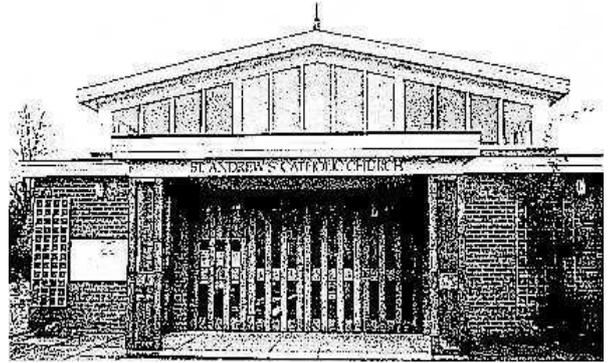

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Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ
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14th January 2018 2nd Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Fr Nishant

“Do you not know that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit that is in you?” This statement of Saint Paul may scandalize those of us who are influenced by the philosophy of dualism: body as opposed to soul, the former is inferior and the latter is superior. In the biblical tradition body and soul together designate the human person in his/her totality, capable of thinking, deciding, loving and praying. The author of Psalm sings, “Lord my heart thirsts for you, my body longs for you.” (Ps. 62 [63]) It only means “the whole of my being longs for you Lord.” When Jesus says, “this is my body,” he means “this is me.” We are inseparably body and soul. Body and soul are the two inseparable dimensions of the human person.

It is through our body that we work, enter into relationships with others, manifest our feelings, and express our interiority to the Lord when we pray. Vatican II teaches: “the very dignity of the human person postulates that he/she glorify God in his/her body and forbid it to serve the evil inclinations of his/her heart “ (GS 14). In everyday life we are called to live under the sign of the love of God and of others. All our noble thoughts and feelings are to be expressed through our body. Our eyes must not express contempt and hatred, but respect and trust. Our hands must not express rejection and violence, but hospitality and solidarity.

Saint John Paul II affirms that the body is a sign of the invisible mystery hidden in God from time immemorial (Feb 20, 1980). Therefore it is necessary to underline the importance of the use of body in the liturgy: make the sign of the cross to welcome the love of God manifested on the cross, bow in sign of respect, strike our breast as a sign of repentance, sit down to listen to the Word of God, stand up to welcome the Gospel of Jesus who resurrects us, raise our hands in prayer, and close our eyes to internalize the God experience. To accomplish these gestures with devotion, faith and love is also obviously a way to let our body be the temple of the Holy Spirit.

This Sunday's Readings

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Psalm 39

1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

John 1:35-42

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will

Your bodies are members making up the body of Christ

They saw where he lived, and stayed with him

Diary for the Week

Sunday 14th January 2 nd Sunday of the Year (B)	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Inicia Silva & Deceased Family
	9.30am	Mass	Parishioners
	11.30am	Mass	Pradeep Sood RIP
	4.00pm	Confirmation Catechists Meeting (EA room)	
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	Private Intention
Monday 15th January Feria 1 Sam 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22	7.30am	Mass	Eileen Donaghue RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Jim Barlow RIP
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Parish Surgery	
Tuesday 16th January Feria 1 Sam 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28	7.30am	Mass	Clementina Fernandes RIP
	10.00am	Mass	C. A. Brown
	7.45pm	R.C.I.A. (hall)	
Wednesday 17th January St Anthony Abbot 1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Mk 3:1-6	7.30am	Mass	Genevieve Depret-Germe RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Teresa Jiang
	2.00pm	Active Retirement Group	
	6.00pm	Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
Thursday 18th January Feria 1 Sam 18:6-9, 19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12	7.30am	Mass	Iris May Williams RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Sarpora Ama Amoah Adjei RIP
Friday 19th January Feria 1 Sam 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19	7.30am	Mass	Cecelia Angress
	10.00am	Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
Saturday 20th January St Fabian St Sebastian 2 Sam 1:1-4, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-27 Mk 3:20-21	9.30am	Mass	Holy Souls
	9.50 – 11.15am	First Holy Communion	
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	Gerald O'Leary RIP
Sunday 21st January 3 rd Sunday of the Year (B)	9.30am	Mass	David Errol Joseph RIP (Anniv)
	11.30am	Mass	John Lawrence Fernandes RIP (Anniv)
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	Parishioners
	7.00pm	All Choir members (hall)	
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,284.96
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£1,247.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,531.96
Second collection for White Flower Appeal	
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

Altar Servers

This week Team 1
Next week Team 2



Church Cleaners

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

FR JOHN

Fr John has returned to St Andrews but needs to convalesce so please can we ask that you respect Fr John's wishes for no visitors and calls so that he can have time to rest and recover. In the meantime Fr John would like to thank everyone for their prayers, gifts and cards.

SECOND COLLECTION: WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The second collection this week will be for the White Flower Appeal.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. In 2017 the SPUC commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Over 8.7 million unborn children have lost their lives due to abortion in the last 50 years. Since 1967 SPUC has been working tirelessly to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC and help save mothers and babies from abortion.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday June 9th during the 11am Mass. Anyone wishing to be confirmed must be in year 9 and above and may apply initially by speaking to Sr. Jennie or Deacon Errol after Sunday Masses in January. Please be prepared to give your reasons for wanting to be confirmed. Please note that all applications must be in by 4th February.

SVP GROUP

The SVP Group would like to thank everyone who supported their raffle and donations for the Jesse tree. Thanks to everyone's kindness, we were able to make Christmas a little better for those in need in the Parish.

ALL CHOIR MEMBERS

The Pastoral team would like to have a get-together with all our Choir members from all our groups, it would just be an informal occasion for us all to meet and socialise. We hope that as many of you as possible can come along to the hall on Sunday 21st January from 7.00 – 8.00pm, there will be some refreshments.

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY

The Ghanaian Group are meeting on Sunday 21st January following the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

HYMN BOOKS

We will shortly be ordering another 100 new books. We are asking for the new books to be sponsored as before. 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.

CAFOD

The amounts sent in to CAFOD for the end and beginning of years is £47.32. Every little helps (as some adverts say!) and so grateful thanks to all those you have contributed to help the work of CAFOD in assisting those of our poorest communities who struggle so desperately without your generous support. Thank you for all your care and concern.

CHURCH LAUNDRY GROUP

The Church Laundry Group is looking for someone to take over the running of this group and for some people to join the group. Mrs Parfitt is retiring after 14 years. It involves washing and ironing the Mass linen once every two months on a rota. So if you would like to iron your troubles away, please get in touch with Mrs Barbara Parfitt on 07914 719186 after 4.00pm.

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.

PRIORITY OF MASS OFFERINGS

Though we try to say Masses at the time asked for, we cannot guarantee this as other people may have already booked a Mass for that time. Also, if there is a Funeral asked for on that day, we have no choice but to use the 10am Mass for that purpose. In order not to be disappointed, it is recommended that Anniversary Masses are booked some months in advance if possible. The Masses for any particular day are advertised in the Weekly Newsletter.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

Reminder: In the event of an emergency, such as a fire, needing people to leave the building the evacuation point is the Park at the end of Carew Road. Everyone is asked to leave the building and go there to meet up with others. Please leave as quickly as possible while remembering those who take a bit longer to get around. Do not stop to gather bags or to look for other people. Be careful crossing the road and those with cars parked around the Church should not move them unless requested by emergency services.

ST ANNE'S GROUP: FUN FAMILY DISCO

The St Anne's Group are having a Fun Family Disco to raise funds for a much needed shower and toilet block at the Kahangi Community Maternity Clinic near Fort Portal in Uganda. The disco is being held at St James the Great School hall on Saturday 27th January from 7.00 – 10.00pm. Adults £5, children £2. To purchase tickets please see the poster in the porch or call Cathy 07956 862956 or Sue on 07932 714477.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Archdiocese of Southwark is setting up a Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee to develop the practice of Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Archdiocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting in The Centre for Catholic Formation, 21 Tooting Bec Road, London SW17 8BS on Saturday 3rd February at 11am (finishing at 12.15pm). Refreshments served. See poster in the porch for further details of how to attend.

Quote of the Week

“The human body is the best picture of the human soul”

Ludwig Wittgenstein



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