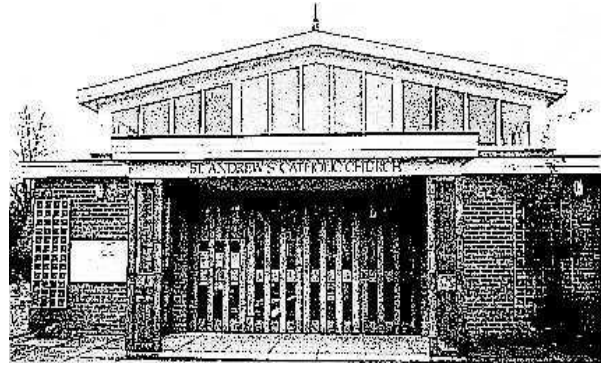

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16th September 2018
24th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Deacon Tony

Last weekend I had the huge privilege of attending the National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool. Ten thousand Catholics from all over England and Wales converged on the city for three days. I must note here with much sadness that Fr John Mulligan, one of the organisers of the event for our diocese, died in his sleep the night before he was due to travel to Liverpool. This was a great shock for all those involved and for his parishioners at St Teresa's in Morden.

The Congress itself was marvellous. On Friday we had three excellent keynote speakers in the morning and a choice of workshops based on the Eucharist in the afternoon. On Saturday morning Bishop Robert Barron spoke to a packed Echo arena twice. You may know Bishop Barron's website, Word on Fire. I can promise you it is very aptly named.

Bishop Barron spoke of the many communities that come together to make up the body of Christ. All parishes and dioceses will have all sorts of chaplaincies, apostolates and organisations for specific groups who come together to be Christ's hands on earth.

Earlier today I checked Facebook and saw this post from Sarah, who is Akela at our Scout group here in our parish, she said:-

"I've come to the park with Robert and some of the leaders' children from beavers while it's on and we've bumped into one of my cubs. Everyone playing nicely even though not one of them is in the same year group. Year 6, 5, 4 and reception age. Proving that it's one big scouting family at the 26th Croydon."

Change that context to parish and I think that sums up exactly what Bishop Barron was speaking of.

This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 50:5-9	I offered my back to those who struck me
Psalms 114	I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living
James 2:14-18	If good words do not go with faith, it is quite dead
Mark 8:27-35	You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously

Diary for the Week

Sunday 16th September 24 th Sunday of the Year (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	John Lawrence Fernandes RIP Parishioners Tom Forrest RIP (Anniv) Annemarie Paterson
Monday 17th September St Robert Bellarmine 1 Cor 11:17-26. 33 Lk 7:1-10	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall) 7.00pm Parish Surgery/School forms 7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)	Mike Fitzgerald Lily Paes RIP
Tuesday 18th September Feria 1 Cor 12:12-14. 27-31 Lk 7:11-17	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Holy Souls Patrick Joseph Kearns RIP (Anniv)
Wednesday 19th September St Januarius 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Lk 7:31-35	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Bernand Freeman (Birthday) Holy Souls
Thursday 20th September SS Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 7:36-50	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 4.00pm School forms 7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great) 7.30pm Spirituality Talk (hall) 8.00pm Baptism course	Holy Souls Holy Souls
Friday 21st September St Matthew Eph 4:1-7. 11-13 Mt 9:9-13	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 4.00pm School forms	Holy Souls For the Church
Saturday 22nd September Feria 1 Cor 15:35-37. 42-49 Lk 8:4-15	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 10.00am School forms 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday 7.30pm Quiz Night (hall)	Holy Souls Laura Anne Murtagh RIP (Anniv)
Sunday 23rd September 25 th Sunday of the Year (B)	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	Elsie O'Shea RIP Valentina Guinto Parishioners

Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,476.77 (£1.47 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,237.77
Collection The Catholic Education Service	£ 634.09
Second collection for The Support of Home Mission	

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

WELCOME

We welcome Fr Mebrate Legesse Desalegn, known as Fr Des, who has joined us and will be here assisting us for the next few months whilst we wait for our permanent Assistant Priests.

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

The SVP coffee morning and table top sale is today Sunday 16th September. Please go along to the hall to help support the group by buying lots of goods and at the same time drinking coffee/tea and buying lots of cake! All money raised will help support local people who are in need by way of food, clothing and furniture.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

The second collection this weekend will be for The Support of Home Mission. This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support 'Home Mission', the spread of the Gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.

The second collection next weekend on Sunday 23rd September will be for the Parish Building Maintenance Fund and this will be our fourth collection. We are raising money so that we can fix the many jobs that are needed for the Church, hall and Priest's house. If you have already contributed – thank you very much.

SCHOOL REFERENCE FORMS

The Parish School Reference forms are still available in the porch. Last year we changed the way our Priest Reference forms were completed and we are continuing this arrangement again this year. All children transferring from primary to secondary school and starting main school or nursery at a Catholic School are required to have a Priest Reference. Parents please note that Fr Len does not deal with schools directly for references so parents will have to complete a form for his final signature. We ask that you complete Section A, then you should take this form to a member of the clergy, Deacon Tony, Deacon Errol or Sr Jennie, whoever you feel would know you the best, and ask them to complete section B.

A list of dates in September is displayed in the porch, *please note that a couple of the dates have been changed*, so that you can meet Fr Len who will then sign the last section of your form based on the comments provided by the other members of the Pastoral team. Just come along to the Priest House (45 Brook Road) during the times and dates given, it is not possible to make an individual appointment. It is important that parents and guardians act in good time and meet with the clergy before seeing Fr Len to avoid last minute meetings of which we had many last year. Please note that you may still need to complete a Priest Reference form if your child is on a school waiting list/or keep your child on the list. If your child is moving to a higher level within the same school, a reference may also be necessary – please check directly with the schools.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The children's Liturgy will be resuming at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 23rd September. The group will be registering children aged between 3 years and First Holy Communion (usually 7/8 years). Only parents of three year olds will be able to accompany their child into the children's liturgy sessions. **This does mean that there will not be access to the hall toilets during the sessions for members of the congregation.** Please see one of the helpers at the table outside the front of the Church this Sunday (after 9.30am Mass) to complete a registration form. Due to a small number of volunteers we will have to limit numbers each week so it will be on a first come first served basis and you will need to give your child's name to a catechist to have them ticked off on the register. Please be patient whilst the process is established and if you are interested in volunteering (a DBS will be required) please speak to one of the catechists. You would be most welcome.

STEWARDSHIP TALKS: THURSDAYS AT 7.30PM IN THE HALL

Please join us for St Andrew's An Encounter with the Lord through Spirituality talks. The talks explore some of the spiritualities of the Church and to encounter the Lord. The talks have been very well attended and are on Thursday evenings in the hall starting at 7.30pm. This week the talk is Spirituality and Scripture with Fr John Hemer. Please take a leaflet from the porch with all the details. We look forward to welcoming you.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The group will be meeting in the hall today Sunday 16th September after the 11.30am Mass.

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) commences Tuesday 25th September at 6.30pm in the parish hall. This is for children over the age of 7 years who have not been baptised and for those children in year 5 and over who have not made their First Communion. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This session is for registration and an introductory lesson and will last one hour.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS – SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

Urgent attention please: The annual diocesan Day for Catechists is on Saturday 22nd September at St George’s Cathedral starting at 10.30am and ending with Mass at 4.00pm. Please collect some information about the day from the porch as there are workshops for you to choose from. If anyone would like to attend, please contact the office by Monday 17th September to let us have your details so we can then send your name for registration. With apologies for the short notice.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Please note we have a new email address: thorntonheath@rcaos.org.uk. The diocese has given us a new email address for our parish in order to comply with the Guide to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). For the immediate future, all emails sent to our old address will automatically be re-routed to our new one so we will still receive them, but please do make a note of our new address.

MASS OFFERING BOOKINGS THROUGH PAYPAL

The parish now has the facility for you to book your mass intentions and donate through paypal. You can do this from anywhere in the world, all you need is a computer and the internet. On our website you will find this facility under the “Donations” menu. Please follow the instructions given there. Mass bookings can still be booked in the normal way (envelopes in the porch).

9:30AM EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A message from David Jones: After so many years Suzanne is stepping down and has asked if I would look after the 9:30 rota, hopefully all will continue as normal, but please bear with me. As I will be on holiday for the last two weeks of September I have done October’s rota early and will leave them on the small table outside the sacristy. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the 9:30am Eucharistic ministers to say a “big thank you” to Suzanne for doing such a splendid job over the last years, (even Suzanne can’t remember exactly how many it has been!). Going forward I would appreciate it if you could let me have an email address so we could cut down on all the paper involved. Don’t worry this is only something for later, you will still get your rota on paper for the time being. Thank you and look forward to your support, David Jones email: djfulham@blueyonder.co.uk.

THE GHANAIAN COMMUNITY



The Group will be meeting on Sunday 23rd September after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

QUIZ NIGHT

On Saturday 22nd September the Social Committee will be having a quiz night in the Church hall starting at 7.30pm. There will be a licenced bar, raffle and snacks on sale. Entrance is £4.00 per person telephone 020 8684 4648 for more information.

Quote of the Week

For just as we have many members in one body
and all the members do not have the same
function, so we, who are many, are one body in
Christ and individually members of one
another. *Romans 12:4-5*

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Gift Aid Organiser		Albert Tang	07703 263631
400 Club Organiser		Jonathan Prins	(email: club_400@hotmail.com)
Minibus Bookings		Frances Gilbert (Parish Groups only)	020 8689 7319
Parish Secretary		Danielle Lewin	020 8684 3013
Primary School		St. James the Great	020 8771 3424