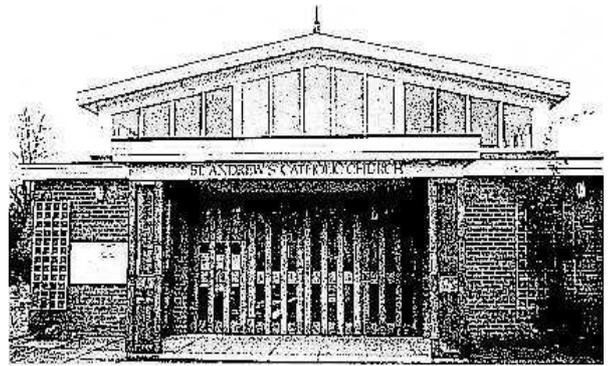

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8th July 2018
14th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Deacon Tony

Wednesday just gone was the feast day of St Elizabeth of Portugal. A princess of Aragón she was queen of Portugal, married to King Denis. During her husband's reign she founded several hospitals, orphanages and homes for the destitute. Her husband had no interest in their marriage, he fathered several illegitimate children. Elizabeth took it upon herself to see these children were looked after and educated.

She retired from public life aged 54 on her husband's death and joined the Order of the Poor Clares. She spent the next ten years in obscurity, emerging only to go with the Portuguese army when they were to fight the army of the King of Castile. Her mission was to broker peace, she was successful but her efforts took their toll and she dies shortly afterwards. Elizabeth of Portugal was the great niece of St Elizabeth, queen of Hungary.

Looking back to the 80s I recall a conversation (in a pub) as to whether it was appropriate to canonise royalty. This stemmed from my then held opinion that the recent canonisations of the family of Tzar Nicholas II of Russia as martyrs by the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad was questionable. Considering that the family lived in luxury, the Tzar was a persecutor of the Jewish people and was responsible for the deaths of many innocent poor people in the Bloody Sunday Massacre of 1905, was this, I asked, a saint? In 2000 the Russian Orthodox Church recognised the canonisations, although not as martyrs, they are not saints in the Roman Canon.

Looking further into this I found over seventy canonised sovereigns, their spouses (like Elizabeth of Portugal and her great aunt), their children and other members of the nobility take that figure soaring towards 150. No matter what we think of the office someone might hold, it's their good work that gets them (and us) to heaven, we cannot buy, or think our way there.

This Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 2:2-5	The sons are defiant and obstinate and they shall know that there is a prophet among them
Psalms 122	Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy
2 Corinthians 12:7-10	I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me
Mark 6:1-6	A prophet is only despised in his own country

Diary for the Week

Sunday 8th July <i>14th Sunday of the Year</i> (B)	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Lawrence & Antonette D'Souza RIP For those who work in schools Parishioners Kathleen Carrapiett RIP (Anniv)
Monday 9th July <i>Feria</i> <i>Hos 2:16-18. 21-22</i> <i>Mt 9:18-26</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall) 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery 7.00 – 8.00pm Family Holy Hour 7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)	Christopher Eigbe RIP (Anniv) Gilda James RIP (Anniv)
Tuesday 10th July <i>Feria</i> <i>Hos 8:4-7. 11-13</i> <i>Mt 9:32-38</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Holy Souls Holy Souls
Wednesday 11th July <i>St Benedict</i> <i>Prov 2:1-9</i> <i>Mt 19:27-29</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Timothy & Clela Andradi RIP Malcolm Jeganathan RIP (Anniv)
Thursday 12th July <i>Feria</i> <i>Hos 11:1. 3-4. 8-9</i> <i>Mt 10:7-15</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great) 8.00pm Baptism course (hall)	“Francis” Special Intention
Friday 13th July <i>Feria</i> <i>Hos 14:2-10, Mt 10:16-23</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Holy Souls Paul Etuke RIP
Saturday 14th July <i>Feria</i> <i>Is 6:1-8</i> <i>Mt 10:24-33</i>	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 10.30am Altar Server Training - (9.30am - Team 3 and 11.30am- Teams 1, 2 & 3) 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday 7.30pm Social Committee: Italian Evening	Holy Souls Parishioners
Sunday 15th July <i>15th Sunday of the Year</i> (B)	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass: First Holy Communion Going Forth Mass 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Brigid Lakhani RIP Bella D'Souza Theofeilo D'Souza

Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,383.06 (€1.38 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,144.06
Collection for Peter's Pence	£ 260.05
Second collection for Apostleship of the Sea	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 2
 Next week Team 3



Church Cleaners

This week Sancho's Dusters
 Next week St Jude's Group

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS

Please do go along to the hall after every 9.30am Sunday Mass where tea/coffee and cakes are always served. All are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

The second collection today is for Apostleship of the Sea, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) collection is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. Port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome seafarers, offer welfare service and advice, practical help, care and friendship. The AoS in Great Britain is part of an international network known to the maritime world as Stella Maris, working in more than 250 ports around the world. 90% of world trade is transported by ship, however the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their family and loved ones and often working in harsh conditions. The AoS relies wholly on voluntary contributions, and can only continue its work through the generous donations of its supporters, particularly this collection. So please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate online please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

We hope you will join us to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, 9th July from 7.00 to 8.00pm. During the hour there are readings from scripture, hymns, bidding prayers and a short period of silence. Please join us even if only for 10 minutes - it will bring a blessing to you, your family and our parish.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: ITALIAN NIGHT – SATURDAY 14TH JULY

The Italian Evening is 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, you can still purchase tickets on Saturday 7th July (last day).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: GOING FORTH MASS

The children will be attending the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 15th July to receive their certificates and will sit together in the front benches. Can the children please wear their communion dresses/suits for this Going Forth Mass and please arrive early to accommodate seating everyone in order.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be Altar Server training for Team 3 - 9.30am and Teams 1, 2 & 3 - 11.30am. This training is now mandatory as you have missed all the other training sessions which have been set up for you and it is imperative that you go through the way in which all the other teams have now been shown to serve. Please find the time to make this one single training session this year before we go into the summer holidays.

CHURCH LAUNDRY GROUP

The Church Laundry Group is looking for someone to take over the running of this group and for some people to join the group. Mrs Parfitt is retiring after 14 years. It involves washing and ironing the Mass linen once every two months on a rota. So if you would like to iron your troubles away, please get in touch with Mrs Barbara Parfitt on 07914 719186 after 4.00pm.

THE GHANAIAI COMMUNITY

The group will be meeting on Sunday 15th July after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (S.V.P)

The next SVP coffee morning and table top sale is on Sunday 22nd July. Please go along to the hall to help support the group by seeing what you can purchase and at the same time drink coffee/tea and buy lots of cake! All the money raised will help support local people who are in need by way of food, clothing, furniture etc.

CHURCH AISLES

Please do not leave prams and other obstacles in the aisles, in front or outside of fire exit doors or passageways due to health and safety reasons. Please leave these areas clear and put anything that could cause obstructions away in a safe place. Thank you.

CAR PARK

By law we are obliged to leave access to the car park for Fire engines and Ambulances but some people are parking in the wrong places and are blocking access in and out of the car park. As well as the emergency vehicles the priests hold the hospital bleep on a Sunday. Should the priest have to rush to the hospital for an emergency, he would be unable to get his car out of the car park.

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.*

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.

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). If you want to find out more about the CCRS please attend introductory evenings on Tuesday 11 September 7.30 – 8.30pm at the CCF, 21 Tooting Bec Road, London SW17 8BS or Thursday 13 September 7.30 – 8.30pm, at The Angelus Centre, Bexley Road, Erith DA8 3HQ. For more info 020 8672 7684 or email ccrs@ccfootingbec.org.uk.

Quote of the Week

"I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." (Eph. 3:18-19) *St Paul*



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