

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

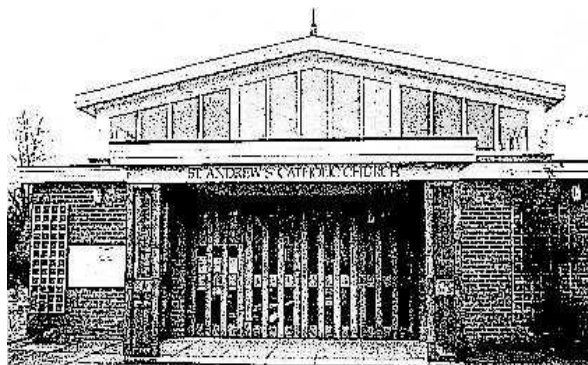
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PASTORAL TEAM

Priests: Fr Anthony Saffa C.S.Sp.
Fr Brendan Ona C.S.Sp.
Deacon: Rev. Errol Quagraine, Rev. Dan Turner
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.



22nd September 2024
25th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Deacon Dan

This Sunday's Gospel follows a similar pattern to the challenges made to Jesus' disciples and to the twelve in last Sunday's Gospel. We have the prediction, an inability to grasp the gravity of it and a lesson on how to walk in the footsteps of the Lamb.

The apostles' silence noted today seems to reflect a reticence on their part to investigate Jesus' second prediction of His execution and resurrection further but their second silence is rooted in embarrassment given the subject matter of the apostles' discussion. Just as Jesus knew then the topic of their conversation, He knows what is going on in our hearts right now, what drives us and just how fractured we can, at times, be.

In Jesus' time, children were seen as probably the most neglected people in society, perhaps due to the high rates of infant mortality and the fact that children could be seen as burdensome. The lesson Jesus gives reminds his inner circle, and us, that we are all made in the image of God and every human being therefore deserves the same respect, love and care. There is no hierarchy of worth or precedence when it comes to human beings and that those that are at the forefront must become the servants of all.

This Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20	Let us condemn him to a shameful death
Psalms 53	The Lord upholds my life
James 3: 16-4:3	Peacemakers when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness
Mark 9:30-37	The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all

Diary for the Week

Sunday 22nd September <i>25th 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	Iain Martin RIP recently deceased Antonio Luis Alvares RIP St Andrew's Asian Community Group - Thanksgiving For the people of the parish
Monday 23rd September	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Parish Surgery	Paul Etuka RIP Deacon Dan Turner
Tuesday 24th September	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Ann Margaret Manthorpe RIP (F) Oyeyinka Family – Wellbeing and protection
Wednesday 25th September	7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass 6.00pm Junior Praesidium (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Sr Mary Martin RIP Catherine “Sheila” McEneaney RIP
Thursday 26th September	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Michelle Mannion RIP Deceased members Freeman Family RIP
Friday 27th September	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.00pm Mass for the sick 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	Special intentions Alzira Miranda – Birthday
Saturday 28th September	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	Lewis Horner RIP Paul Etuka RIP
Sunday 29th September <i>26th 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	Jason & Juliette Wedding Anniv Deacon Dan Turner For the people of the parish

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

FR ANTHONY LEAVE

Fr Anthony will be away on leave going to Sierra Leone from 23rd September, returning 27th October.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Thank you to our PPC members who for the next four weeks will be counting the numbers.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy is on Sundays during 9.30am Mass, term-time only. All children above the age of 3 years are welcome.

ST ANDREW'S ASIAN COMMUNITY GROUP

The group will be meeting on Sunday 22nd September in the hall following the 11.30am Mass.

WARM HUB

The Warm Hub will be starting again on Tuesday 1st October from 11.00am to 3.00pm. Please come along to the parish hall where you will receive a warm welcome. Hot drinks will be served and there will be a simple soup lunch available. All good reasons to pop in and see friends – any donations welcome.

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. Frs Brendan and Sylvester will be here to meet with you.

REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Sunday.

400 CLUB

No. 89 Mr. J & Mrs. L Brennan- 1st prize £20

No. 41 A Castelo - 2nd prize £10

No. 9 Patrick Fagbola - 3rd prize £10

If you would 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.

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.

ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP UK FOODBANK

The next one will be held in St Andrew's Church hall on Saturdays 28th 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.*

MASS FOR THE SICK

The next Mass for the Sick will be on Friday 27th September at 6.00pm. Please let all your family and friends know - come and receive God's healing and anointing.

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.

YOUTH READERS WE NEED YOU!

We are keen to create a rota of youth readers who are willing to complement the youth choir who lead Mass on the fourth Sunday each month. You do not need to sing with the choir but will be expected to read the Mass readings and bidding prayers. In the absence of a psalmist, sometimes you may be asked to read the responsorial psalm. So if you are interested, please speak with Maxine who leads the Youth Choir after the 9.30am Mass. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group are having their first get-together after their summer break on Saturday 5th October at 7-9pm in the hall. If you would like to join them, just come along and speak to the leaders for more info. Please see the poster in the porch for more details too.

YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir returns to lead the Mass on 22nd September. We continue to welcome enthusiastic singers to praise God. If your son or daughter is interested, please speak with Maxine who leads the Youth Choir after the 9.30am Mass. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE LOVE PDO LONDON

The Reverend Sisters are asking for support for their congregation based in Streatham. The monies raised will help the local families so any donations will be gratefully received. Please see the poster regarding their 4th Annual Dinner Dance on 12th October in support of this.

SAVE THE DATE: CELEBRATION OF SR SHEILA'S 60TH RELIGIOUS LIFE, DIAMOND JUBILEE

On Tuesday 5th November at 7.00pm, you are all invited to the special Mass in celebration of Sr Sheila's 60th Religious Life, Diamond Jubilee, here at St Andrew's. Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating the Mass followed by a small reception in the hall afterwards.

ST ANDREW'S FEAST DAY

On Saturday 30th November you are all invited to attend the 6pm Mass and this will be followed by a Fish & Chips supper in the hall – tickets will be available for sale from the beginning of October in celebration of the Feast of St Andrew's.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Following the Thanksgiving Mass at 11.30am on Sunday 6th October, the Nigerian Community are having an Anniversary Thanksgiving celebration in the hall and you are all welcome to attend.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic and joining the Church? Have you been baptised as a Catholic and would like to prepare to receive the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Or would you like to learn more about the Catholic Faith?

If the answer is "Yes", why not come along to the RCIA information evening on Tuesday 24th September at 7.45pm in the church hall. If you are interested in this programme, please leave your name and contact details in the Parish Office.

PART-TIME PARISH SECRETARY VACANCY

Our Parish Secretary is leaving after 12 years. If you would like to apply for the role, please speak directly with Fr Anthony or send in your CV and any other relevant documents to him or to the diocese HR Department: hr@rcaos.org.uk. This is a part-time role and ideally you would work four mornings per week. Closing date for receipt of CVs is 30th September 2024.

THE ST ANDREW'S GOAN COMMUNITY

The St. Andrew's Goan Community in conjunction with The Goan Association (UK) invites you to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima at 11.30am on Sunday 13th October. This is the actual day of one of the Apparitions. Holy Mass will be celebrated by the Goan Chaplain in the presence of the original statue of Our Lady of Fatima, that has been blessed by Pope Pius XI in 1917. Holy Mass will be followed by Adoration, Benediction and Rosary and afterwards you are warmly invited into the hall for a light lunch. Should you wish to make any donations towards the light lunch in cash or kind, these would be gratefully received. For further details, please see the poster in the porch or contact Domenica Pires on 07854 347414 or Juliette DeMenezes-D'Costa on 07958 537314.

SPECIAL MISSIO MASS

You are all invited to a special Missio Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan on Saturday 5th October, 1pm, Church of the Holy Apostles, Winchester Street, Pimlico, London SW1V 4NZ. Please RSVP Dave 07593 544622 or email redbox@missio.org.uk

FOR THE BEREAVED

Grief In Loss: Hope In Christ is a weekend for those who have been bereaved. This weekend, from October 4-6, will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. The residential cost is £260 for a single. £230 each for a shared room. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford, please contact 01622 731111 to determine if it is right for you – 01622 731111

ANNUAL SERVICE AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL FOR ABUSE

The annual service for those that have been harmed by abuse is held at St George's Cathedral. This is usually held on the 25th September and is a reflection of Southwark's commitment to survivors of abuse at the service. The hymn is called "I Am Here", that at last gives a voice to victims of abuse. The hymn speaks with compassion and his love in order to help ease all the



SERVICE FOR HEALING & HOPE



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO A SERVICE FOR HEALING & HOPE FOR THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN HARMED BY ABUSE & FOR THOSE THAT WORK WITH OR SUPPORT THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN HARMED

Date: 25th September 2024

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: St Georges Cathedral, SE1 7HY

