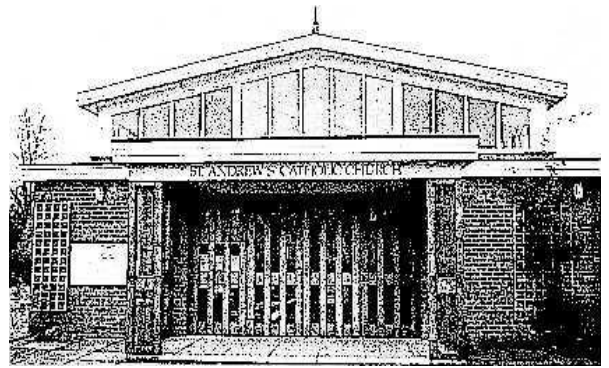

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24th June 2018 The Nativity of St John the Baptist (B)

Message from Deacon Errol

The Storms of Life

There are times we may feel alone and in despair and need someone or something to remind us of God's love. Many of us find it difficult to understand God's boundless love for us, and so grasping the concept that God loves us no matter how we feel about ourselves is hard. We may feel that we must perform well for God to love us more, or we try to accomplish something to earn his loving hand and approval. But God's love for us is never in doubt.

The Bible reminds us that we make the choice, to call out to God or not to, as demonstrated by the disciples when their boat was overwhelmed by a storm. (*Mark 4:35-41*) The disciples were with Jesus, but it didn't deter the storm from striking. They tried to overcome the storm and failed, but Jesus never fails. Like the disciples, Jesus is with us, but the storms in our lives at times cause us to doubt whether he is sleeping in the background. We must be encouraged by the Psalmist when he said, 'Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.' (*Psalms 37:5*) Many may be the troubles that face God's people, but he delivers them from all their troubles if they trust in his love. (*Psalms 34:19*)

What does God require from us as his children? Adoration, trust, and relationship are what he longs for in return, as it says in scripture, "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (*Micah 6:8.*) The greatest commandment is to love God with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

What is it that the Lord wants us to learn from the storms in our lives?

This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 49:1-6	I will make you the light of the nations
Psalms 138	I thank you for the wonder of my being
Acts 13:22-26	Jesus, whose coming was heralded by John
Luke 1:57-66, 80	His name is John

Diary for the Week

Sunday 24th June <i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i> (B)	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Judex Leong-Chung RIP (Anniv)
	9.30am	Mass – First Holy Communion Mass	Botelho & Carrasco Families
	11.30am	Mass - First Holy Communion Mass	Parishioners
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	Kate Furey RIP (Anniv)
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	
Monday 25th June <i>Feria</i> 2 Kg 17:5-8. 13-15. 18 Mt 7:1-5	7.30am	Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00am	Mass	George Barrett RIP
	5.45 – 7.15pm	Beavers (hall)	
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Parish Surgery	
	7.00 – 8.00pm	Exposition and Adoration	
	7.30 – 9.00pm	Scouts (hall)	
Tuesday 26th June <i>Feria</i> 2 Kg 19:9-11. 14-21. 31-36 Mt 7:6. 12-14	7.30am	Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00am	Mass	Anna Nunes (Birthday)
Wednesday 27th June <i>St Cyril of Alexandria</i> 2 Kg 22:8-13. 23:1-3 Mt 7:15-20	7.30am	Mass	Malcolm D'Costa RIP (Anniv)
	10.00am	Mass	Gilda Margaret James RIP (Anniv)
	2.00pm	Active Retirement Group	
	6.00pm	Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (hall)	
Thursday 28th June <i>St Irenaeus</i> 2 Kg 24:8-17 Mt 7:21-29	7.30am	Mass	Catherine Viegas RIP (Anniv)
	10.00am	Mass	Cecil Lobo RIP (Anniv)
	7.00 – 8.30pm	Cubs (St James the Great)	
Friday 29th June <i>Saints Peter & Paul</i> Holyday of Obligation Acts 12:1-11 2 Tim 4:6-8. 17-18 Mt 16:13-19	7.30am	Mass	For those who work in the Parish
	10.00am	Mass	Yvonne Appiah RIP (Anniv)
	6.00pm	Altar Server training – for 11.30am teams 1,2,3	
	8.00pm	Mass	Parishioners
Saturday 30th June <i>The First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church</i> Lam 2:2. 10-14. 18-19 Mt 8:5-17	9.30am	Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	10.30am	Bereavement Group (Convent)	
	11.00am	Syro Malabar Mass	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	In Honour of Our Lady of Africa
	7.00pm	Parish AGM (hall)	
Sunday 1st July <i>13th Sunday of the Year</i> (B)	9.30am	Mass	Noel Johnson RIP
	11.30am	Mass	Fr Arthur Mostyn
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	Parishioners
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,697.69 (£1.69 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,458.69
Collection for Day of Prayer for Human Life	£ 694.21

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 3
Next week Team 1



Church Cleaners

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

FRIDAY 29TH JUNE: SAINTS PETER AND PAUL - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Please note that Friday 29th June is Saints Peter and Paul Apostles day. This is a Holyday of Obligation and there will be an evening Mass at 8.00pm with a second collection today for Peter's Pence: Peter's Pence by reason of the bond of unity and charity, the bishops of the Church, with their people, join together to produce those means which the Holy Father and the Apostolic See need to exercise works of mercy and charity and its service of the Universal Church. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope, being pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and faithful in grave difficulties: the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalised and the victims of war and natural disasters. Concrete aid is thus made available to bishops, or dioceses in need, to Catholic education, assistance, to refugees and immigrants etc.

THE GHANAIAN COMMUNITY

The group will be meeting today Sunday 24th June after the 11.30am Mass in the hall until 4.30pm.

PARISH AGM

Please join us for the Parish AGM which will be held on Saturday 30th June starting at 7.00pm in the hall followed by some refreshments. Copies of the reports will be available at all Masses this weekend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

It is hoped to re-launch the Liturgy of the Word for Children here at St Andrew's in September. There will be a meeting for all existing and prospective Children's Liturgy helpers on Monday 2nd July at 7pm in the Convent, 38 Brook Road. Please come along if you are willing to continue to help, wish to join or simply want to find out more about this worthwhile and rewarding ministry. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This year we have nearly 50 children receiving communion. Some children had theirs last weekend and the rest are receiving theirs today. Please continue to pray for the children and their families.

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 (just for the Church, not the hall/house). It is important that we comply with this request for insurance purposes. *There are still some people who have not come forward to sign so 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.*

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: ITALIAN NIGHT – SATURDAY 14TH JULY

Tickets are on sale after all Masses for the Italian Evening being held in the Church hall on Saturday 14th July at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 for adults and £6 for children which includes a 3 course meal and a glass of prosecco. There will be a licenced bar, raffle and disco. Telephone 020 8684 4648 for more information

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: 1ST JULY

The second collection next weekend is for the Parish Building Maintenance Fund and this will be our third collection. We are raising money so that the exterior of the Priest house and the interior of the Church can be painted. We have been getting some quotes in and some of the work will be starting soon. 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 ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

The summer camp is at Aldham, Essex. This is an activities camp with a Catholic ethos that runs as follows:

Week One Saturday 21st July to 28th July for boys
Week Two Saturday 28th July to 4th August for boys
Week Three Saturday 4th August to 11th August for girls

It is for children aged 8 to 13 and costs £145 per week. For an application form or more information then please look on the website <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk>. Enquiries email the boys camp at boysbookings@boscocamp.co.uk or the girls camp at girlsbookings@boscocamp.co.uk. More information can be found on the poster at the back of the Church.

BEYOND BIG BANG

That is the title of a talk to be given by Canon Frank O'Sullivan on the origins of life on this planet. You are all invited on Wednesday June 27th at 7.45pm for 8pm at Laleham Lea Primary School, Peaks Hill, Purley CR8 3JJ. There is no charge and all are welcome.

THE CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS)

The nationally accredited Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) provides an introduction to Catholic theology for teachers, catechists, chaplains and school governors. This course is an introduction to the teaching and beliefs of the Catholic Church and is managed in this Archdiocese on behalf of the Bishops' Conference by the Centre for Catholic Formation (CCF). Please take a brochure in the porch. If you would like to find out more about the CCRS please go to one of the introductory evenings on Tuesday 11 September 7.30 – 8.30pm at the CCF, 21 Tooting Bec Road, London SW17 8BS or Thursday 13th September 7.30 – 8.30pm, at The Angelus Centre, Bexley Road, Erith DA8 3HQ. For enquiries or to book your attendance 020 8672 7684 or email ccrs@ccftootingbec.org.uk.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY: ST PHILOMENA'S HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

There is a vacancy available for a Foundation Governor in the new academic year 2018/19. The school would like to hear from practising Catholics with expertise in law, finance or HR. If you are interested please contact the Clerk to Governors by email clerk@stphils.org.uk by Friday 6th July.

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 download application form from www.stanselm.dartford.wordpress.com, or contact Fr Stephen Boyle, tel 01322 220075, email stanselm01@googlemail.com.


LONDON SW CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

The social group for young Catholics which meets every month their next social evening is on Saturday, 7th July from 7.30pm at The Junction, Clapham Junction SW11 1SA. For further details visit their Facebook page or contact Miles on 07790 441242.

Quote of the Week

God bestows his blessings without discrimination. The followers of Jesus are children of God, and they should manifest the family likeness by doing good, even to those who deserve the opposite.

F. F. Bruce

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