

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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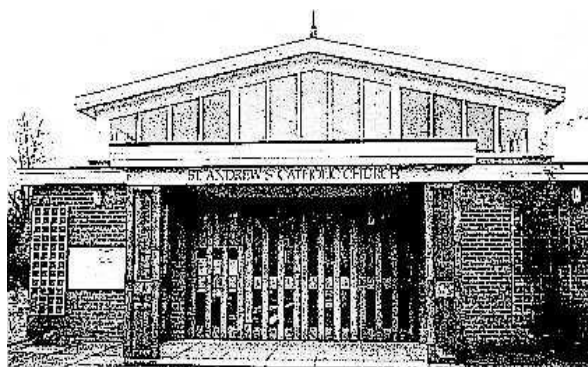
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Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ

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.



10th November 2024 32nd Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Fr Anthony

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

THEME: GENEROSITY AND TRUST IN DIVINE PROVIDENCE

The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honour and attention from others. It is important to recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem. Mark is setting the stage for Jesus' passion.

Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the centre of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions - two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity; it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.

This Sunday's Readings

1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalm 145

Hebrews 9: 24-28

Mark 12:38-44

The widow made a little scone from her meal and brought it to Elijah

My soul, give praise to the Lord

Christ offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself

This poor widow has put in more than all

Diary for the Week

<p>Sunday 10th November <i>32nd Sunday of the Year</i></p> <p>Remembrance Sunday</p>	<p>6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass (with Church parade) 11.30am Mass 5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</p>	<p>Edwiges Gonsalves – Birthday November List Joyce Bleasdille-Lumsden RIP 2nd Anniv</p> <p>For the people of the parish</p>
<p>Monday 11th November</p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 9.00pm Parish Surgery</p>	<p>War Dead (F) November List</p>
<p>Tuesday 12th November</p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass</p>	<p>November List All Souls in Purgatory RIP</p>
<p>Wednesday 13th November</p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass 6.00pm Junior Praesidium (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</p>	<p>November List Ivy Wallace RIP</p>
<p>Thursday 14th November</p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass</p>	<p>November List Laval Oozageer RIP</p>
<p>Friday 15th November</p>	<p>7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 10.30 – 12noon Adoration 6.30pm Brownies/Guides (hall)</p>	<p>November List Ify Ezike - Birthday</p>
<p>Saturday 16th November</p>	<p>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 7-9pm Youth Group (hall)</p>	<p>Sheridan Family (F)</p> <p>November List</p>
<p>Sunday 17th November <i>33rd Sunday of the Year</i></p> <p>World day of the poor</p>	<p>9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 5.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</p>	<p>Lucia’s Sister & Family Hazel Conlon RIP 1st Anniv</p> <p>For the people of the parish</p>

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

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024

Receipts for the month of October, basket £3,343, standing orders £3,417, card reader £554, **Total £7,314** - *thank you for your generosity*

Second collections for White Flower Appeal £462, for Missio £420 - *thank you*

Payment to Diocese for Diocesan assessments for the month of October **Total £5,558**

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

SR SHEILA’S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Message from Sister Sheila:

“The home of hospitality”

The Mass of Thanksgiving on Tuesday was truly a celebration! I am so grateful to the Lord for my 60 years in Religious Life – and to so many people who made the celebration so memorable.

Thank you to Fr Tony, who worked tirelessly in planning the evening, along with the superb Parish Council who perfected every detail. The reception which followed the Mass was a very happy parish occasion – thank you to all those who worked so hard to make it possible. I am grateful to all the members of the choir, the altar servers and to all those who came to the Mass and celebrated. I know that the Archbishop was delighted with his visit to St. Andrew’s. Thank you for the gifts I received, for the very many cards, and for all those who contributed in any way to ensure that everything ran so smoothly. As for the cake! I have never seen such a large and beautiful

cake – thank you for this too. Thank you all! The parish truly deserves the title “home of hospitality”. May the Lord continue to bless us all in St. Andrew’s.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK FOR THE ARCHBISHOP’S APPEAL

The Archbishop’s Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Every gift is welcome. Find out more, or donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal or telephone weekdays 9am – 5pm: 020 7960 2504

ST ANDREW’S FEAST DAY

On Saturday 30th November in celebration of the Feast of St Andrew’s, 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 this weekend adults £10, children to age 11 - £5. The programme for our Parish Feast starts at 5pm with a Spiritual talk, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and then Mass at 6pm.

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.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

During the month of November, the month of Holy Souls, we particularly remember and pray in a special way for those whom God has called from this life, especially members of our families and friends. A list of the deceased whose funerals took place here at St Andrew’s will be displayed in the front of the Altar. Anyone who has a relative or friend who has died elsewhere in the last year should give in their names and date of death to the office or to one of the Priests and we will add your names to our November prayers.

If you would like to have any of your departed family and friends remembered, please take one of the special Holy Souls envelopes (in the porch) and enclose the names together with your offering and place in the basket before the Altar from the beginning and during the month of November. These envelopes will be brought up during each Mass in the month of November and we will say at least one Mass for those souls everyday. On Saturday 30th November at 9.30am we will hold our annual Bereavement Mass for those who have died in the last year, we hope you can join us.

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.

REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Sunday. We have some Christmas stock in already so please do visit.

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.

The group would also like to invite all our parishioners to celebrate with them the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday 24th November at the 11.30am Mass followed by a reception in the hall afterwards.

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.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS YOUTH PRAYER GROUP

Deacon Dan together with members of the Junior Legion of Mary invite youngsters of all ages with your parents/guardians to attend the Sacred Heart of Jesus Youth Prayer Group every second Friday of the month at 6.00-7.00 pm in St Andrew's Church. We are looking for young people who would like to sing, read, play an instrument and share your talents for Jesus. "Let the children come to me..." (Luke 18:16)

JOSEPH OKOROAFOR RIP

Following the sad loss of our dear long serving parishioner Joseph, we have a condolence table in the Church porch. Many of you knew Joseph personally or noticed him helping around in the parish, cleaning the flowerbeds or planting. We have provided a condolence book for you to sign. There is also a box for you to put any condolence cards, photographs of yourselves with Joseph. We hope to create a memory book/montage for the family. You may also wish to add details of masses booked into the box. As the card box will be left on the table until the funeral, we ask that you do not put money in the box. The priests will pass all the cards to the family. Joseph's funeral will be held on Wednesday 4th December at 12noon. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to his family.

ST ANDREW'S YOUTH GROUP

The group are meeting in the hall on Saturday 16th November at 7-9pm. 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.

MASS FOR THE SICK

The next Mass for the Sick will be on Friday 29th November at 6.00pm. Please let all your family and friends know - come and receive God's healing and anointing.

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING

The group will be meeting next week on 17th November following the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

WORLD GIFTS CATALOGUE

Please take home with you a copy of the World Gifts catalogue where you can buy lots of unique gifts for Christmas and help CAFOD to support those from all over the world.

THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTIONS

Members of the Legion of Mary (both active and auxiliary) have offered the Five First Saturdays Devotions on the first Saturday of September, October and November and will complete the current cycle on Saturday, 7th December and Saturday, 4th January 2025. Our Lady herself requested these Devotions via the Fatima Seer, Servant of God, Lucia dos Santos, on 10th December 1925. The principal aim is to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for offences committed against her and by implication, her Divine Son.

The devotions begin with Mass at 9.30am and if Holy Communion is received in a state of grace, the first condition is fulfilled, the second condition is to go to confession, the third condition is to recite five decades of the Rosary, and the fourth and last condition is to meditate for 15 minutes on one Mystery of the Rosary. Information regarding the events at Fatima is also shared and pondered upon.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during the Devotions and the Legion would like to thank our priests for supporting us in this new initiative. Please see the Church Noticeboard for further details."

COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL - MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Coloma Convent Girls' School is holding a Mass of Remembrance on Thursday 21st November at 4pm to remember all deceased Coloma students, staff and family members. Families of those who have died are warmly

invited to attend this Mass which will take place at the school. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to liturgy@coloma.co.uk by 15th November indicating the name of your loved one so that they can be remembered at this Mass.