

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

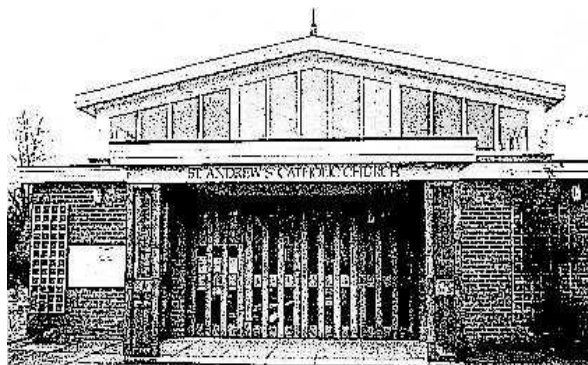
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PASTORAL TEAM

Priests: Fr Anthony Saffa C.S.Sp.
Fr Brendan Ona C.S.Sp.
Fr Sylvester Oyeka C.S.Sp.
Deacons: 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.



20th October 2024
29th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Deacon Dan

When we look at the readings for this Sunday's Mass we will find that they consist of a grand total of eight verses, if we take the permitted short version of the Gospel, that is. That total increases only by a further eight when the longer Gospel reading is considered. This should perhaps indicate two things to us; firstly, that the passages selected pack a powerful punch; and, secondly, that it is an exhortation to each of us to read the passages that precede and follow those we will hear during Mass.

The Second Reading is taken from Hebrews, at one time thought to be a letter but now considered to be a homiletic exhortation. Whatever it is, Hebrews shows us how Jesus inspires and motivates us to be part of His body, the Church. This he does through leading by example. Jesus manifests all of the traits commonly recognised as good leadership by: listening to His team; getting his hands dirty; delivering on promised results; resolving team conflicts quickly; valuing his people; and, doing His Father's will – He respects the chain of command. We should not be surprised; after all, He is the Son of God! He is also the *supreme* high priest! During His last years, Jesus came into confrontation with the Pharisees, the Sadducees and Caiaphas, the High Priest of the Jewish Temple – the leader of the transient high priests of Judaism.

Hebrews highlights the fact that, although the Son of God, Jesus is fully human and, just like us, He suffers times of weakness, exhaustion, anguish, grief, anger, indeed every emotion and physical challenge but all this without sin. He is indeed the perfect role model. As Jesus surrendered himself to death, we are to surrender ourselves to each other. We must all remember that, through His blood we are made into priests and are consecrated as such at our baptism. Go forth, therefore, and announce the Gospel of the Lord!

This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 53:10-11	If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
Psalms 32	May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you
Hebrews 4:14-16	Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace
Mark 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many

Diary for the Week

Sunday 20th October <i>29th 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	Paul De Souza – Wellbeing Mr & Mrs Charles Nkamuo & Family – Thanksgiving and wellbeing Edwin & Vincent Athayde RIP For the people of the parish
Monday 21st October	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery	Colin Bashford – Wellbeing Vijayanthi Vibish Antonainus – Birthday
Tuesday 22nd October	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Deacon Dan Turner Dennis Mannion RIP
Wednesday 23rd October	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Junior Praesidium (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Gillian Patient RIP 8 th Anniv Jude-Martin & Romina Etuka – Special Intentions
Thursday 24th October	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Paul Etuka RIP Chuks Etuka – Special Intentions
Friday 25th October	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.00pm Mass for the sick 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)	Peter Ebom RIP Oswald De Souza – Healing
Saturday 26th October	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	Special Intention FP Len Highland RIP 4 th Anniv
Sunday 27th October <i>30th 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 A Etuka – Wedding Anniv Pobrina Fernandes RIP Birthday For the people of the parish

Church cleaners: this week: Charismatic Group, next week: St Jude's Group

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday and the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes in the porch, call 020 7821 9755 or visit missio.org.uk. Please take home the Mission Today booklet.

400 CLUB SEPTEMBER DRAW

No. 24 Miss Lalitha Persaud - 1st prize £20
No. 129 Janice Bingham - 2nd prize £10
No. 10 Adele Rutledge - 3rd prize £10

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.

GHANAIAN COMMITTEE GROUP

The group are meeting today Sunday 20th October following the 11.30am Mass.

RCIC CATECHISM GROUP

This group is for children in Year 4 or older who have not been baptised or received their First Holy communion yet and would like to enrol on the preparation programme this year. Sessions take place on alternative Tuesdays at 6.30pm. For more information email John at sdcmmeetings@gmail.com

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 evenings on Tuesdays at 7.45pm in the church hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATIONS

For the First Holy Communion programme 2025, we are asking parents of children who are in year 3 or 4 from September 2024 to register their children for the programme commencing in January 2025 using the link <https://forms.gle/K7fFkuyiRVYdxaLj9> (please note this is not for children in school year 5 and above).

WARM HUB

The Warm Hub has started again on Tuesday mornings 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.

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 regular weekly Masses in the hospital. Mass will be on every Wednesday at 12noon in the Chapel.

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is a month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is prayed each weekday after the 10am Mass and Saturday 9.30am Mass (Fridays 10.30 – 12noon Adoration). All welcome to join our Rosary Group.

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 here to celebrate the Mass followed by a small reception in the hall afterwards. We will be presenting Sr Sheila with a gift from St Andrew's so if you would like to contribute, please take an envelope in the porch with your donation inside – thank you.

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 available for sale on the weekend of 26/27th October in celebration of the Feast of St Andrew's.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

On the 7th December from 11am to 3pm, we will be having the parish Christmas party. Everyone is welcome, old and young! Tickets are £5 for children over 2 years. Children will get to meet Santa, receive a lovely gift, have lunch and have lots of fun and games. Tickets have already started to be sold and will go very quickly. Please text Bernadette on 07729322571 for tickets by the end of October.

PARISH NATIVITY PLAY

Calling all budding actresses and actors, narrators, costume designers and dreamers. Our nativity play is on the 24th December at 5.00pm and will precede the 6.00pm Family Mass. Practices will start mid October. If you would like to take part, please let the Children's Liturgy leaders know.

MASS FOR THE SICK

The next Mass for the Sick will be on Friday 25th October at 6.00pm. Please let all your family and friends know - come and receive God's healing and anointing.

ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP UK FOODBANK

The next one will be held in St Andrew's Church hall on Saturday 26th October approximately from 12.00–1.00pm. We would welcome any food donations, tinned, dry packets, etc. ***There is a box in our porch to collect any food donations. Please feel free to drop your food items in the box – thank you for your donations.***

FOOD DONATIONS FOR CHARITY NIGHTWATCH

Thank you everyone who supported our request for food and toiletries for the Nightwatch charity. We had a fantastic response and all your donations will help support the homeless in Croydon. Again, a huge thank you to you all.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2024 (THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN)

The organisers would like to thank everyone who contributed generously to this annual collection, a total of £462.11 was donated.

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY

The group will be having a meeting in the hall on Sunday 3rd November following the 11.30am Mass.

THE CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs for further information. Closing date for applicants is 4th November.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL - URGENT

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales would like to urgently bring to your attention regarding the assisted suicide legislation that is currently working its way through Parliament. Please visit the *Right to Life UK* website which lays out the Catholic position on assisted suicide, and what you can do to stop its legalisation.

Please see the poster in the porch which has a QR code and links to the *Right to Life UK* website. It provides a simple digital form and a suggested letter which will assist parishioners in making contact with their MP in order to ask them to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law.

MAJOR MARRIAGE PROBLEMS?

Do you feel alone? Are you constantly frustrated or angry with your spouse? Have you stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille may be for you. Its programme has helped hundreds of couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme starting with a residential weekend from November 8-10, call 0788 7296983 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com