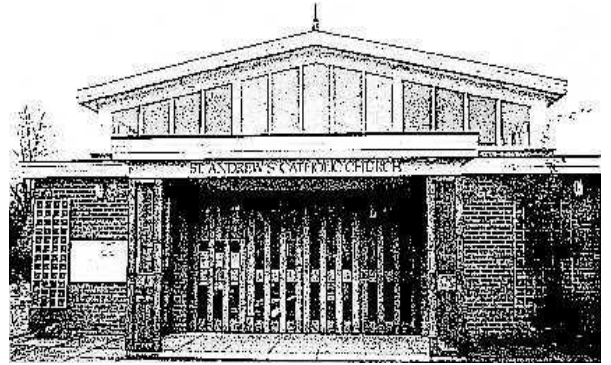


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17th March 2019
2nd Sunday of Lent (C)

Message from Fr Wilfred

The Call for Positive Change

One theme of our readings today is the theme of faith. Abraham in the first reading trusts in God, has faith in God and God promises to Abraham an unaccountable number of descendants. Abraham does believe but as he gets older he begins to think that God must have meant something else. As Abraham gets older he thinks that his descendants will come from the slave girl Hagar instead of from his wife Sara. He cannot imagine God doing miracles!

Just in these few thoughts we have so many challenges to our way of thinking today, even our own personal ways of thinking! First, so many people no longer believe in a God at all. Some who believe don't believe that there could possibly be a God who loves us personally and intimately and who calls each one of us by name. Secondly, lots of people who do believe in God think of God as a super reality that plays games with us and is always tricking us and whose word we cannot really trust. Thirdly, so many people today no longer believe in miracles. Instead, all the miracles in the Bible, in our Holy Scriptures, are seen as explainable by natural happenings. The real miracle is simply what is human and not the divine breaking into the human.

In this Lent, we can ask that our Sacraments, our relationship with the Lord and our Catechism can all become more personal. This is not an invitation to change our Sacraments, or our faith in the Lord or in His Church or in the doctrines of our Catechism, but it is an invitation to believe very personally and strongly.

This is what is happening in the Transfiguration of the Lord in the Gospel today. Three apostles are invited to be witness to this change in Jesus and they are able to share that faith with the others. They need to have this very personal and intimate experience with Jesus in order for themselves to be changed. It is not just Jesus who is changed.

This Sunday's Readings

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18	God enters into a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith
Psalm 26	The Lord is my light and my help
Philippians 3:17-4:1	Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body
Luke 9:28-36	As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed

Diary for the Week

<p>Sunday 17th March 2nd Sunday of Lent</p> <p><i>St Patrick's Day</i></p>	<p>6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday</p> <p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>11.30am Mass</p> <p>4.00pm Confirmation Session 4</p> <p>5.00pm Rosary</p> <p>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</p> <p>6.00pm Mass</p> <p>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</p>	<p>Annamma Joseph RIP</p> <p>Death Anniversary RIP Parishioners</p> <p>Michael Frackiewicz RIP</p>
<p>Monday 18th March <i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i> Dan 9:4-10 Lk 6:36-38</p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Mass</p> <p>12noon Mass in Hospital</p> <p>5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall)</p> <p>7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery</p> <p>7.00pm PPC Meeting</p> <p>7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall)</p>	<p>Orlando Gonsalves Mary Fernandes RIP</p>
<p>Tuesday 19th March <i>St Joseph</i> 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24</p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Mass</p> <p>7.45pm R.C.I.A.</p>	<p>Frank Lane Special Intention of C.C.</p>
<p>Wednesday 20th March <i>Jer 18:18-20</i> <i>Mt 20:17-28</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross</p> <p>2.00pm Active Retirement Group</p> <p>6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall)</p> <p>7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)</p>	<p>Rose Freeman RIP Imelda Stuart RIP</p>
<p>Thursday 21st March <i>Jer 17:5-10</i> <i>Lk 16:19-31</i></p>	<p>7.30am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Mass</p> <p>7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great)</p> <p>7.00pm Baptism course</p> <p>7.15pm Lenten Film (hall)</p>	<p>For the Suffering Souls RIP Miram Frances Vanda Slegg RIP</p>
<p>Friday 22nd March <i>Mt 21:33-43, 45-46</i></p>	<p>6.30am Mass</p> <p>10.00am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross</p> <p>8.00pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>Donovan Family Eileen Tatt RIP</p>
<p>Saturday 23rd March <i>St Turibius of Mongrovejo</i> <i>Mic 7:14-15, 18-20</i> <i>Lk 15:1-3, 11-32</i></p>	<p>9.30am Mass</p> <p>9.50 – 11.15am First Holy Communion</p> <p>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</p> <p>12noon Altar Server training</p> <p>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</p> <p>6.00pm First Mass of Sunday</p>	<p>Holy Souls</p> <p>Canon Francis Moran RIP</p>
<p>Sunday 24th March 3rd Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>9.30am Mass (1st Scrutiny for The Elect RCIA)</p> <p>11.30am Mass</p> <p>4.00pm Confirmation Session 5</p> <p>5.00pm Rosary</p> <p>5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction</p> <p>6.00pm Mass</p> <p>7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group</p>	<p>Private Intention</p> <p>Parishioners</p> <p>Lesley Fitzsimmons RIP</p>

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,444.54
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,205.54

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 2
Next week Team 3



Church Cleaners

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS

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

400 CLUB

February winners:

No: 12 - Richard & Evelyn Palmer - £20

No: 50 - Maria Nagamootoo - £10

No: 121 - John & Sheila McEneaney - £10

March winners:

No: 99 - William Booth - £20

No: 54 - Lena Ellis - £10

No: 20 - Frances Gilbert - £10

LENT 2019

Lenten Masses in Croydon University Hospital

There will be Mass every Monday during Lent at 12noon in the Hospital Chapel. All are most welcome.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays 10.30am Stations of the Cross (led by parishioners) and at 8.00pm (led by different Parish groups) and also after 10am Mass on Wednesdays (led by parishioners).

Friday Masses

During Lent please note that our usual 7.30am Mass will be at **6.30am** on Fridays.

Films of Stories from the Bible

This year during Lent we will be showing some films of Stories from the Bible. There will be six films in total. The next one will be on Thursday 21st March showing "The Story of Jacob" 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.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2019/2020

Gift Aid envelopes for 2019/2020 will be distributed over three weekends beginning week ending 16/17, 23/24 and 30/31 March. Please collect your envelopes after each Mass. This is also a good opportunity for you to sign up if you are not already in the scheme. The Gift Aid Scheme allows the parish to claim 25p tax back from HMRC for every £1 you donate. It will not cost you any extra. The only requirement is you must be paying UK tax. For further details please contact Albert Tang, contact details on the back of the newsletter.

GHANAIAI COMMUNITY MEETING

The group will be meeting on Sunday 24th March after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

CELEBRATION FOR THE FEAST OF ST GEORGE: SATURDAY 27TH APRIL

The Social Committee will have a celebration for the feast of St George, Patron Saint of England, on Saturday, 27th April, the Saturday after Easter. It will commence at 7.00 for 7.30pm and will start with a glass of Mead followed by a three course meal. Adults - £10.00, children under the age of 10 - £5.00. Tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses from this weekend. There will be music, a licensed bar and a raffle.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY FAMILY

An invitation to all our families, young adults and children, please join us on Saturday 6th April from 10.15am to 11.30am in the hall for a power-point presentation shown as a visual aid to pray the Rosary and there is also a short children's DVD on saints. All are most welcome.

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTIONS

There will be a collection of all monies on the weekend of 30/31 March. Please can all red box holders bring their boxes to be emptied before the Mass. If you are unable to attend Mass, please contact Savio on 07902 933534. Also please collect your copy of the Mission Today Spring 2019 booklet from the porch to read about the work of Missio around the world.

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.

MASS OFFERING BOOKINGS AND DONATIONS THROUGH PAYPAL

If you would like to use this facility to book your mass intentions and make donations through Paypal, please go on our website where you will find the “Donations” menu. Please follow the instructions given there. Mass bookings can still be booked in the normal way using envelopes in the porch.

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.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check our porch area as there are a lot of items left. We will dispose of them soon if not collected.

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 forth coming 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 so far and have donated. Fr Len hopes to arrange a meeting soon so everyone can have an opportunity to make their comments, be kept informed of progress and we can then answer any questions too.

THE ART OF DYING WELL – CREATING CONVERSATIONS IN CROYDON

After very positive feedback about the first series of meetings in Croydon about end of life care in the borough, parishioners are again invited to join a Community Forum discussing the “Art of Dying Well”. This meeting is to be held on Wednesday March 20th from 6 to 9pm at Braithwaite Hall, Katherine Street, Croydon CR9 1ET. Attending will be speakers including health professionals, GPs and practice staff, palliative care staff, bereavement care in Croydon, St. Christopher's Hospice staff and Faith leaders. Entrance is free and refreshments are provided. Please see the notice board in the church porch for further information.

Quote of the Week

Abraham responded: “How strong is my faith in this contemporary world”

Genesis 15 v 5

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