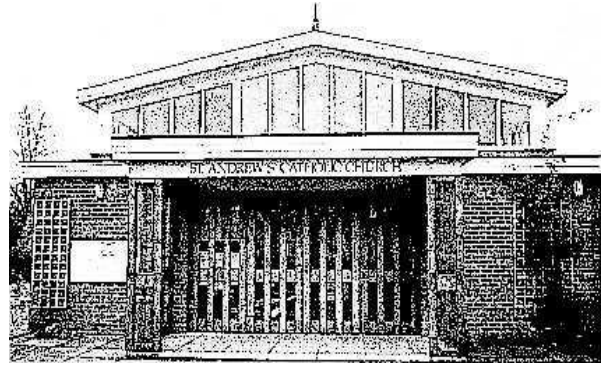

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Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy: Sr. Sheila DMJ



11th February 2018 6th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Fr Len

Fr John Ehichioya 22nd February 1986 - 1st February 2018

It is still hard to come to terms with Fr John's death. It is all the more shocking because he was only 31 years old and seemed to be strong and recovering from his period of illness. At times like this in our lives it is hard to understand what God is doing but the model that we need to imitate is Mary. She offered the sacrifice of her son without any knowledge of the resurrection, her trust in God was complete and unwavering. It is this fact that makes her the model of discipleship.

What we need to hold in our minds is that he died having done all that the Lord asked of him and he died as a servant of God who took him to himself. Whilst we will never know why we can rest assured that we will meet him again one day and that in the meantime he will be praying for us as a parish wherever he may be.

The memories that we need to hold in our minds and hearts is of someone who cared about this parish more than he did about himself. He had a brief period back in the house and was so happy to be here. He managed to celebrate a mass one Sunday evening which I believe was God's way of allowing him to say goodbye. Then that evening we had our gathering for the choir. He spent the evening encouraging the choir members and it was an effort to drag him away as he was enjoying the evening so much. He is an example to us all of selfless service in the Lord's vineyard. An example which we should all cherish.

Please keep his family in your prayers, maybe you would like to sign our book of condolence which will be presented to his family. When we have any news of funeral arrangements we will let you know.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory

This Sunday's Readings	
Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46	The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp
Psalm 31	You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1	Take me for your model, as I take Christ
Mark 1:40-45	The leprosy left him at once and he was cured

Diary for the Week

Sunday 11th February <i>Sunday of the Year</i> (B)	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 3.00pm Confirmation Meeting 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Leslie Michael RIP (Anniv) Parishioners Gerry Golden RIP Con Mahoney RIP (Anniv)
Monday 12th February <i>Feria</i> <i>Jm 1:1-11</i> <i>Mk 8:11-13</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery 7.00 – 8.00pm Family Holy Hour	Antonio Jose Rodrigues Linda & Socrates Papapetrou RIP
Tuesday 13th February <i>Feria</i> <i>Jm 1:12-18</i> <i>Mk 8:14-21</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.30pm Finance Committee Meeting 7.45pm R.C.I.A. Meeting	Julian James Clive Nunes
Wednesday 14th February <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Fast & Abstinence Day</i> <i>Joel 2:12-18</i> <i>Mt 6:1-6, 16-18</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 12noon Mass in Croydon Uni. Hospital 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall) 8.00pm Mass	Joseph Cyril Phokeerdoss RIP Minguel A. Fernandes RIP Fr John RIP
Thursday 15th February <i>Dt 30:15-20</i> <i>Lk 9:22-25</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 9.00pm Lent Talk (hall)	Luis & Piedade Fernandes RIP Holy Souls
Friday 16th February <i>Is 58:1-9</i> <i>Mt 9:14-15</i>	6.30am Mass 10.00am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross 8.00pm Stations of the Cross	For the Suffering Souls Maria Curry RIP
Saturday 17th February <i>Is 58:9-14</i> <i>Lk 5:27-32</i>	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday 7.00pm Young People in our Parish Meeting (hall)	Holy Souls Lucia Daye (80 th Birthday)
Sunday 18th February <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> (B)	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 4.00pm Confirmation Session 1 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Freddy & Amelia O'Donovan Jessie Mary Badu RIP Parishioners

Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,384.28
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£1,476.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,860.28
Second collection for Poor Parishes	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 2
 Next week Team 3



Church Cleaners

This week Fifi's Group
 Next week Sancho's Dusters

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

FR JOHN'S CONDOLENCE BOOK

If you would like to, please write a message and sign the book of condolence for Fr John on the table in the porch.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This marks the start of Lent and is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. There will be Masses at 7.30am, 10am and 8pm. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses. There will also be Mass in Croydon University Hospital with Bishop Paul Hendricks at 12noon in the Hospital Chapel.

CONFIRMATION 2018

There is a meeting for all candidates, i.e. all those who have returned their application forms by e-mail, with their parents on Sunday 11th February at 3.00pm in the Church.

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend will be for Poor Parishes. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The Nigerian Catholic Community General Meeting is being held today after the 11.30am Mass in the Church hall.

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

During the Family Holy Hour on Monday 12th February from 7 to 8 pm in the Church we will have readings from the bible, sing hymns and offer up prayers for the soul of Fr John. We hope our children and families will take an active part at this service. Please join us even if only for 10 minutes.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY FAMILY

On Saturday 17th February from 10.15 to 11.30am we will have a power-point presentation on the Rosary followed by a short children's DVD on St Josephine Bakhita. Please come along and invite members of your family and friends too. No age restriction.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

Please note the group are not meeting this week (half term) and will resume again on Wednesday 21st February.

LENT 2018

LENTEN MASSES IN CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Bishop Paul Hendricks will celebrate Mass on Ash Wednesday at 12noon in the Hospital Chapel. There will also be a Mass every Monday during Lent at 12noon. All are most welcome.

FRIDAY MASSES

Please note that our usual 7.30am Mass will be at **6.30am** on Fridays.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Fridays 10.30am Stations of the Cross (led by parishioners) and at 8.00pm (led by different Parish groups) and also after 10am Mass on Wednesdays (led by parishioners).

This year Lent faith discussion sessions will take place on the Thursdays in Lent commencing Thursday 15th February and continue after Easter. There will be ten sessions in all. We will be following the DVD course "Catholicism" presented by Robert Barron Bishop of Los Angeles. The First Session is titled "The Revelation of God become Man". Other sessions include "The teachings of Jesus", "Mary",

and "The Eucharist." Sessions will commence at 7.30pm in the hall, which will be open at 7.00pm. Teas and coffees available before the session begins.

CAFOD

Our February First Friday donation from our Church CAFOD Box amounted to £90. As always, very deep gratitude for this positive support towards the works and differences CAFOD are making in the lives of those in desperate need of our generous contributions. Thank you again for remembering those in need.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are looking for a new leader for the Children's Liturgy and some more adult volunteers who are willing to help support and run our Liturgy classes. The classes are held each Sunday (during term time) at the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses (except for the second Sunday of each month, which is Parade Sunday for the uniformed groups). All children aged between three years up to the time of making their First Holy Communion are welcome to join the class. If you think you can help by taking the lead on our Children's Liturgy classes, please speak to Fr Len urgently because if we do not receive someone soon the classes may have to stop.

SPECIAL INVITATION TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH

Pope Francis has announced a meeting, called a Synod, in October 2018 taking place in Rome. The theme is "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment". It will look at how the Catholic Church can better support young people. Pope Francis has asked that the voices of young people be heard, and we wish to encourage this within our parish community. If you are aged 16 – 24, we invite you to join us for a special gathering on Saturday 17th February at 7.00pm in the hall to participate in a group discussion, so we as a parish can listen to your views and experiences. We would really appreciate your time. If you are willing to participate, please contact Fr Len, or just come along. There will be some refreshments.

THE GHANAIAN COMMUNITY

The group will be meeting on Sunday 18th February after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.


CATHOLIC MPs OF THE FUTURE?

There are about 70 MPs in the current House of Commons who identify themselves as Catholics. In order to encourage young Catholics to learn more about politics and Parliament with a possible view to entering politics, the bishops of England and Wales sponsor a parliamentary intern programme. Young men and women are enabled to spend about a year shadowing and working with Catholic MPs in order to find out what being at the sharp end in politics is all about. Charlotte Dixie, who has just completed that intern programme, will be giving a talk about her experiences on Thursday February 15th. The event is on 8 - 9.45pm at Our Lady's, Bingham Rd, Addiscombe. More details from Deacon Philip Pond on 020 8651 4653 or email philippond@blueyonder.co.uk

Quote of the Week

- 1 Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.
- 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

John 14:1-2

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