do not leave messages but only send urgent emails to the office for Fr Anthony's attention. Fr Anthony will also be away from 3 August to 9 August and also from 17 August to 24 August on pilgrimages. The office will re-open again on Monday 9 September.

***Thank you to all our parishioners for your prayers and continued support
We hope you all have a safe, restful and peaceful summer***