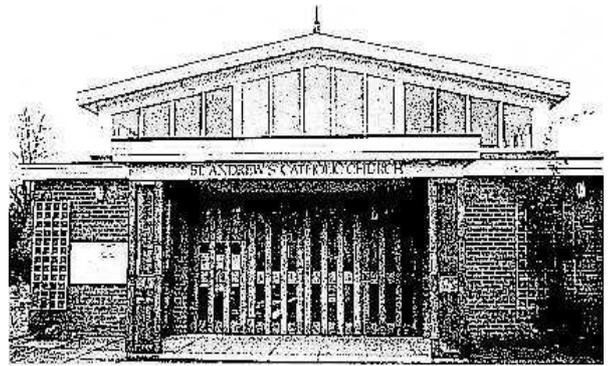

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15th April 2018
3rd Sunday of Easter (B)

Message from Deacon Tony

On the last page of this month's The Pilgrim, the Southwark diocesan newspaper, there is an article by Deacon Gehad Homsey. In the article Gehad tells us about life as a doctor and a deacon at the same time. This is an area that many find confusing, and that confusion is compounded more so in our parish than in others I know, why is that?

Deacon Errol and I are to blame, it is because of our day jobs, our paid employment as school chaplains. The permanent diaconate is a ministry open to married men. Errol and I are both permanent deacons. There is another type of deacon, that of transitory deacon. Any priest you know will have spent time as a transitory deacon before being ordained to the priesthood.

When you are a priest your diocese is responsible for you, when you are a permanent deacon, while you are answerable to the diocese and under the authority of your bishop, the bishop has no financial responsibility for you. This makes sense when you consider the vast majority of us have families, mortgages etc. The fact that Errol and I are both school chaplains is coincidence, not part of the diocesan plan. I spent the first seven years of my ministry selling flowers to florists in New Covent Garden, Errol worked in catering. When we applied for our jobs we were both up against perfectly qualified lay people who could easily have been given the post. I have twice applied for chaplaincies that have seen lay people appointed.

Even colleagues will find this confusing. I have been asked on more than one occasion if the Archbishop might move me to another school. Well he won't, if he did, he'd have to find the money, and finding the money for me is my responsibility, no one else's.

In the article in The Pilgrim Deacon Gehad expands further on the diaconate, and what 'being a deacon' means. I recommend the article, and in fact this rather excellent newspaper, to you.

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm 4

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

This Sunday's Readings

You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord

He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's

So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead

Diary for the Week

Sunday 15th April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> (B)	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Ana Rita Fernandes RIP (Anniv) Parishioners Mary Badu & Family Special Intention
Monday 16th April <i>Acts 6:8-15</i> <i>Jn 6:22-29</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery 8.00pm PPC	Mr & Mrs Christopher Igbudux Anton Benedict (Anniv)
Tuesday 17th April <i>Acts 7:51-8:1</i> <i>Jn 6:30-35</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.30pm R.C.I.C. (hall)	“Frank” Stuart James Cameron RIP
Wednesday 18th April <i>Acts 5:17-26</i> <i>Jn 3:16-21</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Sr Mary Clement RIP Mr & Mrs Chigozie & Family
Thursday 19th April <i>Acts 8:26-40</i> <i>Jn 6:44-51</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00pm Faith Talk (hall)	Jean Jeganathan RIP (Anniv) Theo & Luisa Fernandes RIP
Friday 20th April <i>Acts 9:1-20</i> <i>Jn 6:52-59</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00pm Liturgy Group (EA room)	Adrian Gladwin Freeman RIP (Anniv) Holy Souls
Saturday 21st April <i>St Anselm</i> <i>Acts 9:31-42</i> <i>Jn 6:60-69</i>	9.30am Mass 9.50 – 11.15am First Holy Communion 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls Special Intention
Sunday 22nd April <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> (B)	9.30am Newcomers Mass 11.30am Mass 4.00pm Confirmation Session 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Parishioners Cathy Giraud RIP (Anniv) Holy Souls



Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,270.32 (£1.27 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,031.32

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 2
 Next week Team 3



Church Cleaners

This week Sancho's Dusters
 Next week St Jude's Group

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

FR VINCENT

We welcome Fr Vincent Salgado who will be with us two days a week to help us out until the summer. Fr Vincent is from the Philippines and is currently studying for a PhD in Canon Law.

THANK YOU

The Priests would like to thank you all for your most generous Easter offerings.

RAGS TO RICHES: MARY'S MEALS – TODAY

Mary's Meals will be here this Sunday morning only to collect all your unwanted clothing/bedding (no duvets or pillows). Please bring all your bags before 11.30am. Please ensure all clothing/bedding is put into tied black sacks – four full sacks will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! Thank you. A volunteer from Mary's Meals will be here to give us more information.

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING

The group will be meeting today Sunday 15th April after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

NEW PARISHIONERS – NEWSCOMERS MASS

If you have moved into the parish in the last 12 months, you are invited to our Newcomers Mass on Sunday 22nd April at 9.30am followed by an informal get together in our hall afterwards. It will be an opportunity to meet with members of the Parish Council and Pastoral team so we can welcome you and hopefully help you find out a bit more about the Parish.

HYMN BOOKS

We now have our new hymn books available. When you open your hymn book, please pray for the person whose name(s) the book has been dedicated to. Please remember that the hymn book must remain in the Church and cannot be removed.

LENTEN FAITH TALK

The sessions on the DVD course "Catholicism" presented by Robert Barron continues on Thursdays, 19th and 26th April and 10th and 17th May. The next session is titled "A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints". 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

Thank you to everyone who supported our CAFOD Good Friday lunch which raised £332.41. Please remember that donations to CAFOD until 12th May will be doubled by the UK Government. CAFOD have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But they need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help them reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent

400 CLUB WINNERS FOR MARCH

Polina Athayde No: 76 - £20

Sarah Gater No: 105 - £10

Patrick Fagbola No: 9 - £10

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTIONS

There will be a collection of all monies on the weekend of the 28th April. Please can all red box holders bring their boxes to be emptied before the Mass. If you are unable to attend Mass on that weekend, please contact Savio on 07902933534.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION

This collection helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and students for the priesthood. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

MASS FOR FEAST OF OUR LADY OF AFRICA

Please put in your diaries that we are celebrating a Mass for the Feast of our Lady of Africa on Monday 30th April at 7.00pm followed by a light reception in the hall. More details to follow.

WANTED

Gardeners are needed to help maintain the several gardens of the church property. If you know a little about gardening and could spend just a small amount of time each week during the Spring and Summer months keeping weeds at bay and generally maintaining a small area, it would be much appreciated. There are 4 main areas: the front of the priest's house, the back of the priest's house, the front of the church and the side of the church. If you feel you could take on just **one area** please speak to Fr Len.

SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

If you are celebrating one this year – your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th plus – Archbishop Peter would like to invite you to a Mass in celebration of marriage at St George's Cathedral, on Saturday June 16th at 3.00pm. Please enter your details on the form in the Church porch – please write clearly and in block letters. You will then receive a personal invitation from the Archbishop. You can also bring your immediate family. More details from Office for Marriage on 020 8651 2477 or email marriage2014@virginmedia.com. Please submit your details on the form by 2nd May latest.

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

You are invited to St Columba's in Selsdon at 8.00pm on April 25th and find out about the first Eucharistic congress to take place in England for 110 years. It's scheduled for September in Liverpool. Its aim: to renew the Church – that's all of us – by deepening the faith of Catholics in the Eucharist. The Newman Association is organising the talk at St Columba's and all are welcome.

NEW EVANGELISATION SUMMIT – 28TH APRIL

The New Evangelization Summit is an annual event hosted in Ottawa, Canada and streamed to venues across North America. This year, for the first time, the event will be shown via video link in both Australia and in the UK, at the Centre for Catholic Formation, Tooting Bec, on Saturday 28th April (9.30am to 9.30pm). Tickets £30, includes two meals, to book visit www.ccftootingbec.org.uk/nes2018

POST - EASTER TALKS AT THE AMIGO HALL

Each year the Centre for Catholic Formation hold a series of talks at the Amigo Hall, SE1 7HY, in the weeks of Eastertide. This year, the series' theme is Eucharist in anticipation of the upcoming National Eucharistic Congress. Entry is free, donations welcome. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Eucharist and Mission (19 April); Eucharist in Art (26 April); Eucharist and Prayer (3 May) and Eucharist in Scripture (10 May). The talks will also be filmed and will be viewable on the CCF YouTube channel. For more information: www.ccftootingbec.org.uk/sharinginhislife

Quote of the Week

Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task

Acts 6.3

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