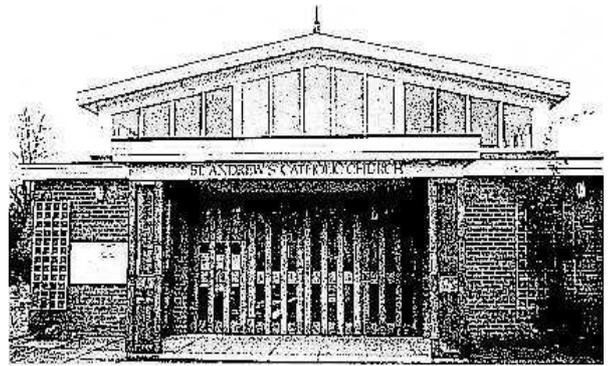

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21st October 2018
29th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Fr Len

The Value of Suffering

Our first reading this week, from Isaiah, comes from one of the suffering servant passages. In these passages God talks about how his servant takes the suffering of others upon himself. Theologians have always said that these passages point to Jesus, the suffering servant par excellence. The Jewish people however believe that these passages point to the Jewish people, and of course with events like the Holocaust it is easy to see why. The point of these stories is counter intuitive because we all like to think that if God is on our side then all sorts of good things will happen to us. However so often the opposite is true. You only need to read some of the stories of the saints to realise that so many of them have experienced the most intense suffering in their lives. Their suffering bringing them closer to God rather than used as a sign of failure or rejection, of course it is not always certain which way it will go and so often that is determined by the attitude that we adopt.

We should never look for suffering, there is enough of it in the world and suffering is a natural consequence of life. We will experience suffering at some point no matter how much we try to avoid it. However if we approach suffering with the right attitude it will not just transform us but the world around us is changed too. The passion drama of Jesus is probably the greatest example of this. Jesus experiences the most intense suffering and yet all he does is love his enemies, not reacting to the most extreme provocation. Jesus puts everything that he has ever taught into practice through his actions at that critical moment in his life and thereby transforms the world. We are asked to do the same, especially during moments of illness, when death is approaching us or a loved one we can transform the world by realising that the world has no power over us, only God does and he will never desert us. Indeed all of our spiritual lives are preparations for these moments. When we adopt the right attitude to suffering we are united to Jesus in his suffering and then we truly become disciples.

This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 53:10-11	If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
Psalms 32	May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you
Hebrews 4:14-16	Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace
Mark 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many

Diary for the Week

Sunday 21st October <i>29th Sunday of the Year</i> (B)	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday	Glenda McGrath RIP
	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	11.30am Mass	Parishioners
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm Mass	Holy Souls
7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group		
Monday 22nd October <i>Blessed John Paul II</i> <i>Eph 2:1-10</i> <i>Lk 12:13-21</i>	7.30am Mass	For The Church
	10.00am Mass	Patrick, Mary & Anne Ward & Family
	7.00pm School forms	RIP
Tuesday 23rd October <i>St John Capistrano</i> <i>Eph 2:12-22</i> <i>Lk 12:35-38</i>	7.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00am Mass	Clementina Fernandes RIP
	7.45pm R.C.I.A.	
Wednesday 24th October <i>St Anthony Mary Claret</i> <i>Eph 3:2-12</i> <i>Lk 12:39-48</i>	7.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00am Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
	7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	
Thursday 25th October <i>Feria</i> <i>Eph 3:14-21</i> <i>Lk 12:49-53</i>	7.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00am Mass	Pobrina Fernandes RIP
Friday 26th October <i>Saints Chad and Cedd</i> <i>Eph 4:1-6</i> <i>Lk 12:54-59</i>	7.30am Mass	Carol Chinwe
	10.00am Mass	Filipina Fernandes RIP
Saturday 27th October <i>Feria</i> <i>Eph 4:7-16</i> <i>Lk 13:1-9</i>	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00 – 10.30am Confessions	
	1.00pm Fr Agnelo's Beatification Novena Mass	
	5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions	
	6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls
Sunday 28th October <i>30th Sunday of the Year</i> (B) <i>(clocks back 1 hour)</i>	9.30am Mass	Salus Fernandes RIP (Anniv)
	11.30am Mass	Parishioners
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm Mass	Joseph Phokeerdoss RIP
	7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,318.87 (€1.31 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,079.87
Collection Parish Building Maintenance Fund	£ 752.01
Second collection for Missio	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 2
Next week Team 3



Church Cleaners

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING

The group are meeting today Sunday 21st October after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Today is World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday is your chance to support missionaries and our Church in proclaiming the Gospel of hope to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Today, your prayers and donations will help build a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a tax payer. Thank you.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

During the month of November we particularly pray for those who have died. A list of the deceased whose funerals took place here at St Andrew's will be displayed in the front of the Altar. Anyone who has a relative or friend who has died elsewhere in the last year should give in their names and date of death to the office or to one of the Priests and the name will be added to this list.

Holy Souls envelopes are available in the porch for you to place your lists of deceased. These envelopes will be brought up during each Mass in the month of November. On Saturday 24th November at 9.30am we will hold our annual Mass for those who have died in the last year. We will try to invite relatives of those whose funerals took place here in the last year and hope that any parishioner who has had a death in the family in the last year will also come. We hope you will be able to attend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a meeting for parents of children aged 7-8 (school year 3) who want their child/children to make their First Holy Communion next year on Tuesday 6th November between 6.30 -7.30pm in the Church hall. Those whose child/children are in school year four and who missed making their First Holy Communion last year are also welcome to attend. We will be outlining the requirements for the programme and asking that you complete a form in order to register your child/children so we can order the books for when the sessions start in January.

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 are on Thursday evenings in the hall starting at 7.30pm. *Our next talk is on 8th November when the talk is "The Spirituality of Francis De Salles, Imitation of Christ" with Dr Mark Nash.*

SCHOOL REFERENCE FORMS FOR 2019

If you plan to apply for a school place for a child in 2019 or anytime in the future, you will need to be involved in our new reference scheme which we are introducing at some point in October. This scheme has to be introduced due to the current stressful situation. The plan is once a month to make available at random a form which parents will need to complete and hand back at the Mass that they have just attended. These forms will be on different coloured paper which will change randomly as will the day that these forms are given out. That way come next September Fr Len will have a figure of people's Mass attendance which he can then put on the form. As a Pastoral team we cannot think of a fairer system than this, if you can think of another way please let Fr Len know. We plan to start this registration system in October.

SCHOOL FORMS

A number of parents are requesting another date in order to come in and see Fr Len to sign off their school forms. Fr Len will see parents for the last time on Monday 22nd October at 7.00 – 8.00pm.

ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL APPEAL: 27/28 OCTOBER

Once again we are appealing and collecting for both Nightwatch in Croydon, who assist homeless people and also for Croydon Refugee Centre. You have always been very generous so please can we ask if you can give the following items which are needed: cans of soup, tinned fruit, canned milk, long grain rice, pasta, cooking oil, sugar, cornflakes, biscuits, tea, coffee, tinned meats/fish. Toiletries: shampoo, toothpaste, etc. Donations of money always welcome too. Please bring your gifts to Mass and leave them in front of the Altar. Thank you for your support.

INTERNATIONAL CAROL SERVICE

Once again we will be holding our International Carol Service this year on Saturday 8th December at 7.00pm. We hope that as many of our groups as possible will be able to get together and practice a carol in their own language that we can listen to on the evening as part of our Christmas celebrations. We also plan to have a get together afterwards and hope that you can make a national dish of your choice that we can all share. Please speak with Fr Len if you think your group can sing on the evening. We look forward to hearing from you.

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).

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. You can leave prams etc in the hall, for access into the hall please use the door in the Church annex.

CHURCH CLEANERS

Please consider joining one of our dedicated groups to help carry out this important work for the Church. Our groups meet approximately once a month for an hour or so. Please call Fifi if you can help on 07932 764273.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

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. Please let the Priests know if you are interested or ring the Parish office and leave your contact details. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 23rd October at 7.45pm in the hall.

SCOUT GROUP

This year our Scout Group is celebrating 85 Years of scouting! To mark this amazing year we are setting ourselves 85 challenges - some are fun and some are serious but all are about team work and helping others. Over the next few weeks the children in the group are undertaking a sponsored 85 minute silence - all the money raised will go to our 5 charities: The Lily May Alice CAFOD Candlelight Fund, Eden Farm - helping Orphans in Zambia, St Christopher's Candle Project - helping bereaved children in the UK, The Ugandan Maternity and Water Appeal - helping a village in Uganda get running water in their maternity Unit, The Children's Trust - helping children in the UK with brain injuries. We would be delighted if parishioners would sponsor our young people. Email us at scouts26croydon@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you so much for your support.

VEN. FR AGNELO'S NOVENA MASS

All Goans and non Goans are warmly invited to come and participate in the Novena Mass for the Beatification of Fr Agnelo on Saturday 27th of October at 1.00pm at St Andrew's Church followed by a get-together for a meal and raffles in the hall. Please contact Jennifer/Cyrl Da Silva on 07712 273024 for catering numbers.

THE PASSAGE: NIGHT UNDER THE STARS CONCERT: 6TH NOVEMBER

Message from Frances Gilbert: "This annual concert is held to raise funds to enable our Catholic charity, The Passage, to help and assist those who are homeless in London. I have a few tickets for sale, £12 each. Held in the Royal Festival Hall at 7.30pm. All proceeds go to The Passage. If interested please phone the Presbytery 020 8684 3013 and leave your details and I will contact you".

Quote of the Week

"Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights.
I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations"

Isaiah 42:1

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