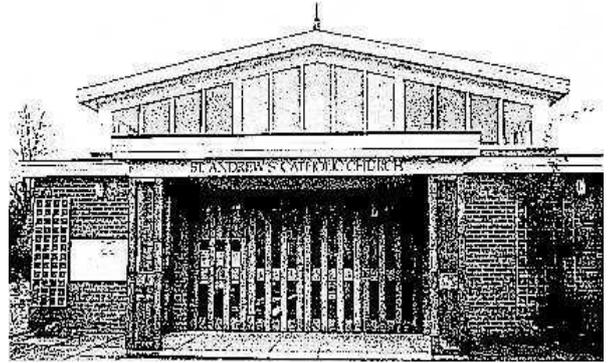

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9th September 2018 23rd Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Fr Nishant

“There is a time for every occupation under heaven” says the Book of Ecclesiastes (3: 1). Now it is the time to part for me and to say goodbye. I will remember all that God has done for us as the Pope reminded us a few years ago “that the memory that comes from the heart is a grace of the Holy Spirit and opens the heart to hope for the future.” As priests we must one day leave and give back to others what we love. This is an opportunity to remember that we are only useless servants, and that what counts is what God does. Christ must be at the centre of everything we build, of all that we live. “If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do its builders labour” recalls Psalm 126.

I thank all of you immensely for your friendship and for all that we have lived together. I thank Fr. Len with whom I have had an enriching experience, Fr. John who lives in our memory, the parish staff, parish sisters, pastoral team, parish pastoral council, various parish groups and volunteers who assist the priests in every possible way. I would like to thank each of you personally and tell you how happy I have been with you.

As I am going back to Pune, India to continue my teaching mission, I want to leave you with one thought from Saint Paul: “Be happy at all times”. To be a Christian is to be joyful. It's a joy of simple things in life and a focus on sharing God's love with everyone we meet. It's a way of looking at life that offers hope and possibility. Sadness, even tragedy, may cross our paths more than once. But we can strive to be joyful as a matter of course.

I leave with the memory of all your faces and a heart filled with all these moments spent together. I will continue to keep all of you in prayer. I am confident that a vital link will never cease to unite us: Christ who is our life. Thank you again for everything you have been to me. I count on your prayers.

This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 35:4-7	The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed
Psalms 145	My soul, give praise to the Lord
James 2:1-5	God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom
Mark 7:31-37	He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak

Diary for the Week

Sunday 9th September 23 rd 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	Caitlyn Vailankanni Chloe Correia (Birthday) Legion of Mary Parishioners Holy Souls
Monday 10th September Feria 1 Cor 5:1-8 Lk 6:6-11	7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass 5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall) 7.00 – 8.00pm Family Holy Hour 7.30pm PPC (hall) 7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)	Salus Fernandes RIP John Saldanha RIP
Tuesday 11th September Feria 1 Cor 6:1-11 Lk 6:12-19	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Miss Joan Fox RIP James D'Souza RIP
Wednesday 12th September Feria 1 Cor 7:25-31 Lk 6:20-26	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Pam & Bernard Freeman (Wedding Anniv) Oseremen Ehi (Birthday)
Thursday 13th September St John Chrysostom 1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13 Lk 6:27-38	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great) 7.30pm Spirituality Talk (hall) 8.00pm Baptism course	Holy Souls Margaret Namutebi RIP (Anniv)
Friday 14th September The Exaltation of The Holy Cross Num 21:4-9, Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	J. Okoroafor & Family For the Church
Saturday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows Heb 5:7-9 Jn 19:25-27	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Brigid Lakhani RIP (Anniv) John Lawrence Fernandes RIP
Sunday 16th September 24 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	Parishioners Tom Forrest RIP (Anniv) Annemarie Paterson

Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,436.43 (£1.43 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,197.43
Second collection for The Catholic Education Service	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 2 (apologies for
 Next week Team 3 team mix-up)



Church Cleaners

This week St Jude's Group (apologies for
 Next week Judie's Crew team mix-up)

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

FR NISHANT

As you know Fr Nishant's last day with us will be on Tuesday 11th September. He will return to Pune after his one year sabbatical here to take up a teaching post in the Jesuit Major Seminary where he will teach philosophy. We would like to thank Fr Nishant for everything he has done for us at St Andrew's and wish him well for the future. You are all invited to join us in the hall on Saturday 8th September at 7.00pm to say your farewells to Fr Nishant. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, please take an envelope in the porch and return no later than today Sunday 9th September – thank you.

FR DENIS

We welcome Fr Denis back who will be with us for the next three months. Fr Denis joins us from Uganda and he was here last summer until he returned home at the beginning of October.

SCHOOL REFERENCE FORMS

The Parish School Reference forms are 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 for their policy.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend will be for The Catholic Education Service (CES). The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh Governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all and increased parental choice. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England educating over 800,000 pupils.

The second collection next 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.

STEWARDSHIP TALKS: THURSDAYS AT 7.30PM IN THE HALL

St Andrew's Church presents An Encounter with the Lord through Spirituality, a series of talks to explore some of the spiritualities of the Church and to encounter the Lord. The first one was on 30th August. The talks will be on nearly every Thursday evening in the hall starting at 7.30pm and we will be having different speakers for each talk. This week the talk is Marion Spirituality with Fr Kevin Alban O'Carm. Please take a leaflet from the porch with all the details. We would like to encourage everyone to come along and we hope to see you there.

PARISH SURGERY

With apologies please note that we have cancelled Parish Surgery on Monday 10th September. The next one will be on Monday 17th September.

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

Once a month we have the Family Holy Hour during which time we are trying to strengthen our faith and love for the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Scripture is read, hymns are sung, bidding prayers offered up and there is also a time of silence. Please join us in the Church on Monday, 10th September from 7.00 - 8.00pm, even if only for 10/15 minutes - it will bring a blessing on you, your family and our parish.

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 seven/eight 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 or on 16th September (after 9.30am Mass) to complete a registration form. Due to only 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 in the porch to have them ticked off on the register as coming into the session that day. Please be patient whilst the process is established and if you are interested in volunteering to help (a DBS will be required) please speak to one of the catechists. You would be most welcome.

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 and the last on 29th September 2019.

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

The next 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 the money raised will help support local people who are in need by way of food, clothing and furniture.

QUIZ NIGHT

The Social Committee will be having a quiz night in the church hall on Saturday 22nd September starting at 7.30pm. Further details to follow.

GRAVE THREAT TO THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children have said that we are now facing the biggest threat to unborn babies since the passing of the Abortion Act of 1967. There is a real possibility that abortion could be taken outside the criminal law, stripping unborn children of all remaining legal protection. Action: Please write to your MP. All information can be obtained from a leaflet available outside the Church today. Secondly, all peaceful pro-life prayer groups near abortion clinics are under threat. Please take a card named "Freedom at Risk" to fill in and send to the Home Secretary Sajid Javid, available in the porch or see the table outside the Church for more info.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

Quote of the Week

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

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