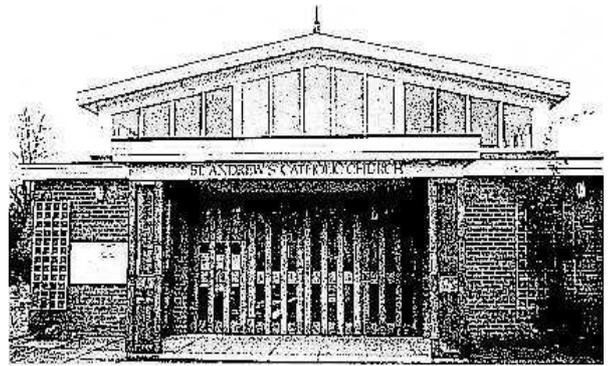

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10th February 2019
5th Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Fr Wilfred

Last Sunday the Church reminded us of our privileged call to be God's prophets and messengers. On this fifth Sunday of ordinary time, she reminds us that though we are utterly unworthy to be God's messengers, Christ cleanses us from our sins and gives us the strength to say: "Here I am, Lord Send me." He is the one that makes us worthy missionaries. Hence today's message is a continuation of last week's. A close look at all our readings today reveals one common phenomenon. This is the feeling and expression of unworthiness by all the personalities (Isaiah, Paul and Peter). Truly speaking and given fact that they are humans beings, they were not worthy for God's mission. This is why the scripture tells us that: There is none as holy as the Lord... (I Sam. 2, 2), and that: "all our righteous acts are like filthy rags (Ish. 64, 6). Of course, any person who grasps this truth is already on the path of salvation. These feelings and expressions of unworthiness were marks of humility on Isaiah who said: "I am a man of unclean lips," on Paul who admitted: "I am the least of the apostles," and on Peter who Pleaded: Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man."

In today's gospel, one question that needs serious attention is: How could Peter a professional and experienced fisherman who could not catch any fish throughout the night be able to catch men for God? I mean "Homo sapiens" who are the most difficult of all the species created by God? Of course, Christ knew he was not worthy, yet He went for him. He chose him in spite of his unworthiness and made him worthy for the mission. From the lives and excuses of these the figures today, we must learn that it is the grace of God that makes us worthy for His mission and not only our "special qualities or experiences." They matter but, are limited.

This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8	Here I am, send me
Psalms 137	Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord
1 Corinthians 15:1-11	I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed
Luke 5:1-11	They left everything and followed him

Diary for the Week

Sunday 10th February <i>5th Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday	Josephine Tighe RIP
	9.30am Mass	Eileen Kelly RIP
	11.30am Mass	Parishioners
	3.30pm Confirmation meeting (candidates + parents)	
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm Mass	Con Mahoney RIP (Anniv)
Monday 11th February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>World Day for the Sick</i> <i>Gen 1:1-19</i> <i>Mk 6:53-56</i>	7.30am Mass	Sr Mary Joseph D.M.J. RIP
	10.00am Mass	Sue Smyth RIP
	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)	
Tuesday 12th February <i>Feria</i> <i>Gen 1:20-2:4</i> <i>Mk 7:1-13</i>	7.30am Mass	Mallon & Rosetta Jarrett RIP
	10.00am Mass	Catherine Viegas RIP
	6.30 – 7.30pm First Holy Communion Parents meeting (hall)	
	7.45pm R.C.I.A.	
Wednesday 13th February <i>Feria</i> <i>Gen 2:4-9. 15-17</i> <i>Mk 7:14-23</i>	7.30am Mass	Special Intention
	10.00am Mass	Obina Family
	2.00pm Active Retirement Group	
	6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
Thursday 14th February <i>Saints Cyril, Monk & Methodius</i> <i>Gen 2:18-25</i> <i>Mk 7:24-30</i>	7.30am Mass	Deceased Members Devine Family RIP
	10.00am Mass	Mike Bowen
	7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)	
Friday 15th February <i>Feria</i> <i>Gen 3:1-8, Mk 7:31-37</i>	7.30am Mass	Lissenburg Family
	10.00am Mass	For the Church
Saturday 16th February <i>Feria</i> <i>Gen 3:9-24</i> <i>Mk 8:1-10</i>	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
	10.15 – 11.30am Friends of the Holy Family	
	10.00 – 10.30am Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions	
Sunday 17th February <i>6th Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Racial Justice Day</i>	6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Private Intention
	9.30am Mass	Parishioners
	11.30am Mass	Intention of C.C.
	4.00 – 5.45pm Confirmation Session 1	
	5.00pm Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm Mass	Special Intention
7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group		

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,408.99
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,169.99

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 3
Next week Team 1



Church Cleaners

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

CANON FRANCIS MORAN RIP

As many of you know, Canon Francis passed away on Tuesday 29th January. We still do not have any further details but will pass this on when we know.

CONFIRMATION 2019

There is a meeting for our Confirmation candidates and their parents in the Church today Sunday 10th February at 3.30pm.

FR DENIS OCAYA

Fr Denis has had to have further surgery but is now recovering well. Please can you continue to pray for him for a full and speedy recovery.

FR LEN'S MOTHER

Many of you will know that Fr Len's mother, Mrs Eileen Mary Tatt RIP, passed away recently. Fr Len would like to thank everyone again for their support and kind wishes, this has been very much appreciated. Fr Len is now away for a couple of weeks.

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

"Come let us adore Him" - Jesus in the Eucharist - Jesus Light of the world - on Monday, 11th February from 7.00 to 8.00pm. This is an invitation to one and all; it will bring a blessing on you, your family and our parish. Join us even if only for 10/15 minutes.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Dear Family, Friends, Youth of the parish, please join us at the Friends of the Holy Family on Saturday, 16th February 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 this will be followed by a short DVD on a chosen saint. All are welcome

"FLAME" 2019 TICKETS

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service have helped with the organisation of the annual "FLAME" day at Wembley Arena on 2nd March. This is a day for our young adults to enjoy this amazing celebration of Catholic faith, in a vibrant atmosphere, full of joy, with content presented in a way which resonates for young people. Flame is ideal for young people aged 14+ and people from every Diocese in the country will be represented. We have 20 tickets and hope as many of our young adults as possible can come along. There is no charge but you will have to pay for your train fare and one of our Youth Leaders, Marine Anton and Fr Wilfred will accompany the group. Please can you sign the sign-up sheet on the table just outside of the Priests Sacristy to indicate your interest. The tickets will be on a first come basis. Contact info@scys.org.uk or go to www.cymfed.org.uk/flame 2019 for further info. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

TEAS AND COFFEES SERVED BY THE 26TH CROYDON SCOUTS

Come and join The 26th Croydon Scouts after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 17th February for coffee, tea, cakes and *warm sausage rolls* where you can relax and catch up with each other after Mass and find out about what your parish Scout Group have been and will be doing to mark their 85th year by helping our community! All welcome.

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MEETING

The Group will be meeting on Sunday 17th February after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The collection next week will be for Racial Justice Sunday. This collection helps to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society. In our task as disciples of Christ, our responsibility is to make sure people are treated with dignity at work and are not exploited. Migrant communities and those suffering from racial abuse are particularly vulnerable to being drawn into unjust working conditions and labour exploitation. News and information available on www.catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2019.

HOME-MADE GREETING CARDS FOR SALE

There will be a sale of home-made greeting cards after the 9.30am Mass on the first Sunday of each month in aid of our Golden Fundraising Campaign. Please put the date in your diaries and go along to the hall and help support this event.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

There will be a day of recollection for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers with Fr Kevin Alban O'Carroll from 9.30 - 4.00pm on Saturday 23rd February here at St Andrews. The day starts with Mass and there will be opportunities for confession and Adoration as well as talks and time to socialise. We hope as many of you as possible can come along and ask you to sign the sign-up sheet on the table just outside the Priests Sacristy to indicate your attendance.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

If you would like to request a priest to come to your home for a house blessing, please contact the Presbytery so we can arrange this for you.

GUIDES

If you would like to join or receive more information please call Maggie on 07971 882753.

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 approximately once a month and would like to help by joining one of our groups, please contact Fifi on 07932 764273. Thank you.

MASS OFFERING BOOKINGS AND DONATIONS THROUGH PAYPAL

The parish now has the facility for you to book your mass intentions and donate through Paypal. 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).

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

We have an advisory maintenance team who meet regularly to advise, support and help with all the maintenance jobs needed for the Church and hall. We are looking for new members to join us. If you think you can help in any way, please speak with Fr Len. Also if you are a professional craftsman/woman and would like to quote for some of the forthcoming maintenance work, again please speak with Fr Len.

ST ANDREW'S 50 FOR 50 GOLDEN FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN 2019

Marking St Andrew's Golden Anniversary

Thank you to everyone who have been supportive of our fundraising campaign. One or two people have written with questions and comments about our campaign, which we would like to respond to, however, the letters have arrived without names and addresses, so if they care to write again, Deacon Tony will be more than happy to reply in order to answer any concerns you have. When Fr Len returns after his break in February, he hopes to arrange a meeting so everyone can have an opportunity to make their comments, be kept informed of progress and we can then answer any questions too.

Quote of the Week
Romans 5:8 *but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

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