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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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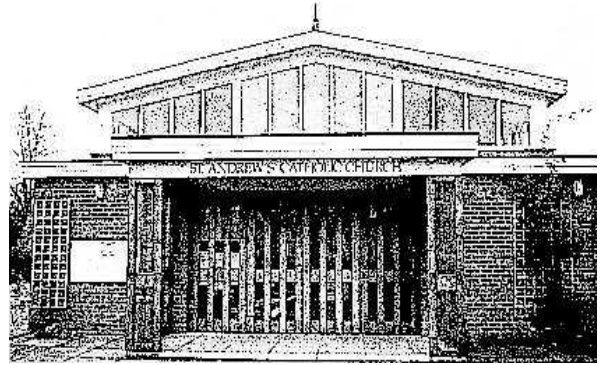
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## PASTORAL TEAM

**Priests:** Fr Len Tatt  
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**Deacons:** Rev. Tony Flavin Rev. Errol Quagraine  
**Parish Sister:** Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ  
**Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy:** Sr. Sheila DMJ

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17<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)

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## Message from Deacon Tony

Between today and next Sunday all but one day is a day we commemorate a saint. Most of them are rather obscure, Monday is St Edith of Kemsing (me neither), Tuesday St Januarius or St Theodor of Tarsus, Wednesday St Andrew Kim Taegon and St Paul Chong Hasang, and Friday St Maurice.

I would have to say I know nothing of these people, but they are still saints, recognised by the Church as being with God in Heaven. Saturday is St Pio of Pietrelcina. Known as Padre Pio he died less than forty years ago, many of us will remember tales of him in his lifetime and will have known him to be a saint in the making. We can compare what we know of him to that of Mother Teresa and just expect them to be canonised when the time came. No doubt we all have people like this.

But what of ourselves? I suspect we all consider ourselves to be too sinful to be considered to be a saint. We just strive to get to heaven. But a saint is someone who is in heaven. On All Saints Day in November commemorates all those whose name we don't know.

Clearly we all aspire to a place with God in Heaven, but sometimes find temptations and failings too great. What I have not mentioned is that on Thursday it is the Feast Day of St Matthew. Matthew was a tax collector, a bit of a low life of that time, but he has the most important feast day this week, and we will listen to his Gospel until Advent.

There's hope for us all.

| <b>This Sunday's Readings</b>    |   |
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| <b>Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7</b> | <b>Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven</b> |
| <b>Psalms 102</b>                | <b>The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy</b>                           |
| <b>Romans 14:7-9</b>             | <b>Alive or dead we belong to the Lord</b>  |
| <b>Matthew 18:21-35</b>          | <b>I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times</b>                          |

## Diary for the Week

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| <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b><br>24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year<br>(A)                             | 6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday<br><br>9.30am Mass<br>11.30am Mass<br><b>5.00pm Rosary</b><br><b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b><br>6.00pm Mass<br><b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b> | Lily Paes RIP (Anniv)<br><br>Parishioners<br>Virginia Vaz RIP<br><br>Annemarie Paterson |
| <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b><br>Feria<br>1 Tim 2:1-8<br>Lk 7:1-10                                      | 7.30am Mass<br>10.00am Mass<br><b>8.00pm P.P.C. Meeting</b>  | Antonio & Maria Consesavo De Souza<br>Donnivan Thorpe RIP                               |
| <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b><br>St Januarius<br>1 Tim 3:1-13<br>Lk 7:11-17                            | 7.30am Mass<br>10.00am Mass<br><b>7.45pm RCIA (hall)</b>   | Sheila Jones RIP<br>Dorothy Borthwick RIP   |
| <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b><br>SS Andrew Kim Taegon &<br>Companions<br>1 Tim 3:14-16<br>Lk 7:31-35 | 7.30am Mass<br>10.00am Mass<br><b>2.00pm Active Retirement Group</b><br><b>6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)</b><br><b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>  | Gini's Dad RIP<br>John Stack  |
| <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b><br>St Matthew<br>Eph 4:1-7, 11-13<br>Mt 9:9-13                          | 7.30am Mass<br>10.00am Mass<br><b>7.00pm Readers Meeting (hall)</b>  | Special Intention<br>Filipina Fernandes RIP   |
| <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b><br>Feria<br>1 Tim 6:2-12<br>Lk 8:1-3                                      | 7.30am Mass<br>10.00am Mass<br><b>7.00pm Liturgy Group</b>   | John Lawrence Fernandes RIP<br>Private Intention  |
| <b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b><br>St Pio<br>1 Tim 6:13-16<br>Lk 8:4-15                                 | 9.30am Mass<br><b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b><br><b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b><br>6.00pm First Mass of Sunday   | Priests Intention<br><br>Laura Anne Murtagh RIP (Anniv)                                 |
| <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b><br>25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year<br>(A)                             | 9.30am Mass<br>11.30am Mass<br><b>5.00pm Rosary</b><br><b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b><br>6.00pm Mass<br><b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>   | Botelho & Carrasco Families RIP<br>Parishioners<br><br>Doreen Brooks RIP                |



### Money Matters

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| Collection Last Sunday                    | £1,467.77 |
| Payment by Standing Order                 | £ 975.00  |
| Total offertory                           | £2,442.77 |
| Collection for Catholic Education Service | £ 499.19  |
| Second collection for Home Mission Sunday |           |

*Thank you for your generosity*

#### Altar Servers

This week Team 2  
 Next week Team 3



#### Church Cleaners

This week Judie's Crew  
 Next week The Rockers

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **COMMUNION FOR THOSE NEEDING ASSISTANCE DURING MASS**

If you need assistance during Communion or would like Communion brought to you during Mass, please could you make this known before Mass and sit in the chairs opposite the choir. Thank you.

### **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK**

The second collection this week will be for Home Mission Sunday. This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support "Home Mission", the spread of the Gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.

### **PARISH SURGERY**

Please note that there will not be Parish Surgery on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. We resume again on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### **SCHOOL REFERENCE FORMS**

If you are applying for school places for next September (2018), the system for the school reference forms has been changed. All children transferring from primary to secondary school and starting main school or nursery at a Catholic School are required to have a Priest reference. Parents please note that Fr Len does not deal with schools directly for references so parents will have to complete a form for his final signature. Please take a form from the porch area and we ask that you complete Section A, then you should take this form to a member of the Clergy, Deacon Tony, Deacon Errol or Sr Jennie, whoever you feel would know you the best, and ask them to complete section B.

A list of dates in September and October is displayed on the noticeboard so that you can meet with Fr Len who will then sign the last section of your form based on the comments provided by the other member of the Pastoral team. Just come along to the Priest House (45 Brook Road) during the times and dates given, it is not possible to make an individual appointment. Please note that Fr Len can no longer hold appointments on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September between 3.00 – 5.00pm, but the evening times of 7.00 – 8.00pm is still going ahead.

### **400 CLUB: AUGUST DRAW**

Lewis Horner No: 47 - £20

Margaret O'Leary No: 103 - £10

Maureen Sancho No: 73 - £10

This year the 400 Club has been able to write a cheque to the parish for £1,724. This is all thanks to those who are part of the 400 Club. If you are not currently part of this great club and wish to help the Church as well as be in with a chance of winning a cash prize every month then please do email Jonathan Prins (contact on back of newsletter), or fill in an application (forms at the back of the church). Thanks again to all in the 400 Club. New joiners are always welcome, so please do consider joining this great cause.

### **NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

The group are holding a General Meeting today 17<sup>th</sup> September after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Registration for the Children's Liturgy will take place today and next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses. We urgently need new volunteers to help for one Sunday per month. If you are able to help, please speak to a member of the team or drop your details into the Presbytery.

### **THE GHANAIAAN COMMUNITY**

The group will be meeting on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September following the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic at Easter - or finding out more about the Catholic Faith? If so, why not come along to the RCIA group? We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7.45pm - 9.00pm. Our first meeting is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September in the Church hall. Please give your contact details to one of the Priests or the office.

## ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

Please note that the group will resume again on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

## VOTIVE CANDLES

For a while now some people have been bringing in their own votive candles to use personally but also to donate to the Church. We are now asking for this to stop. The Church can only use votive candles that are supplied by authorised suppliers to the Church for health and safety reasons. It is important that we follow this rule as we could be liable for breaking the fire and safety laws. If other candles are found these will be thrown away.

## READER'S MEETING

There will be an important Reader's meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Church hall. All Readers are requested to attend. If you are interested in becoming a Reader please join us. If you are unable to attend please inform Fr Len.

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN ( RCIC)

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm there will be an information meeting and registration in the Hall. This is for parents with children over the age of 7 years who have not been baptised and also those children in year 5 and over who have not made their First Communion.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Please put this invitation date in your diaries for the Induction Mass of Fr Len Tatt as St Andrew's Parish Priest on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October at our 6.00pm Mass with Bishop Paul Hendricks followed by a reception in the Church hall. We hope to welcome as many of you as possible.

## ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Can anyone help by offering a room for rent for one of our male Catholic parishioners? He is an elderly gentleman who is reliable, trustworthy and would like a room and is happy to share kitchen and bathroom etc. Can you help or know someone who can? Please make contact via the parish office.


## ST JAMES THE GREAT RC PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

The Governors of the school will shortly commence the admissions process for the September 2018 Nursery and Reception class intakes. Further information about the admissions process will be found on the poster in the Church porch. The school invites prospective applicant families to visit the school – please see the poster for further information about their open mornings.

### Quote of the Week

“Every saint has a past, every sinner has a future”

*Oscar Wilde*

|  | Contact Numbers                              |               |
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|  Chair of the PPC | Maureen Jones                                | 020 8239 0615 |
| Convent  | Sr Jennie Eldridge                           | 020 8689 0454 |
| Gift Aid Organiser   | Albert Tang                                  | 020 8688 8703 |
| 400 Club Organiser   | Jonathan Prins (email: club_400@hotmail.com) |               |
| Minibus Bookings   | Frances Gilbert (Parish Groups only)         | 020 8689 7319 |
| Parish Secretary   | Danielle Lewin                               | 020 8684 3013 |
| Primary School   | St. James the Great                          | 020 8771 3424 |