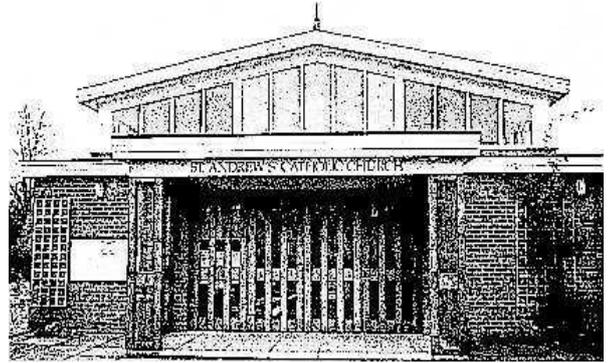

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4th November 2018
31st Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Fr Francis

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TRANSFORMS OUR LIFE

Eucharistic adoration offers a powerful chance to encounter Christ's love in silence and humility, and that experience can transform our hearts, both individually and as a Church. Eucharistic adoration is a powerful encounter with the Lord. The silence of adoration teaches true humility. As we kneel before our Creator-God, we are confronted with the power and the mystery of God's love. And it is from this silence and humility that we experience a deep communion and friendship with God. In the Eucharist, we are made sharers in Christ's mission of love.

Kneeling before Christ in the Eucharist, the hopeless find hope. The weak find strength. Captives find freedom. The afflicted find comfort. The mourning find consolation. The lonely find friendship. Sinners find mercy. In fact, sitting in silence with the Lord is refreshing, life-changing, and heart-changing. In adoration, we are being occupied with God.

The hunger and thirst for Eucharistic Adoration is a work of the Holy Spirit. When we adore Jesus in the Eucharist we have an opportunity to lay down our worries and concerns. The truth is that sitting in silence with the Lord is necessary for a fruitful Catholic life.

As Catholics, we don't need to be afraid to spend time in silence with Jesus – that He's waiting to love us and transform our hearts and lives. We are encouraged to make use of the opportunity provided by the parish for Eucharistic adoration on the second Monday of every month and on Sunday evenings. We wish to be blessed with families who kneel before the Eucharist together – with mothers and fathers who teach their children to pray before Jesus. Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the living heart of each of our parishes (St Pope Paul VI).

This Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 6:2-6	Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Psalms 17	I love you, Lord, my strength.
Hebrews 7:23-28	Because he remains for ever, Christ can never lose his priesthood.
Mark 12:28-34	This is the first commandment. The second is like it.

Diary for the Week

Sunday 4th November <i>31st Sunday of the Year</i> (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	For the Church Clement Nwafor RIP (Anniv) Parishioners November List
Monday 5th November <i>Feria</i> <i>Phil 2:1-4</i> <i>Lk 14:12-14</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall) 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery 7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)	John Mascarenhas RIP November List
Tuesday 6th November <i>Feria</i> <i>Phil 2:5-11</i> <i>Lk 14:15-24</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.30pm First Holy Communion (Parents Meeting) – hall 7.45pm R.C.I.A.	November List Samuel & Emily Ward
Wednesday 7th November <i>Feria</i> <i>Phil 2:12-18</i> <i>Lk 14:25-33</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.00pm Church parade practice 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Souls of Deceased Legionaries November List
Thursday 8th November <i>Feria</i> <i>Phil 3:3-8</i> <i>Lk 15:1-10</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great) 7.30pm Spirituality Talk (hall) 8.00pm Baptism course	Jessica Mary Badu RIP November List
Friday 9th November <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> <i>Ezk 47:1-2. 8-9. 12</i> <i>1 Cor 3:9-11. 16-17</i> <i>Jn 2:13-22</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (EA room)	November List Aleixo D'Souza RIP
Saturday 10th November <i>St Leo the Great</i> <i>Phil 4:10-19</i> <i>Lk 16:9-15</i>	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	November List Glenda McGrath RIP
Sunday 11th November <i>32nd Sunday of the Year</i> (B) <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	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 Ward Dead November List

Money Matters		
	Collection Last Sunday	£1,278.79 (£1.27 per person)
	Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
	Total offertory	£2,039.79
	Second collection for PACT	
	<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

Altar Servers This week Team 1 Next week Team 2		Church Cleaners This week St Jude's Group Next week Judie's Crew
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St. Andrew's Parish Notices

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend 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.

400 CLUB

The winners for October are:

Salvina Bartholomueusz: £20 No: 007

Mary Barry: £10 No: 130

Annette Gresham: £10 No: 030

ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our collection for both Nightwatch in Croydon and also for Croydon Refugee Centre. Thank you for your support and generosity.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thank you for all those who signed up at our recent Mission for Eucharistic Adoration. We are trying to organise a program to develop our Eucharistic Adoration in the parish so please watch this space. In the meantime you are reminded that there is Adoration every Sunday afternoon at 5.15pm and every second Monday of the Month at 7.00pm for Family Holy hour. Also on November 29th Deacon Tony Flavin and Geraldine Daly are giving a talk on Adoration which will explain their experiences at the recent Adoramus conference. This event will include Adoration.

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.

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ALAN (CHRIS) OGWUKE RIP

The family of Alan Ogwuke would like to invite you to attend his memorial service here at St Andrew's on Saturday 10th November at 4.00pm. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS STOCK

Please take a look at our Repository as we have a lot of our Christmas stock already in.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The collection will be for the Archbishops' Administration Fund. This collection helps to meet the cost of the central administration of the Diocese.

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.

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. Closing date for ticket sales will be November 30th. Also if you are able to help in any way please let Bernadette know.

Quote of the Week

"When you call me, when you go to prayer to me, I will listen to you. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, you will find me with you, says the Lord".

Jeremiah 29:12-13

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