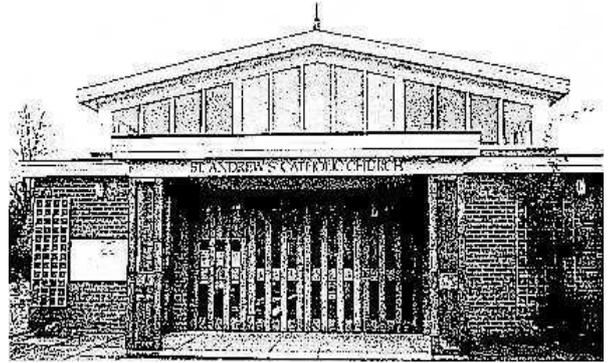

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28th October 2018
30th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Deacon Errol

Parish – You, Me, or Us?

A Parish is a community of God's people cared for by the Clergy and Sisters led by the Parish Priest. The Holy Spirit forms this group of people into the Mystical Body of Christ. As the human body has a variety of parts with a diversity of functions, all contributing to the growth, and welfare of the whole body, as well as the fulfilment of its obligation, so is the function of a parish.

In a parish, there are a variety of members with diverse gifts and charisms, gifted by the Holy Spirit, and must contribute to the growth, welfare and development of the whole parish. This is a responsibility of each member of the parish body and not just the Parish Priest and the Pastoral Team. Just as in music, all different notes come together to produce a harmonious melody, so too in a parish all members must come together to work in peace and harmony for its welfare. Imagine our wonderful musicians playing or singing out of tune, it would not be melodious, and the result would be poor. So, ask yourself: How is the church cleaned/organised for me to worship in it? If we do not contribute, we run the risk of making another part overwork to the detriment of the whole body; Yes, you included – your spirituality becomes affected, because you buried your gifts and talents.

Christ came to serve and not to be served (Mark 10:45). We are called to serve to 'build our church', not to bring it down or break it, because we felt it was the job for 'others'. Remember, you are the other feet, hand, head that God needs to make the parish body develop.

Ask what you can contribute to our parish and Christ would be glorified in you and you in him.

This Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9	I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back
Psalms 125	What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad
Hebrews 5:1-6	You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever
Mark 10:46-52	Master, let me see again

Diary for the Week

Sunday 28th October 30 th Sunday of the Year (B) <i>(clocks back 1 hour)</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls
	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
Monday 29th October Feria Eph 4:32-5:8 Lk 13:10-17	7.30am	Mass	Private Intention
	10.00am	Mass	Family & Friends of D’Cruz RIP
	5.45 – 7.15pm	Beavers (hall)	
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Parish Surgery	
Tuesday 30th October Feria Eph 5:21-33 Lk 13:18-21	7.30am	Mass	Our Lady of Africa
	10.00am	Mass	Catherine Viegas RIP (Anniv)
	6.30pm	R.C.I.C.	
	7.45pm	R.C.I.A.	
Wednesday 31st October Feria Eph 6:1-9 Lk 13:22-30	7.30am	Mass	Pobrina Fernandes RIP
	10.00am	Funeral Mass	Elizabeth Salapare RIP
	2.00pm	Active Retirement Group	
	6.00pm	Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (hall)	
Thursday 1st November All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3:1-3, Mt 5:1-12	7.30am	Mass	November List
	10.00am	Mass	Deceased Members D’Souza Family
	7.00 – 8.30pm	Cubs (St James the Great)	
	8.00pm	Mass	Parishioners
Friday 2nd November All Souls Day First Friday Is 25:6-9, Lk 7:11-17	7.30am	Mass	November List
	10.00am	Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/ Benediction	Edwin Athayde RIP
	6.30pm	Syro Malabar Mass	
Saturday 3rd November St Martin de Porres Phil 1:18-26 Lk 14:1, 7-11	10.15 – 11.30am	Friends of the Holy Family	
	9.30am	Mass	November List
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
Sunday 4th November 31 st Sunday of the Year (B)	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	For the Church
	9.30am	Mass	Clement Nwafor RIP (Anniv)
	11.30am	Mass	Parishioners
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	November List
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters



Collection Last Sunday	£1,168.88 (£1.16 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,929.88
Collection for Missio	£ 661.97

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 3
Next week Team 1



Church Cleaners

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL APPEAL: 27/28 OCTOBER

Today we once again 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 urgently 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.

ALL SAINTS DAY: THURSDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

Please note that Thursday 1st November is All Saints Day and is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be Masses at 7.30am, 10.00am and 8.00pm. There will also be a second collection on this day for The Seminary Fund which contributes towards the training of Priests at St John's Seminary, Womersley.

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.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY FAMILY – SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

We would like to invite all children, families, parishioners to attend the Friends of the Holy Family on Saturday 3rd November from 10.15 to 11.30am in the Church hall. A power-point presentation is shown as a visual aid to pray the rosary and there is also a short children's DVD on saints. All are welcome.

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 Sales, 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 this weekend. 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. 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.

ST ANDREW'S NIGHT

The social committee will be celebrating the feast of St Andrew's on Saturday 24th November in the Church hall from 7.30 - 10.30pm. The entertainment for the evening will be by tribute artist Gary Glenn who pays tribute to Elvis, Tom Jones, Dean Martin, Neil Diamond, Frank Sinatra and many more. We will have a licenced bar and raffle. Tickets will be sold in advance only, prices £10 adults, £5 children and this price includes a hot meal. Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses. Telephone: 020 8674 4648 or 020 8406 7450.

SPICES FOR SALE

On Sunday 11th November following the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses, Joyce Lumsden will have a stall outside of the Church selling lots of spices and herbs in aid of the Indonesian Tsunami through CAFOD. Please take a look to see what you can purchase for this good cause.

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

The SVP coffee morning and table top sale is on Sunday 18th November. 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.

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.

SCOUT GROUP

This year our Scout Group is celebrating 85 Years of scouting! To mark this amazing year they are setting themselves 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. They would be delighted if parishioners would sponsor our young people. Email them at scouts26croydon@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you so much for your support.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week will be for PACT (Prison Advice & Care Trust), it is a day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependents. On this day we direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and their children. This will also provide an important opportunity to reflect on how we as a community can make a difference to the lives of those who are affected by the criminal justice system. We welcome Paul Booton from PACT who will speak at the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses.

KEEPING YOUR BELONGINGS SAFE

We have recently had a couple of incidents where people's belongings might not be safe if you leave them on the floor or on the benches when you go up for Communion. Please can we ask that you always keep your belongings with you at all times to keep them safe.

ST ANDREW'S CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY

St Andrew's will be having their children's Christmas party on Saturday December 15th. This year we will be holding two separate parties for children aged up to 11 years old and who are still in junior school. The first party is from 12noon to 2.00pm for children aged up to 6 years. The second party is from 3.00 to 5.00pm for children aged up to 11 years. All children welcome. Parents will be expected to stay with their child.

The cost of the ticket is £5 and this will include a visit to Santa's Grotto and a gift, party games and Christmas crafts and a tea party. Please text Bernadette on 07729 322571 if you would like a ticket. Last year this event was very popular and tickets were sold within two weeks. Closing date for ticket sales will be November 30th. Also if you are able to help in any way please let Bernadette know. Thank you.

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/Cyril Da Silva on 07712 273024 for catering numbers.

Quote of the Week

When you find yourself in need of spiritual nourishment, it is in the opportunities to serve others that you will find the abundance you seek.

Steve Maraboli

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