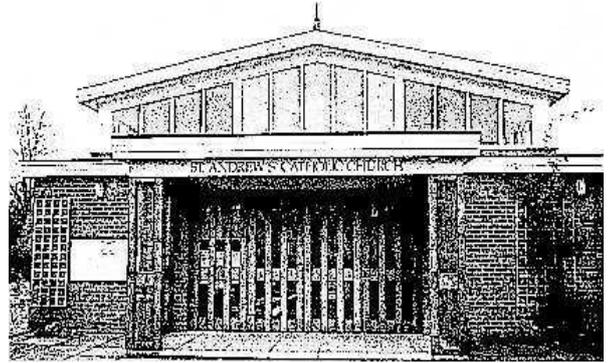

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27th May 2018
The Most Holy Trinity (B)

Message from Fr Len

In each and every mass we celebrate the Incarnation, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. The central point in doing this is not only to worship God but to help us realise that we have a God who wants to have a relationship with us. God saw the desperate struggles that Human Beings, his creation, were involved in so decided that he would show us how to live our lives through example and solidarity with the struggles and sufferings of sinful humanity. The story of the Jewish people is not only a story of salvation history but is also an account of the growing awareness of the relationship human beings can have with God. As the Psalm tells us the first stage of our spiritual development is fear of God, the God who we utterly depend upon for everything. Then with the incarnation of Jesus everything changes. Through Jesus God offers a new kind of relationship, not one of servitude but of friendship. Through this friendship with God we become builders of his kingdom and thereby are raised up to eternal life.

To meet Jesus of course is to meet God himself and this is so very important on Trinity Sunday as God is all about relationships. Whenever we meet Jesus we can also see God the Father and God the Holy Spirit through him. The best way to understand this is to think of a happily married couple that you know. When people are so much in love it is hard to know when one person stops and the other person begins, so entwined do people become through love. The relationship then of the Trinity is our model for human relationships and what's more as God is love whenever we can love as God loves, we unite ourselves to God. The love of God is so perfect that it can include all of humanity in it and not diminish that love in anyway.

That being the case then in every mass each and every one of us who have been invited by the Lord to be at Mass, we could not be there if God had not invited us as he loved us first, come with our problems and difficulties and present them to the Lord. Each and every one of us has God's complete and undivided attention which is not diminished in any way for anyone else. This is one of the reasons that we talk about sacred mysteries being celebrated at Mass. Whilst we come before God to ask for his help in overcoming our struggles, God also presents us to one another so that we can support, encourage and love one another on our pilgrim journey through life and the love of God for us can never be exhausted. What a wonderful fact that is!

This Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40	The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other
Psalm 32	Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own
Romans 8:14-17	You received the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'
Matthew 28:16-20	Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Diary for the Week

Sunday 27th May <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i> (B)	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Eileen Foran
	9.30am	Mass (RCIC First Holy Comm)	Parishioners
	11.30am	Mass	James Conroy RIP
	4.00pm	Confirmation Session	
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	“Frank”
Monday 28th May <i>Feria</i> Bank Holiday 1Pt 1:3-9 Mk 10:17-27	10.00am	Mass	Nancy Dellaquaglia (90 th birthday)
Tuesday 29th May <i>Feria</i> 1 Pt 1:10-16 Mk 10:28-31	7.30am	Mass	Joseph Okoroafor
	10.00am	Mass	Michael Furey RIP
Wednesday 30th May <i>Feria</i> 1 Pt 1:18-25 Mk 10:32-45	7.30am	Mass	Paul Etura RIP
	10.00am	Mass	Holy Souls
	6.00pm	Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (hall)	
Thursday 31st May <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Zp 3:14-18; Rm 12:9-16 Lk 1:39-56	7.30am	Mass	Sandra Fernandes
	10.00am	Mass	Assencion Soares RIP
Friday 1st June <i>First Friday</i> St Justin 1 Pt 4:7-13, Mk 11:11-26	7.30am	Mass	Sr Ancilla D’Souza RIP
	10.00am	Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Benediction	Santana Rebello & Magdalena Colaco RIP (Anniv)
	6.30pm	Syro Malabar Mass	
Saturday 2nd June <i>Saints Marcellinus and Peter</i> Acts 28:16-20. 30-31 Jn 21:20-25	9.30am	Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	11.00am	Confirmation rehearsals	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	Sr Ancilla D’Souza RIP
Sunday 3rd June <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i> (B)	9.30am	Mass	Parishioners
	11.30am	Mass	Holy Souls
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	Sr Ancilla D’Souza RIP
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,276.64 (£1.27 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	£ 761.00
Total offertory	£2,037.64
Second collection for Comboni Missionaries Appeal	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 2
Next week Team 3



Church Cleaners

This week Judie’s Crew
Next week Fifi’s Group

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

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

Today Sunday 27th May at the 9.30am Mass, ten of our older children will be making their First Holy Communion:

Harvey George Carter	Prince Pinto
Lucas James Junior Joseph	Anointed Jaiyeola
Ava O'Brien	Michela Jaiyeola
Faith O'Brien	Carlton Mwangi Ngugi
Livingstone Pinto	Mariana Silva Gomes

Please pray for our young people and you are all invited to some refreshments especially for our children in the hall afterwards.

CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES

You are invited to join us today 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!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend is for the Comboni Missionaries Appeal. For 150 years, the Comboni Missionaries have travelled to nearly every corner of the world, sharing the good news of Christ and working to protect the dignity of all people. They have 3,500 missionaries worldwide, serving 42 countries. Founded in 1867 by St. Daniel Comboni, the Comboni Missionaries are an international Catholic organisation dedicated to ministering to the world's poorest and most abandoned people, often working in unstable political climate, in the midst of extreme poverty. Despite these challenges, their missionaries are dedicated to their mission of serving God's people; serving the world's forgotten. Thank you.

THE GHANAIAN COMMUNITY

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

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 28TH MAY

Please note that there will be no 7.30am Mass on bank holiday Monday.

FIRST FRIDAY

This coming Friday is First Friday and there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the end of the 10am Mass until Benediction at 12.30pm.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY FAMILY – SATURDAY 2ND JUNE

We would like to invite all children, families, parishioners to attend the Friends of the Holy Family on Saturday, 2nd June from 10.15 to 11.30 am 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.

BALD DEACON!

When you next see Deacon Tony he might be bald. The 10 year old brother of a student at his school has a rare cancer so his sister is having her head shaved to raise money for Children With Cancer. Deacon Tony is joining her. If you want to know more have a look at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/charlie-ellacott>

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you are still using last year's envelopes or have not collected this year's please contact Albert Tang on his mobile on 07703 263631 or email him at albert.tang.uk@googlemail.com. It is important that you using the correct envelopes. If you are not in the Gift Aid scheme please consider joining as it costs you nothing more other than what you are giving. The benefit is that the parish can claim back 25% of tax on your donation from HMRC. For example, on a donation of £10 the parish gets back £2.50 from the government.

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.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

Please note the group will not be meeting on Wednesday 30th May because of the school half-term break.

COMMISSIONING OF ALTAR SERVERS

We recently enrolled our Altar Servers at our 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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection next weekend is for the Parish Building Maintenance Fund, this is our second one following our first on 20th May. 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. If you have already contributed – thank you very much.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS SUMMER BREAK

The Altar Servers summer break is on Tuesday 7th August to Friday 10th August in Woldingham, Surrey, cost £145. This is an excellent few days for boy and girl servers aged 10-15 years. Meeting in a holiday atmosphere activities include talks, prayer, daily Mass, sport, Chessington World of Adventures, Laser Elite, swimming etc. For details see the application forms in the porch or download from www.stanselm.dartford.wordpress.com, or contact Fr Stephen Boyle, tel 01322 220075, email stanselm01@googlemail.com.

Quote of the Week

“All sorts of people are fond of repeating the Christian statement that "God is love." But they seem not to notice that the words 'God is love' have no real meaning unless God contains at least two persons. Love is something that one person has for another person. If God was a single person, then before the world was made, He was not love.”

C.S. Lewis

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