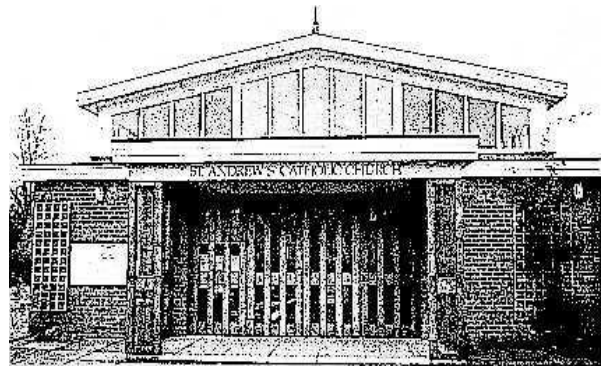

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20th May 2018 Pentecost Sunday (B)

Message from Fr Nishant

For the Jews, Pentecost (Shavuot in Hebrew) takes place fifty days after their Passover feast (Pesach), which celebrated the exodus of Egypt from the people of Israel. Pentecost was originally a festival of harvest. At Pentecost, the first fruits were offered to God as an offering. Little by little, this celebration was associated with the memory of the transmission of the Tablets of the Law to Moses, that is, to the foundation of the Jewish religion. The harvest festival then became the celebration of the old covenant between the Lord and his people. Like the Jews, Christians celebrate Pentecost fifty days after Easter. And if Easter is for us the commemoration of the Resurrection of Christ, Pentecost is the commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus. For Christians, this implies the renewed covenant between God and His people, a new covenant. The Holy Spirit engraves in their hearts a new law, that of love.

The Feast Pentecost inaugurates the beginning of the Church. For Christians, it is the incredible discovery of a new force, that of the Spirit of God, given in abundance. The Holy Spirit strengthens consoles, inspires and vivifies. The book of the Acts of the Apostles tells us how the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit, felt invested with a new mission of spreading the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus. The Church is therefore defined by her missionary vocation.

In his encyclical *Redemptoris Missio*, Pope John Paul II states that if we are sensitive to the spiritual dimension of our existence, it is because of the Holy Spirit who works in us and helps us to respond to our true vocation. The Spirit also influences other religions in which people live their inner quest. Our commitment to this quest and the presence of the Holy Spirit must inspire the Church's relations with other religions. It must not be forgotten, however, that the Spirit acted in a very special way in the event of Jesus Christ and continues to do so in the Church in her missionary vocation. Every Christian is called to practice dialogue in order to testify of his or her faith and to discover in the life of people of other faiths the "seeds of the Word" and the "rays of truth" of which the Fathers of the Vatican Council II speak.

Wish you all a very Happy Feast of Pentecost!

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 103

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

**They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak
Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth
In the one Spirit we were all baptised
As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy
Spirit**

Diary for the Week

Sunday 20th May <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> (B)	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 4.00pm Confirmation Session 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass	Ritchie Family (Intention) Pat Carney Parishioners Holy Souls
Monday 21st May <i>St Christopher of Magallanes</i> <i>Jm 3:13-18</i> <i>Mk 9:14-29</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall) 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery 7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall) 8.00pm PPC	Gloria Ditan Villamor RIP (Anniv) Joseph Kwame Baffoe RIP (Anniv)
Tuesday 22nd May <i>Saint Rita of Cascia</i> <i>Jm 4:1-10</i> <i>Mk 9:30-37</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.30pm R.C.I.C.	Timothy Andradi RIP Kwame Toanlin
Wednesday 23rd May <i>Feria</i> <i>Jm 4:13-17</i> <i>Mk 9:38-40</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Kathleen Erskine RIP Nurse John RIP
Thursday 24th May <i>Feria</i> <i>Jm 5:1-6</i> <i>Mk 9:41-50</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)	Holy Souls Holy Souls
Friday 25th May <i>St Bede the Venerable</i> <i>Jm 5:9-12</i> <i>Mk 10:1-12</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Friends of Suffering Souls Diago Paes RIP
Saturday 26th May <i>St Philip Neri</i> <i>Jm 5:13-20</i> <i>Mk 10:13-16</i>	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls Eileen Foran
Sunday 27th May <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i> (B)	9.30am Mass (RCIC First Holy Comm) 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 James Conroy RIP “Frank”

Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,386.32 (£1.38 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£ 2,147.32
Collection for World Communications	£ 841.76
Second collection for Parish Building Maintenance Fund	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 1
 Next week Team 2



Church Cleaners

This week St Jude's Group
 Next week Judie's Crew

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

COFFEE/CAKE SALE: THIS WEEKEND WITH OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Please come along to support our Confirmation candidates this Sunday morning in the hall after the 9.30am Mass for tea and coffee and lots of cake. As part of their Confirmation journey our candidates are raising funds for Croydon University Hospital Neonatal Unit (the hospital's specialised Neonatal Unit provides emergency care for newborn and premature babies) and CAYSH (a Croydon based charity delivering accommodation, advice and support services for young people facing homelessness). All are most welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend is for the Parish Building Maintenance Fund. We are trying to raise money to have the exterior of the Priest house and the interior of the Church painted. This much needed work will help to protect the properties from damage and make them look cared for and loved which will help us give glory to God in our properties. We will need to have a few more collections over the coming months so thank you for your support.

CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES

You are invited to join us on Sunday 27th May at the 9.30am Mass where we will be asking all married couples to re-dedicate themselves to their marriage by re-taking their marriage vows. Afterwards we can meet in the hall to celebrate with a cup of tea!

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (R.C.I.C.)

On Sunday 27th May at the 9.30am Mass, ten of our older children will be making their First Holy Communion, please keep them and their families in your prayers.

CHURCH KEY REGISTER

We have been asked by our insurance company to ensure that we have an up-to-date register of everyone who hold Church keys. It is important that we comply with this request for insurance purposes. Please can we ask that everyone who has Church keys to let us know as you will have to come in to sign your details in our register.

COMMISSIONING OF ALTAR SERVERS

Last weekend we enrolled our Altar Servers at all Masses but in case you did not get the opportunity to enrol, there will be another opportunity for you to do so on Sunday 10th June at the 9.30am Mass.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: ITALIAN NIGHT – SATURDAY 14TH JULY

The Social Committee will be having an Italian night in the Church hall on Saturday 14th July from 7.30-10.30pm. There will be a glass of prosecco on arrival followed by a 3 course meal, dancing, a raffle and a licenced bar. Tickets are £12 each for adults and £6 for children and they will be on sale after all Masses from 2nd June.

SAFEGUARDING

Please can we remind parents/guardians to keep your children with you at all times. It is your responsibility to look after your children in Church and keep them seated with you and to not let them wander around on their own. If your children need to go to the toilet, please ensure that an adult accompanies them. Please remember that the Church attracts all sorts of people and we cannot presume that we are always in a safe environment.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week is for the Comboni Missionaries Appeal.

THE GHANAIAN COMMUNITY

The group will be meeting on Sunday 27th May after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUPS

You are invited to the Pentecost Holy Mass, prayer, praise and worship and healing event on Sunday 20th May starting at 1.00pm at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, 73 Comerford Road, Brockley, London SE4 2BA. Please see the poster in the porch for more info. Also please note that our Charismatic Prayer Group will be attending this event so will not be meeting on the Sunday evening.

FAITH IN ACTION – WHAT CAN I DO?

Bishop Paul Hendricks is helping to celebrate a special Croydon Deanery service on the theme of “Faith In Action – What Can I Do?” at Our Lady of The Annunciation, Addiscombe, on Friday 8th June at 7.30pm. The liturgy, which will be followed by a presentation and social evening, is being organised by a network of Justice and Peace groups from among the Croydon Deanery parishes. It is intended to encourage the clergy and laity to become more actively involved in working for justice in whatever ways are most appropriate to them. Bishop Paul feels that the theme of “Faith In Action” fits very well with the Holy Father’s encouragement to holiness and evangelisation.

SONGFEST – CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

You are invited to the Songfest on Sunday 20th May at 4:00pm at Croydon University Hospital. Please see the poster in the porch for more info. Admission free, retiring collection for charity.

THE BUTTERFLY SERVICE – CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

The Butterfly Service is an opportunity for parents to remember the children they have loved who have died. In music, song and prayer, in the lighting of candles and the roll call of names the memory of each child is celebrated. Please do go along at 3.00pm on Sunday 27th May, St Barnabas Chapel. All are welcome. Organised by The Chaplaincy Team at Croydon University Hospital 020 8401 3105. Parking available in the Woodcroft Road Car Park adjacent to the Chapel.

THE DIOCESAN JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION – SPRING ASSEMBLY

The Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission, Spring Assembly for 2018 entitled Laudato Si! Responding to the Call of Pope Francis, will be at St Mary’s Church, Croydon. Saturday 2nd June 10.30am to 4pm. Preceded by Mass at 10am celebrated by Bishop Pat Lynch. Key speaker Ellen Teague. The event is free. Everyone welcome. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea & coffee provided.

CCF GOLDEN JUBILEE 1968-2018

The Centre for Catholic Formation will be 50 years old this summer and a lecture series has been arranged as part of the celebrations. All are welcome to attend one or all of four evening talks on key themes: Bishop Paul Mason on adult formation (5 June); Dr Caroline Farey on catechesis (8 June); Canon John Udris on GK Chesterton (14 June) and Dr Pia Matthews on Disability Theology (19 June). To book your place call 020 8672 7684; email: office@ccftootingbec.org.uk

Quote of the Week

“To pray in the Holy Spirit simply means to lean upon His divine help as we pray.”

William Thrasher



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