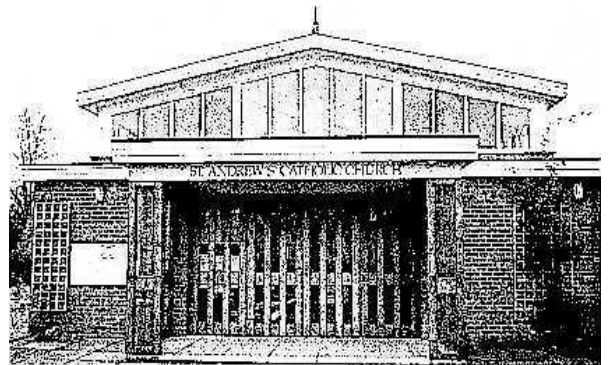


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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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6<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)

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Message from Fr Len

### **The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

In our readings today Jesus promises that after he has ascended into Heaven he will send the Holy Spirit to his followers who will bestow upon them his gifts. These gifts are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. There is a close link between these gifts and the Cardinal and Theological virtues. The Church teaches that the cardinal virtues are natural to the Human condition, these virtues are prudence, justice, fortitude/courage, and temperance. Whilst everybody has them they are of course expressed to a greater or lesser degree depending upon the individual involved. The Theological virtues however are dependent upon God, so they are also gifts. St Paul talks about these gifts in his great Hymn to Love (1 Corinthians 13) and they are faith, hope and Charity. These three are so important to us spiritually because they open us up to the gifts of the Holy Spirit who is then able to dwell in us and express himself through our daily lives depending upon how much we give ourselves faithfully to God. The work of the Holy Spirit is always a collaboration and never a dictatorship.

As we can see looking at all these gifts they are all interior gifts, in other words experienced subjectively and unique to each individual. However the way to open ourselves up to them is objective and communal. Our faith is exercised (or developed) through communal acts of Worship, through the Mass or through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy which the Church encourages each individual to do. The Corporal Works of Mercy are these kind acts by which we help our neighbours with their material and physical needs, feeding the hungry, giving shelter to the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, giving alms to the poor. The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion, by which we help our neighbours with their emotional and spiritual needs, they are instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently.

Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit our faith becomes both internal and external, our motives probably being even more important than our actions. Of course the problem with this is that only God can know the inner disposition of our hearts. Whilst God promises us these gifts we have to pray for them, want them and then express them in everything that we do. If we can do this then our lives become a living prayer of who and what we are. The gifts of the Holy Spirit do not just benefit us but help build the Kingdom of Heaven. So as we prepare ourselves for Pentecost let us pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and welcome him into our lives.

#### **This Sunday's Readings**

**Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**  
**Psalm 97**  
**1 John 4:7-10**  
**John 15:9-17**

**The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too**  
**The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations**  
**God is love**  
**A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i> (B)	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday  9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass <b>5.00pm Rosary</b> <b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b> 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Holy Souls  Alex Dos Santos RIP Parishioners  Harry Nagamootoo (Anniversary)
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Bank holiday</i> Feria <i>Acts 16:11-15</i> <i>Jn 15:26-16:4</i>	10.00am Mass	John Hegarty RIP
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> Feria <i>Acts 16:22-34</i> <i>Jn 16:5-11</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.30pm Finance Committee</b>	Holy Souls Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b> Feria <i>Acts 17:15. 22-18:1</i> <i>Jn 16:12-15</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>2.00pm Active Retirement Group</b> <b>6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)</b> <b>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</b>	Orlando Gonsalves Victoria & Vincent Athayde RIP
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> <i>Acts 18:1-8</i> <i>Jn 16:16-20</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass <b>7.00pm Faith Talk (hall)</b> <b>7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)</b> <b>8.00pm Mass</b> <b>8.00pm Baptism course (Convent)</b>	Joanna A – Roth Diago & Lily Paes RIP (Anniv)  Parishioners
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b> Feria <i>Acts 18:9-18, Jn 16:20-23</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Robert Rutledge RIP (Anniv) Holy Souls
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Saints Nereus and</i> <i>Achilleus, St Pancras</i> <i>Acts 18:23-28</i> <i>Jn 16:23-28</i>	9.30am Mass <b>9.50 – 11.15am First Holy Communion</b> <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls  Margaret O’Leary
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i> (B)	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass <b>4.00 – 5.45pm Confirmation Session (hall)</b> <b>5.00pm Rosary</b> <b>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</b> 6.00pm Mass <b>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</b>	Elissi Maria Rosa Fernandes RIP (Anniv) Parishioners  Holy Souls

### Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,237.50 (£1.23 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	£ 761.00
Total offertory	£1,998.50
Collection for St George’s Cathedral	£ 646.44

*Thank you for your generosity*

#### Altar Servers

This week Team 2  
 Next week Team 3



#### Church Cleaners

This week Fifi’s Group  
 Next week Sancho’s Dusters

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **SCOUT GROUP**

Our 26th Croydon Scout Group will be selling coffee, tea, cakes and sausage rolls after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday. All monies will go back into the group enabling the young people of this parish to enjoy scouting activities. Please do go along to support them, we look forward to seeing you all there!

### **ALTAR SERVERS DAY OUT: BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 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.

### **MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY – BANK HOLIDAY**

Please note that there is no 7.30am Mass on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

### **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

This Thursday is a Holyday of Obligation. In the past the Bishops of England and Wales have moved this feast to a Sunday but this year they have decided that certain feasts should remain on the day that Scripture dictates. Ascension is 40 days after the Resurrection and Jesus leaves his disciples and ascended into Heaven promising them the Holy Spirit which we will celebrate on Pentecost Sunday. So Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May is a Holy Day of obligation and we have three Masses at 7.30am, 10.00am and 8.00pm.

### **400 CLUB WINNERS**

The winners for April are:

Presley Rebelo	No: 003 - £10
Christine Evans	No: 037 - £10
Joseph Okoroafor	No: 043 - £20

### **LENTEN FAITH TALK**

The sessions on the DVD course "Catholicism" presented by Robert Barron continues on Thursdays 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May. The next session is titled "World without End: The Last Things". Sessions will commence at 7.30pm in the hall, which will be open at 7.00pm. Teas and coffees are available before the session begins.

### **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.

### **CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES**

You are invited to join us on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **MAINTENANCE**

We have bought new doors for the sheds outside the Church annex. These house equipment for some of the parish groups. We are looking for a carpenter to fit the doors, preferably a parishioner. Remuneration negotiable. Please speak to Fr Len.

## NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

There is a general meeting of the Nigerian Catholic Community on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May (*please note the new date – was 20<sup>th</sup> May*) after the 11.30am Mass in the hall until 2.30pm.

### VOTIVE CANDLES

Some people are again bringing in their own votive candles to use personally but also donating them to the Church. Please can we ask for this to **stop**. The Church can only use votive candles that are supplied by authorised suppliers to the Church for health and safety reasons. It is important that we follow this rule as we could be liable for breaking the fire and safety laws. If other candles are found we will throw them away.

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week is for World Communications Day. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. Its office is the focus for media enquiries on national matters, and seeks to develop the public profile of the Church and its teaching. The CCN provides up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and trains spokesmen and women. Please take a leaflet for more info.

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE: ITALIAN NIGHT – SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Please put this important date in your diaries. Tickets will go on sale beginning of June after all Masses.

### DAY WITH OUR LADY OF FATIMA: SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 12.00NOON

You are all invited to A Day with Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May here at St. Andrew's Church. We will commence at 12.00noon with Rosary and Benediction, Holy Mass will commence at 1.00pm and will be offered for the community, friends and family. This is one of the four statues of Our Lady commissioned by Pope Benedict VX. This statue was then blessed by Pope Pius X. Afterwards all are welcome to join us in the hall for refreshments. Should you require any further information, please contact Juliette DeMenezes-D'Costa on 0208 765 0258 / 07958 537314 or see the poster in the porch.

### MASS FOR MIGRANTS

The Mass for Migrants will take place in St George's Cathedral on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 11am, with a preceding banner procession at 10.45am. This service jointly celebrates diversity within Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood Diocese. All are warmly welcomed to join the Mass.

### ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Archdiocese Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Clifton, East Anglia and Northampton Diocese is being led this year by Archbishop Peter Smith, 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, flights from Stansted. Visit [www.catholicassociation.co.uk](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk) or call 01732 886666 or 0800 917357 for more info.

#### Quote of the Week

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

*Psalm 104*



Chair of the PPC  
Convent  
Gift Aid Organiser  
400 Club Organiser  
Minibus Bookings  
Parish Secretary  
Primary School

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