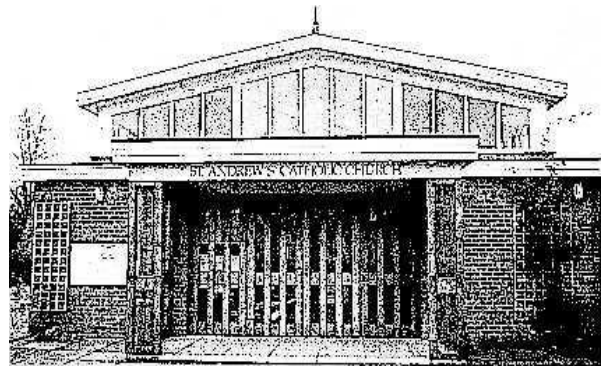

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23rd September 2018
25th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Fr Len

God's Ways are not Our Ways

It is hard not to have some sympathy for the workers who turned up early worked all day only to receive the same pay as those who had turned up and only worked an hour. You could imagine Unions having something to say about the unfairness of their treatment. Maybe it is worthwhile remembering sometimes that we live in a free world, not a fair one and of course God who made the world as it is free to act as he wishes. Thankfully God's ways are not our ways and his generosity far exceeds anything human beings would indulge in.

The Jewish people have many names for God, two of the most important are **Mercy** and **Compassion**. We are loved by God beyond our wildest dreams and he wants to draw us closer to him, no matter what sins we might have committed or how far away from him we may feel we are. The actions of the vineyard owner in our Gospel are counter cultural of course, we would be thinking of hourly pay, workload and such things and the problem often comes when we expect God to think like we think but of course he doesn't. This should be a source of hope for us and is summed up in an image that Therese of Lisieux gives us, it is an image of boldness in front of the Lord. Therese told us to imagine ourselves like a child who has done some wrong and when just about to be told off jumps into her father's arms and charms him into forgiveness. Who has the power to withstand when a child does such things? She felt that we could charm God into forgiveness as he loves us so much. The problem is not that God tires of giving us his forgiveness but that we tire of asking it because we so easily return to sin.

This Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20	Let us condemn him to a shameful death
Psalms 53	The Lord upholds my life
James 3:16-4:3	Peacemakers when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness
Mark 9:30-37	The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all

Diary for the Week

Sunday 23rd September 25 th Sunday of the Year (B)	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Laura Anne Murtagh RIP (Anniv)	
	9.30am	Mass	Elsie O'Shea RIP	
	11.30am	Mass	Valentina Guinto	
	5.00pm	Rosary		
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction		
	6.00pm	Mass	Parishioners	
Monday 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham Prov 3:27-34 Lk 8:16-18	7.30am	Mass	Paul Etuka RIP	
	10.00am	Mass	Eldred Jones RIP	
	4.00 – 5.00pm	School forms		
	5.45 – 7.15pm	Beavers (hall)		
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Parish Surgery		
	7.00 – 8.00pm	Exposition and Adoration		
Tuesday 25th September Feria Prov 21:1-6, 10-13 Lk 8:19-21	7.30am	Mass	Clementina Fernandes RIP	
	10.00am	Mass	Holy Souls	
	6.00 – 7.00pm	School forms		
	6.30pm	R.C.I.C. (hall)		
	7.45pm	R.C.I.A. (hall)		
	Wednesday 26th September Saints Cosmas & Damian Prov 30:5-9 Lk 9:1-6	7.30am	Mass	Deceased Freeman Family RIP
10.00am		Mass	Holy Souls	
2.00pm		Active Retirement Group		
6.00pm		Lectio Divina Group (hall)		
7.30pm		Legion of Mary (hall)		
Thursday 27th September St Vincent de Paul Eccl 1:2-11 Lk 9:7-9		7.30am	Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00am	Mass	For the Church	
	7.00 – 8.30pm	Cubs (St James the Great)		
	7.30pm	Spirituality Talk (hall)		
	Friday 28th September St Wenceslaus, St Laurence Ruiz & Companions Eccl 3:1-11, Lk 9:18-22	7.30am	Mass	Holy Souls
		10.00am	Mass	Salus Fernandes RIP
Saturday 29th September Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 (Rev 12:7-12), Jn 1:47-51		9.30am	Mass	Holy Souls
		10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
		5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
		6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	S. Gonsalves (Birthday)
Sunday 30th September 26 th Sunday of the Year (B)	9.30am	Mass	In Honour of Our Lady of Africa	
	11.30am	Mass	Francis & Ursula Kershaw	
	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	£1,362.46 (£1.36 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,123.46
Collection for The Support of Home Mission	£ 469.87
Second collection for the Parish Building Maintenance Fund	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 1
Next week Team 2



Church Cleaners

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION MISSION

Please join us here at St Andrew's this weekend for our Eucharistic Adoration Mission. We welcome Fr Gary Holmes who is going to talk to us about the benefits of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr Gary travels all over the world promoting this type of Adoration which we will celebrate at 5.15pm on Sunday, 23rd September. The hope is that this practice will become an established part of parishioners spiritual discipline.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The children's Liturgy will be resuming at the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 23rd September. 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.** 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.

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend, 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.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Thank you to our PPC members who for the next four weeks will be counting the numbers,

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS RCIA

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or just want to learn more about the Catholic faith? If so, the RCIA group is the place for you. We meet in the Church hall on Tuesday evenings from 7.45pm. Please let the Priests know if you are interested or ring the Parish office and leave your contact details. Our first meeting will be on the Tuesday 25th September.

SCHOOL REFERENCE FORMS

There are only two more dates for you to meet with Fr Len (please refer to the list of dates displayed in the porch). Just come along to the Priest House (45 Brook Road) during the times and dates given. 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 you have been in the parish for less than 3 years, your previous Parish Priest must also provide a reference or if you regularly attend another parish, please see their Parish Priest for a reference.

THE GHANAIAN COMMUNITY

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

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 "The Introduction to a Devout Life" with Dr Mark Nash. Please take a leaflet from the porch with all the details. We look forward to welcoming you.

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.

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. Thank you and look forward to your support, David Jones email: djfulham@blueyonder.co.uk."

ST ANDREW'S UNDER 5'S MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

The group meets in the hall during term time on Tuesday mornings, 9.30 – 11.15am. £2 per session and includes, crafts, playtime, snacks, nursery rhymes etc. Come and meet others over tea/coffee while the children play, all welcome. Contact Maggie for further info 07971 882753.

BROWNIES

Our Brownies now meet in St Andrew's Church hall on Friday evenings during term time, 6.30 – 8.00pm. Age 7 - 10 years, contact Maggie for further info 07971 882753.

PLANNED GIVING WEEKLY OFFERINGS

If you give your weekly offerings using the "Planned Giving" envelopes, please collect a new set of boxed envelopes from the porch. The first envelope will be used on Sunday 7th October 2018.

400 CLUB WINNERS DRAW FOR SEPTEMBER

Terezinho Po No: 046 - £20, Janice Bingham No: 129 - £10, Helen Charles No: 161 - £10

YOUTH MINISTRY

There will be a training day here at St Andrew's for Youth Ministry on Saturday 20th October, 10.30 – 4.30pm. The day is aimed at those who are involved with young people, including Confirmation catechists, youth leaders/volunteers (and those who might be interested in doing so). We will focus on an introduction to youth ministry, resources, safeguarding and of course networking. To reserve a place on the day please email: knorth@scys.org.uk (and please bring a packed lunch with you on the day). We hope to see as many of you as possible, please have a word with Fr Len if you need more info.

THANK YOU

A message from Marion Butler: "A big thank you to Maggie and the uniform groups, Mary and Dave and the choir, Fr Len, Deacon Errol and the Sisters and to everyone in our parish, for supporting me on my special day".

ST JAMES THE GREAT RC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL


Open Days: The school is holding Open Days for prospective Nursery and Reception children on Tuesday 25th September, Wednesday 3rd October and Thursday 11th October between 9.10 - 10.15am. Please report to the school office on arrival and you will be given a tour of the school.

Also the school is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and experienced office administrator 36 hours per week (Monday to Friday inclusive), term time only plus 5 INSET days (plus up to additional 10 days per annum as required). For more info please see the school's website: www.stjamesthegreat.org or call the school office on 020 8771 3424.

Quote of the Week

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses

Matthew 6:14-15

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400 Club Organiser	Jonathan Prins (email: club_400@hotmail.com)	
Minibus Bookings	Frances Gilbert (Parish Groups only)	020 8689 7319
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Primary School	St. James the Great	020 8771 3424