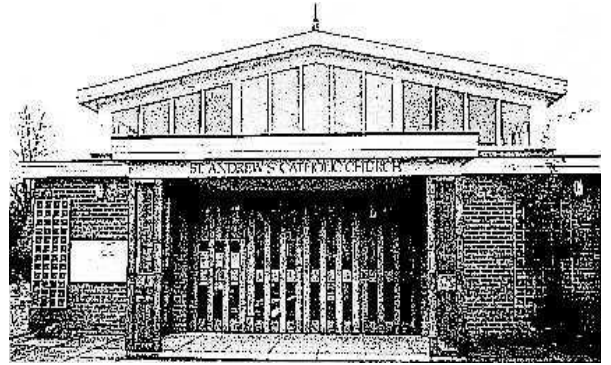

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24th February 2019 7th Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Fr Francis

DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Last Sunday we read about the four beatitudes and four woes (Lk 6:20-26). This Sunday, Jesus presents to us four paradoxes on returning good for evil, namely: to love, to do good, to bless, and to pray. These quiet, interior intentions towards others and even to our enemies are reinforced by another four actions, namely: to anyone who strikes or slaps you, to anyone who takes you, to anyone who asks you, from someone who takes you (Lk 6:27-38).

Christianity and indeed Catholicism is a unique religion. The Church teaches that it is grace – treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated – with loving-kindness and mercy. We have to show kindness and mercy even when we can expect nothing in return.

Our heavenly Father is always forgiving, always welcoming back, always seeking what is lost. Therefore, do not judge and do not condemn rather give and forgive. To give and forgive are the two wings of prayer on which we fly to God (St. Augustine).

David rejected the standard advice of Abishai to harm Saul (1 Sam 26:9). Our prayer and love for the enemy release the power of love to do good in the face of the evil. God's love in us conquers all, even our hurts, griefs, malice, hatred, revenge and resentment. So "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you shall be forgiven" (Lk 6:36-37). For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you" (v 38).

**1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,
12-13, 22-23**

Psalm 102

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

This Sunday's Readings

The Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand

The Lord is compassion and love

We who have been modelled on the earthly man will be modelled on the heavenly man

Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate

Diary for the Week

Sunday 24th February <i>7th Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 4.00pm Confirmation Session 2 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Lyra & James Lissenburg & Family RIP Dorothy Gomes RIP Rose Freeman RIP (Anniv) Parishioners
Monday 25th February <i>Feria</i> <i>Si 1:1-10</i> <i>Mk 9:14-29</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall) 7.00 – 8.00pm Exposition and Adoration 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery 7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)	Special Intention of C.C. Patrick Golden (Jnr) RIP (Anniv)
Tuesday 26th February <i>Feria</i> <i>Si 2:1-11</i> <i>Mk 9:30-37</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.30 – 7.30pm R.C.I.C. (hall) 7.45pm R.C.I.A. (hall)	Bartholomew Ramos RIP (Anniv) Elizabeth Salapare RIP
Wednesday 27th February <i>Feria</i> <i>Si 4:11-19</i> <i>Mk 9:38-40</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Lawrence & Antonette D'Souza RIP Private Intention
Thursday 28th February <i>Feria</i> <i>Si 5:1-8, Mk 9:41-50</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)	In Honour of Our Lady of Africa Canon Francis Moran RIP
Friday 1st March <i>St David</i> <i>First Friday</i> <i>Si 6:5-17, Mk 10:1-12</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/ Benediction 6.30pm Syro Malabar Mass	Krystyna Korsak RIP Special Intention
Saturday 2nd March <i>Feria</i> <i>Si 17:1-15</i> <i>Mk 10:13-16</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 Glenda McGrath RIP
Sunday 3rd March <i>8th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 4.00pm Confirmation Session 3 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00pm Liturgy Meeting 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Eileen Tatt RIP Parishioners Ruby D'Souza RIP (Anniv)

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,243.13
Payment by Standing Order	£ 761.00
Total offertory	£2,004.13
Collection for Racial Justice Sunday	£ 502.86

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 2
 Next week Team 3



Church Cleaners

This week St Jude's Group
 Next week Judie's Crew

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

CANON FRANCIS MORAN RIP

Thank you to everyone who attended Canon Francis' funeral at St George's Cathedral. It was a moving service and was very well attended including many from St Andrew's parish. We have passed on our Book of Condolence to the family of Canon Francis, thank you to everyone who wrote a message. Canon Francis' family would like to thank everyone for their kind cards and messages.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The group are meeting for their next General Meeting today 24th February following the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

SAMM (ST ANDREW'S MUMS MARKET) ON SATURDAY MARCH 2ND

On Saturday March 2nd, from 1.00 to 4.00pm, we will be having our first St Andrews Mums Market (SAMM) in the Church hall. Several mums from the parish will be selling a variety of children's goods like clothing, shoes, toys and pushchairs. There will also be other items for sale e.g. men and women clothing, bric-a-brac and other household items. ALL money made on the day will go towards the Church 50 For 50 fund. There will also be hot food and tea, coffee and cakes for sale. Please come along to support the event. If you would like to take part and have a free table to sell your unwanted goods, please text Bernadette on 07729322571. There are a couple of tables available. Thank you.

"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. *We still have many tickets available so please sign the sheet this weekend so we know who will be coming.*

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

This Monday between 7.00 and 8.00pm, we have Exposition and an hour of silent prayer. This happens every 4th Monday of the month and is an opportunity to come in and spend some time in the presence of Our Lord. There are no organised prayers and people are free to come and go as they wish. It ends with a simple Benediction just before 8.00pm.

FIRST FRIDAY

This coming Friday is First Friday and there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the end of the 10am Mass until Benediction at 12.30pm. All welcome.

UNITE AGAINST RACISM AND FASCISM

All welcome to the Local Public Meeting Hosted by Stand Up to Racism on Tuesday 26th February at 7pm at the Methodist Church Hall, Parchmore Road. Together we can 'turn the tide', please go along to give your support.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed each weekday after the 10.00am 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.

ALTAR SERVERS

Applications are now open for those young people in Year 5 and above who wish to become an Altar Server. The application forms may be found at the back of the church. The forms should be returned to the Priests' house by Friday 15th March latest.

THERESA McSORLEY RIP

It is with sadness that we have to let you know that Theresa McSorley, a parishioner of St Andrew's for over 50 years, passed away peacefully on Monday 11th February. Her Funeral Mass will be held here at St Andrew's on Monday 4th March at 10am. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family.

FILMS OF STORIES FROM THE BIBLE FOR LENT

Please note for your diary: This year during Lent we will be showing some films of Stories from the Bible. There will be six films in total and the first one will be on Thursday 7th March showing "The Story of Abraham" Part 1 starting at 7.15pm. All films will be shown on Thursdays in our hall starting with teas and coffees at 7.00pm. Please see the poster in the porch for more details.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend will be for the Poor Parishes. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese.

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

Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier.

Mother Teresa

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