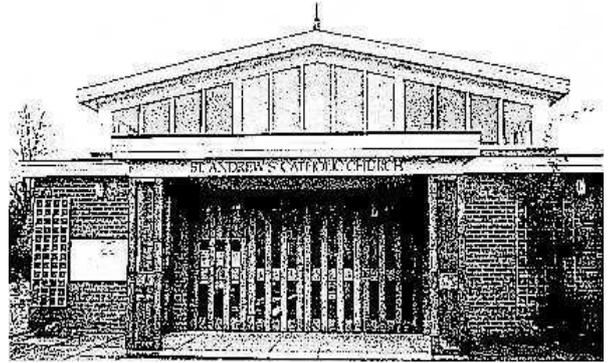

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4th February 2018
5th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Deacon Tony

How many of us bow our heads every time we say Jesus' name? This is something I grew up with and would get you into trouble if you did not do in primary school. I can remember two brothers being kept back after assembly and in at play time because they had not done so in assembly "and not for the first time". I recall their mum having to see Sister Veronica about it.

To be frank, I know I forget to bow my head when I am in conversation with someone, but I do bow my head when praying. There are other traditions we have in the Church that while little seen, they still exist. Women covering their heads for example. Taking you again back to my primary school days, I recall Miss Cotton's horrified face when told we were going into church as she exclaimed "but I have no hat! I have no mantilla! What *am* I to do?" She borrowed a new cleaning cloth from the school keeper and wore that.

Men however, do not cover their heads in church and hats are removed. An uncle of mine said you could always spot the non-Catholics in the pub at the end of the working day as they'd be the ones with their hats on. But priests and deacons can wear a biretta during Mass under certain circumstances, and we have all seen the Bishop wearing a mitre and a skullcap, or zucchetto to use its correct name.

Traditions such as these are treasures of the Church, some may have fallen out of use but they are not lost. Some people still abide by them (I have a biretta) others don't, and there are so many other things we could speak of but the important thing is we worship God and help lead others to his kingdom.

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Psalms 146

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

This Sunday's Readings

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel

He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another

Diary for the Week

Sunday 4th February <i>5th Sunday of the Year</i> (B)	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday	John Fernandes RIP
	9.30am Mass	Salus Fernandes RIP
	11.30am Mass	Parishioners
	4.00pm Confirmation Catechists Meeting (EA room)	
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
6.00pm Mass	Roque & Rosalind Fernandes RIP	
7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group		
Monday 5th February <i>St Agatha</i> <i>1 Kg 8:1-7, 9-13</i> <i>Mk 6:53-56</i>	7.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00am Mass	Clementina Fernandes RIP
	7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery	
Tuesday 6th February <i>SS Paul Miki & Companions</i> <i>1 Kg 8:22-23, 27-30</i> <i>Mk 7:1-13</i>	7.30am Mass	Pobrina Fernandes RIP
	10.00am Mass	Minguel A. Fernandes RIP
	6.30pm R.C.I.C. (hall)	
	7.45pm R.C.I.A. (hall)	
Wednesday 7th February <i>Feria</i> <i>1 Kg 10:1-10</i> <i>Mk 7:14-23</i>	7.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00am Mass	“Jessie Mary”
	2.00pm Active Retirement Group	
	6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
	7.30pm Legion of Mary (EA room)	
	7.30pm First Holy Communion (Parents meeting)	
Thursday 8th February <i>St Joseph Bakhita</i> <i>St Jerome Emiliani</i> <i>1 Kg 11:4-13, Mk 7:24-30</i>	7.30am Mass	Joseph Okoroafor
	10.00am Mass	Lembrato Fernandes RIP
Friday 9th February <i>Feria</i> <i>1 Kg 11:29-32, 12:19</i> <i>Mk 7:31-37</i>	7.30am Mass	Gill Patient RIP
	10.00am Mass	Filipina Fernandes RIP
Saturday 10th February <i>St Scholastica</i> <i>1 Kg 12:26-32, 13:33-34</i> <i>Mk 8:1-10</i>	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00 – 10.30am Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions	
	6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Leslie Michael RIP (Anniv)
Sunday 11th February <i>6th Sunday of the Year</i> (B)	9.30am Mass	Parishioners
	11.30am Mass	Gerry Golden RIP
	3.00pm Confirmation Meeting	
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm Mass	Con Mahoney RIP (Anniv)
	7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,280.77
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 342.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,622.77
Collection for Racial Justice Sunday	£ 509.34

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 1
Next week Team 2



Church Cleaners

This week Judie's Crew
Next week Fifi's Group

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

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.

LENT

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING

A reminder that there is a Parents Meeting for First Holy Communion at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th February in the hall.

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.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The Nigerian Catholic Community General Meeting is being held on Sunday 11th February after the 11.30am Mass in the Church hall.

HYMN BOOKS

We will shortly be ordering our new hymn books. We are asking for the new books to be sponsored so if you would like to sponsor a book on behalf of a family or in memory of a loved one, we will place a paper plaque inside each book saying to whom it is dedicated. If you'd like to dedicate a book for someone at £7 each, please put the money in an envelope together with the name(s) for the dedication and pass to one of the pastoral team or put it through the letterbox at the Presbytery, 45 Brook Road, clearly marked. Please hand these in by Monday 5th February latest.

TIDYING UP AFTER MASS

We are increasingly having to tidy up after the end of each Mass, so please can we ask that you tidy up after yourselves when Mass has ended. Please return your hymn books to the porch, take your newsletter home or return it to the porch and take your rubbish home with you or dispose of it in the bin – thank you.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed each weekday after the 10.00am Mass (and Saturday 9.30am). After Mass the Rosary will be said immediately and then, after a short pause, other devotional prayers will be prayed. All are welcome to join however long you can stay – there is no formal membership, just a desire to pray the Rosary.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK

The second collection on the weekend of 11th February will be for Poor Parishes. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese.

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

A Lifetime of Loving is the title of a day in which married couples with average/good marriages can explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communications skills and the call of the Church to the married. The date is Saturday March 10th, from 9.45am–4.30pm. The venue is Holy Cross School, New Malden, South West London. Booking is essential and there is a suggested donation payable of £25. For more information contact Deacon Philip and Mrs Mary Pond on 020 8651 2477 or email philandmary@blueyonder.co.uk

FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE OF REDEMPTORIST FORCES CHAPLAINS

You are invited to a special service to remember the many Redemptorist Priests who served as chaplains to the forces in the two World Wars. This takes place at St Mary's Clapham on Friday 16th February. A collection will be taken in support of the Royal British Legion.

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, organised by the Newman Association, will take place between 8 - 9.45pm at Our Lady's, Bingham Rd, Addiscombe. It will provide a fascinating insight. Non members are welcome. More details from Deacon Philip Pond on 020 8651 4653 or email philippond@blueyonder.co.uk

Quote of the Week

Humble yourself in the presence of the Lord and
he will exalt you
James 4:10

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