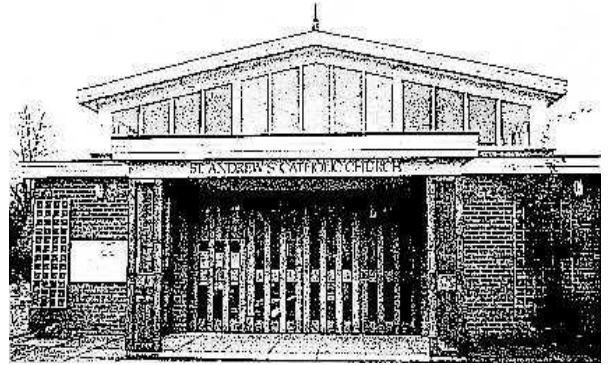

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22nd April 2018
4th Sunday of Easter (B)

Message from Fr Nishant

In my conversation with some of our parishioners, I realised that some of them do not have a Bible and some others do not know the differences between the Catholic canon and the Protestant canon of the Bible. The word “canon” means rule or measure. In terms of the Bible, it specifically refers to the list of the books that are accepted as inspired by the Holy Spirit and are thus deemed Sacred Scripture. Therefore, the books in the Bible are called canonical and the books that are not determined to be inspired by God are extra-canonical. The Jews, the Catholics and the Protestants have different canon.

In the third century BCE, the Jewish holy books were translated into. This translation was known as the Septuagint which comes from the Greek word for ‘seventy’ (hence the symbol LXX, 70 in Roman numerals) and refers to the tradition that seventy-two rabbis worked on the translation. During the time of Jesus there were several different lists of the Jewish Scripture in different Jewish groups and there was no one official canon. The Jewish canon was affirmed at the Councils of Jamnia in 90 and 118 and CE. Jewish rabbis excluded some portions of the Greek Septuagint. The books removed were Tobit, Judith, 1 Maccabees, 2 Maccabees, Wisdom (of Solomon), Sirach, and Baruch. Parts of existing books were also removed including Psalm 151 (from Psalms), parts of the Book of Esther, Susanna (from Daniel as chapter 13), and Bel and the Dragon (from Daniel as chapter 14), because these books were not originally written in Hebrew.

The Catholic Church started to discern, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, what was inspired and what was not. This goes for both the New Testament and the Old Testament. As for the Old Testament, the catholic church accepted all the books of the Septuagint including those seven books excluded by the Jewish Rabbis. Several Catholic Councils of Bishops declared the list of Scripture as we have it today: Council of Hippo, 393 CE, Councils of Carthage in 397 CE and in 419 CE. In the 1500s, Protestant leaders decided to organise the Old Testament material according to the official canon of Judaism rather than the Septuagint. They moved the Old Testament material which was not in the Jewish canon, which is however is part of the Catholic Bible. The Protestant, and Catholic New Testaments are identical and contain 27 books.

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved

Psalms 117

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone

1 John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he really is

John 10:11-18

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep

Diary for the Week

Sunday 22nd April 4 th Sunday of Easter (B) World Day of Prayer for Vocations	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Special Intention
	9.30am	Newcomers Mass	Parishioners
	11.30am	Mass	Cathy Giraud RIP (Anniv)
	4.00pm	Confirmation Session	
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	Holy Souls
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	
Monday 23rd April St George Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10	7.30am	Mass	Josie Leonard RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Eileen Groggin RP
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Parish Surgery	
	7.00 – 8.00pm	Exposition and Adoration	
Tuesday 24th April Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10: 22-30	7.30am	Mass	J. Okoroafor
	10.00am	Mass	Ann McConnell
Wednesday 25th April St Mark 1 Peter 5:5-14 Mk 16:15-20	7.30am	Mass	Marie Hurtin
	10.00am	Mass	Virginia & Valentine Athayde RIP
	2.00pm	Active Retirement Group	
	6.00pm	Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (hall)	
Thursday 26th April Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20	7.30am	Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
	10.00am	Funeral Mass	Mrs Irene Smith RIP
	7.00pm	Faith Talk (hall)	
Friday 27th April Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6	7.30am	Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00am	Mass	Gillian Patient RIP
Saturday 28th April St Peter Chanel Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14	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	Geoffrey Burnes RIP
Sunday 29th April 5 th Sunday of Easter (B)	9.30am	Mass	Parishioners
	11.30am	Mass	Holy Souls
	3.00pm	Mass of Anointing	
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	Adrian Gladwin Freeman RIP
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,536.64 (£1.53 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,297.64
Second collection for Ecclesiastical Education	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 3
Next week Team 1



Church Cleaners

This week St Jude's Group
Next week Judie's Crew (can you help?)
Please contact the Presbytery)

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

NEW PARISHIONERS – NEWSCOMERS MASS

If you have moved into the parish in the last 12 months, you are invited to our Newcomers Mass today, 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.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection is for 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 OF ANOINTING

We will be having a Mass of Anointing for the sick on Sunday 29th April at 3.00pm. It is an occasion to pray for those who are sick and all who care for them. There is an opportunity for those who are sick to receive the Sacrament of the sick and for all of us to pray for God's healing in our lives. If anyone has difficulty travelling to the Mass and needs a lift, please contact the Presbytery.

THANK YOU: MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone who brought in their unwanted clothing last weekend. They have already written to say that they have raised £460 from our unwanted clothes, you have helped to feed at least 33 children every day for a year! Thank you again.

HYMN BOOKS

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

ALTAR SERVERS DAY OUT: BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 7TH MAY

Please meet outside the Church, the coach will leave St Andrew's at 8.00am and return approximately 6.00pm. There are still some places available, cost is £15 which can be made on the day.

LENTEN FAITH TALK

The sessions on the DVD course "Catholicism" presented by Robert Barron continues on Thursdays 26th April and 10th and 17th May. The next session is titled "The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit". Sessions will commence at 7.30pm in the hall, which will be open at 7.00pm. Teas and coffees available before the session begins.

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 07902 933534.

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.

CAFOD

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

CATHOLIC DIRECTORIES

There are still copies available of the 2018 Catholic Directory from the Repository. Please consider purchasing the directory for all the liturgical information for the rest of the year.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

St George's Cathedral, Southwark, is the mother Church of the Diocese. This collection helps to meet the cost of the upkeep of the Cathedral.

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.

CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION

The diocesan Centre for Catholic Formation regularly hosts talks, events and training. If you would like to receive information on these events and much more, please consider subscribing to their monthly newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/daX7t9> - On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ccfsouthwark> - Follow on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ccfsouthwark> and view their videos here: <https://goo.gl/yqAzN7>

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

Quote of the Week

“The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home”

Saint Augustine of Hippo

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