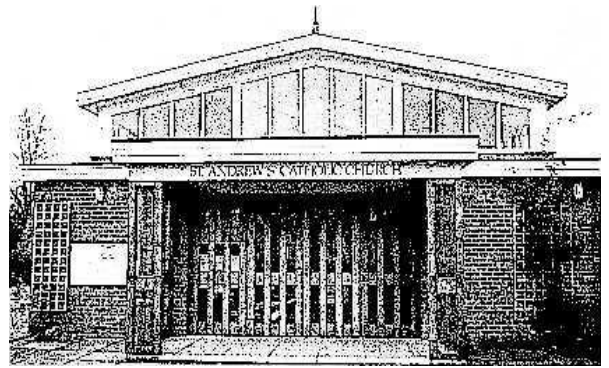

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Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ
Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy: Sr. Sheila DMJ

13th January 2019 The Baptism of the Lord (C)

Message from Deacon Tony

It would be easy to think that observing 'The Baptism of the Lord', as we do this Sunday would be when Jesus was presented at the temple as a baby. We observe that feast on 2 February, this weekend we recall Jesus being baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan.

When preparing parents to have their child baptised I enjoy pointing out to them that there will be no shape of a dove, or a voice coming from heaven, but as we are sensory beings there will be signs and symbols used to make the baptism a physical action.

Firstly the sign of the cross is made by the priest or deacon on the child's forehead, parents and Godparents then follow suit.

The first of two oils is given to the child on their throat. In ancient times the throat was considered the most vulnerable part of the body, where infection got in, as did evil. By anointing the throat with blessed oil, this would strengthen you for Christian resolve.

The central part of the baptism is the pouring of water on the head three times, following instructions given by Christ to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. This is followed by the second oil, chrism, given on the crown of the head as the child takes their place in the 'a royal nation, a holy priesthood, a people set apart'.

A white garment is placed around the child as an outward sign of their new Christian dignity. Finally, on behalf of the child a lit candle is received, usually by a Godparent. This signifies the child receiving the light of Christ. While third millennium baptism does not have the same drama as Christ's own, but the salvific effect is as great today as it was two thousand years ago.

This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7	Here is my servant in whom my soul delights
Psalms 28	The Lord will bless his people with peace
Acts 10:34-38	God anointed him with the Holy Spirit
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22	While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened

Diary for the Week

Sunday 13th January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 4.00pm Confirmation Catechists Meeting (EA room) 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Holy Souls Private Intention Parishioners Priests of St Andrews
Monday 14th January <i>Feria</i> <i>Heb 1:1-6, Mk 1:14-20</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall) 7.00 – 8.00pm Family Holy Hour 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery 7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)	Hugh Hickland RIP Virginia & Valente Athayde RIP
Tuesday 15th January <i>Feria</i> <i>Heb 2:5-12, Mk 1:21-28</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 8.00pm P.P.C. Meeting	Luana & Ivo Mascarenhas and D'Costa Valentino Theophane RIP
Wednesday 16th January <i>Feria</i> <i>Heb 2:14-18, Mk 1:29-39</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Roque & Rosalind Cabral RIP Lissenburg Family (W/B)
Thursday 17th January <i>St Anthony Abbot</i> <i>Heb 3:7-14, Mk 1:40-45</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)	Private Intention Anne Marie Devine
Friday 18th January <i>Feria</i> <i>Heb 4:1-5.11, Mk 2:1-12</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Luis & Piedade Fernandes RIP Mr & Mrs Baldwin
Saturday 19th January <i>Feria</i> <i>Heb 4:12-16, Mk 2:13-17</i>	9.30am Mass 9.50 – 11.15am First Holy Communion 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls Cecelia Angress
Sunday 20th January <i>2nd Sunday of the Year</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 John Carrapiett RIP (Anniv) Roque & Ana Rita Fernandes RIP

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,534.60 (£1.53 per person)
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,295.60
2 nd collection New Years Day	£ 809.51

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

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

As we begin a New Year let us together come before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and pray for peace in our homes, our hearts, our families and in the whole world. Monday 14th January from 7 to 8 pm in the Church. Join us even if only 10 minutes - it will be time well spent.

CONFIRMATION 2019

Bishop Paul Hendricks will be coming to St Andrew's to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 25th May. All in Year 9 and above who wish to be confirmed, please speak to Sr Jennie and our Catechists giving their reason to be confirmed, after Sunday Masses in January.

CHURCH CLEANERS WANTED

We really need more people to help with the task of cleaning God's house. So, if you can spare an hour or two and would like to help by joining one of our groups, please contact Fifi on 07932 764273. Thank you.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

If you are a professional craftsman/woman and would like to quote for some of the forth coming maintenance work, or if you would like to join the advisory maintenance team please contact Fr Len.

400 CLUB

The winners for December are:

£20 No: 17 - Alexandrina de souza

£10 No: 35 - Frank Hayward

£10 No: 142 - Ursula Madine

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week is for Peace Sunday (PAX Christi). Peace Sunday is marked on 20th January and the theme The Pope has chosen for this year is "*Good politics serves peace*". Every year Pax Christi promotes the Holy Father's World Peace Day source. This is in the Liturgical Calendar cycle of prayer The Full text of the World Peace Day Message 2019 can be found online. *One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.... today more than ever, our societies need "artisans of peace". We are all called to be messengers and authentic witnesses of God the Father, who wills the good and the happiness of the human family.* We are required to look at our own lives to see how we can promote peace in our families, at work and in the world. There are envelopes in the porch for you to use - thank you.

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING

The group will be meeting on Sunday 20th January after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS

You are all invited to go along to the hall after every 9.30am Sunday Mass where tea/coffee and cakes are always served. All are most welcome.

FOREIGN COINS

We are increasingly receiving foreign coins in our collections. Please can we ask you not to put these in our collections as they often get trapped in our counting machine and the bank will not accept them. You can donate your foreign currency to the many charities who do accept them.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed each weekday after the 10am Mass (and Saturday 9.30am). After Mass and after a few minutes of silence the Rosary will be prayed and then, after a short pause, other devotional prayers

will be prayed. All are welcome to join however long you can stay – there is no formal membership, just a desire to pray the Rosary.

ST ANDREW'S 50 FOR 50 GOLDEN FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN 2019

2019 marks St Andrew's Golden Anniversary

A big thank you to Sam Giannini for launching our fundraising appeal to mark the 50th year of our Church. The appeal will culminate in a Mass at 6.00pm on Saturday 21st September, which is 50 years to the day of the first Mass here. The Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop and all the priests, seminarians and parishioners who have been at our Church during those 50 years. All will be invited to come and celebrate with us. If you can think of anyone who you would like to invite please speak to Sr Jennie as the SVP group are co-ordinating the invites.

We also hope to have 50 hours of Adoration to mark the occasion and would like to receive any other suggestions that we could possibly do to mark this special occasion – please put your suggestions in our box in the porch.

There are many things that it is hoped that we can spend the money on and the following is a guide of our plans:

- The top of the list is a new sound system for the Church, which would include a new hearing aid loop. The speakers in the hall are no longer working too and our current system is very poor. Estimate is £15,000.
- Priests Sacristy: The cupboards need to be extended to enable better storage of vestments. Estimate is £2,000.
- Altar Servers Sacristy: The cupboards need to be repaired and made fit for purpose, new Albs for altar servers, new flooring. Estimate £3,000.
- There are a variety of other jobs that need to be done in the Church. For example, the ceiling in the Church needs to be repaired, guttering to be repaired, stained glass windows to be renovated. Estimate £5,000.
- The kitchen in the Priests house is nearly 40 years old and we need a new one. Estimate £5,000.
- The Priests house needs some new double glazing. The house currently has aluminium glazing throughout which is not fit for purpose and is causing damp and mould issues. Estimate £15,000.
- The Parish office needs renovating, new carpets, better storage facilities. Estimate £2,500.
- That would leave us a contingency of £2,500 for other jobs as they arise.

Some people have already come up with a few ideas about fund raising so thank you for those and others have spoken to Fr Len regarding information and concerns. Please do speak with Fr Len so he can address these. He also plans to arrange a meeting soon and will invite everyone so that he can keep all informed with progress etc.

Quote of the Week

27 for all of you who were
baptized into Christ have clothed
yourselves with Christ. Acts
22:16

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