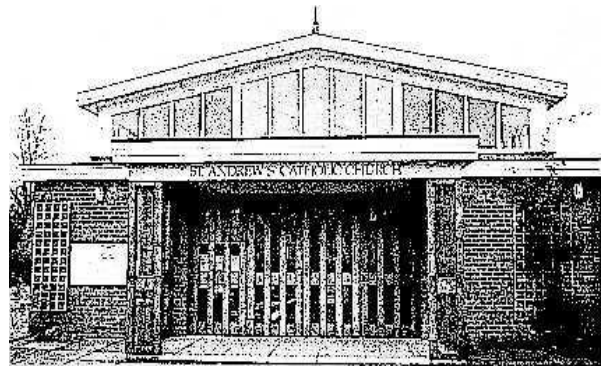

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1st April 2018 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (B)

Message from Fr Len

What happens on Easter Sunday changes everything for fallen humanity. Lots of religions believe in life after death but something different happens with the resurrection from the dead of Jesus Christ. The gospel accounts all speak of him eating with the disciples, them being able to see him physically, they are able to touch him and have conversations with him. It is evident from this that Jesus after his death has been raised in a physical body, albeit slightly different from before his death as he is able to appear and disappear at will, it is a glorified body but carries all the scars of his passion and death. This is where we get our idea of the resurrection from the dead that we profess to believe every time we say the creed.

This is very important as it means that eternal life is not a formless world of spirit, the underworld of the Greeks and Romans or the Sheol of the Jews. If eternal life was spent as a spirit then we would be unable to sense anything or communicate with anybody as the senses are in the physical body. Such an existence would mean isolation and intense loneliness but that is not the case if we are resurrected in a physical body. A physical body which will be much like the one that Jesus inhabits after his resurrection, glorified, free of pain, disease and infirmity. It is for this reason that the name of the places where people are buried is changed to recognise this fact, now they are called cemeteries, a place where people sleep until God comes again, instead of the Necropolis, a place where the dead are buried.

It is this fact that the Church celebrates all over the World and is marked by the Easter proclamation of the Pope, the world's chief witness of God's wonders, when he proclaims "He is Risen". What Jesus does has truly set us free from sin through his actions during the passion when he loves his enemies even though they persecute him. The crucifixion is God's "No" to sin and the resurrection his "Yes" to Jesus, his Son in whom we will all share eternal glory.

The pastoral team at St Andrew's wishes you all a happy Easter as we all join in the cry of the Church "He is Risen".


This Sunday's Readings


As Parish Mass Book

Diary for the Week

Sunday 1st April <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (B)</i>	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	The Ezike Family Special Intention Michael Malone RIP
Monday 2nd April <i>Easter Monday Acts 2:14, 22-32 Mt 28:8-15</i>	10.00am Mass	Antoinette & Joseph Underwood (Anniv)
Tuesday 3rd April <i>Acts 2:36-41, Jn 20:11-18</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Holy Souls Maria Rebello RIP (Anniv)
Wednesday 4th April <i>Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Holy Souls Catherine Barry RIP (Anniv)
Thursday 5th April <i>Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 8.00pm Maintenance Group	Holy Souls Angelo & Calogero Lanzalaco RIP
Friday 6th April <i>First Friday Acts 4:1-12, Jn 21:1-14</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Benediction 6.30pm Syro Malabar Mass	Holy Souls Joseph Cyril Phokeerdoss RIP
Saturday 7th April <i>Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15</i>	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls Gillian Patient RIP
Sunday 8th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter Feast of the Divine Mercy</i>	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	Chidozie Clement Nwafor Parishioners Holy Souls
Monday 9th April The Annunciation of the Lord <i>Is 7:10-14, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery 7.00 – 8.00pm Family Holy Hour	Richard Cowie RIP Paul Chilton RIP
Tuesday 10th April <i>Acts 4:32-37, Jn 3:7-15</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Holy Souls Ferdinand Dias RIP (Anniv)
Wednesday 11th April <i>St Stanislaus Acts 5:17-26 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)	Special Intention Holy Souls
Thursday 12th April <i>Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00pm Faith Talk (hall)	James Clifford Holy Souls
Friday 13th April <i>St Martin 1 Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	William & Mary Brown RIP Holy Souls
Saturday 14th April <i>Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21</i>	10.15 – 11.30am Friends of the Holy Family 9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls Ana Rita Fernandes RIP (Anniv)

Sunday 15th April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am	Mass	Parishioners
	11.30am	Mass	Mary Badu & Family
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	Special Intention
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters		
	Collection Last Sunday	£1,433.74 (£1.43 per person)
	Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
	Total offertory	£2,194.74
	Collection for Church flowers on 8 th April	
	<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

Altar Servers			Church Cleaners	
This week	Team 3		This week	Judie's Crew
Next week	Team 1 (8.4.18)		Next week	Fifi's Group (11.4.18)
	Team 2 (15.4.18)			Sancho's Dusters (18.4.18)

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard preparing everything for Easter. There is always a lot of preparation needed for the Liturgies, music, serving, singing, flowers, cleaning, booklets etc and so many people help – it is all greatly appreciated. Thanks again.

PARISH SURGERY

Please note there is no Parish Surgery on Monday 2nd April. The next one will be on Monday 9th April.

UNDER FIVES PLAYGROUP

The group are now on their Easter break and will resume again on Tuesday 17th April, 9.30 – 11.15am.

ALTAR SERVERS DAY OUT

The Altar Servers Day out is planned for May bank holiday, 7th May, to Margate. If you haven't collected an application form yet (available in the Altar Server Sacristy) please take one and return the completed form by 8th April latest.

GIRL GUIDES

The Girl Guides are urgently looking for a Leader to run the unit. Currently the group consists of 16 girls and due to work and other commitments, a couple of our volunteers will have to step down. Our group has been running for a long time and the girls would be devastated if we had to close the group down and this will happen in July if we cannot get more help. Anyone who is interested in volunteering is asked to contact us at our Guide email address 58thcroydonguides@gmail.com. A speaker for Guides will be here at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 8th April to say a few words after Mass and Louise Baldwin and Marie Burgess will have a table outside to meet with anyone who is interested.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a collection on 8th April for Church flowers - thank you.

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

This is a time when we reflect on scriptures, sing hymns, take time to be silent in front of the Blessed Sacrament and offer up prayers. Our children enjoy this hour because they are actively involved and lead us in prayer. The next session is on Monday 9th April from 7 to 8 pm and we hope you will join us even if only for 10 minutes.

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP – WEDNESDAY

The Wednesday group are taking a break for Easter and will resume again on Wednesday 11th April.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

The group are now on their Easter break and will resume again on Wednesday 11th April.

LENTEN FAITH TALK

The sessions on the DVD course "Catholicism" presented by Robert Barron continue after Easter on Thursdays the 12th, 19th and 26th April and 10th and 17th May. The first session after Easter is titled "Word made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy 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.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY FAMILY

We would like to invite all children, families, parishioners to attend the Friends of the Holy Family on Saturday 14th April from 10.15 to 11.30am in the Church hall. A power-point presentation is shown as a visual aid to pray the rosary and there is also a short children's DVD on saints. All are welcome.

GHANAIAAN COMMUNITY MEETING

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

RAGS TO RICHES: MARY'S MEALS – SUNDAY 15TH APRIL


Mary's Meals UK is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. Mary's Meals wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (*no duvets or pillows please*) and they will be at our Church until 11.30am on Sunday 15th April to collect them all (please bring your donations on 15th April and not before). Please put your clothing/bedding into tied sacks and bring them to Church where the charity will be here to pick them up. Mary's Meals feeds children one good meal every day at school in 15 countries. Because of their low costs they can do this for as little as £13.90 per child per year! A volunteer from Mary's Meals will be here on 15th April to give us more information. Thank you.

*Fr Len, Fr Nishant, Deacon Tony, Deacon Errol, Sr Jennie and Sr Sheila
wish you all a Happy and Blessed Easter*

Quote of the Week

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus
Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope.

1 Peter 1:3

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