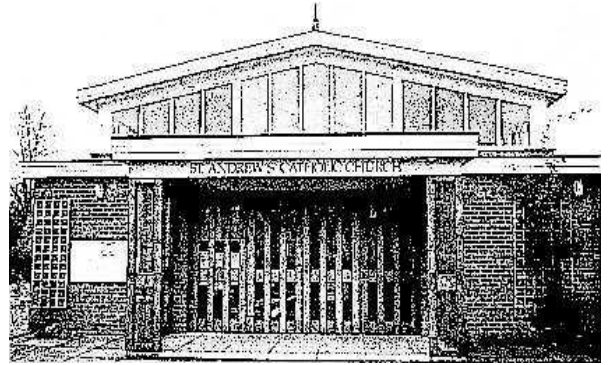

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3rd March 2019 8th Sunday of the Year (C)

Message from Deacon Errol

Repent and believe the Good News

The Lenten Season begins this week with Ash Wednesday, when we receive ashes on our forehead. In the Bible, ashes are a symbol of repentance and death. So, observing Ash Wednesday represents one's repentance from sin as well as acknowledging Jesus' sacrificial death to set us free from sin and death.

Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect on our humanness and work with the Holy Spirit to transform us through fasting (Sacrifice), prayer (Spending time with God) and charity (Giving from the heart) in our preparation for Easter. God's love is more than we could ever imagine, but at the same time his sadness for our iniquities is deeper than we imagine. The irony is the devil would have us believe that because we are loved by God, we can go on sinning and somehow it is ok. A good parent's love for her children is such that when the children are obedient, she blesses them and the bond of love deepens, making the relationship stronger. A disobedient child brings sadness to the parent, because they are rebellious, disrespectful and morally below par. The obedient child is reflective and their actions reflect that of the parent.

The Bible says because of our sins we have fallen short of the glory of God and called to repentance. True repentance leads us to confession and forgiveness through the mercy and grace of God who sustains us in our Christian journey.

During these 40 days of self-examination and reflection, we should make a commitment to improve our relationship with Christ and with each other. God is inviting each one of us to put our trust in Him who created us and knows what is good for us.

May God help us to order our lives and strive after the things of the Spirit, and be transformed to love God and our neighbour.

| This Sunday's Readings | |
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| Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7 | Do not praise a man before he has spoken |
| Psalms 91 | It is good to give you thanks, O Lord |
| 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 | He has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ |
| Luke 6:39-45 | A man's words flow out of what fills his heart |

Diary for the Week

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| Sunday 3rd March <i>8th Sunday of the Year</i> | 6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 4.00 – 5.45pm 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 | Glenda McGrath RIP Eileen Tatt RIP Parishioners Ruby D'Souza RIP (Anniv) |
| Monday 4th March <i>St Casimir</i> <i>Si 17:24-29</i> <i>Mk 10:17-27</i> | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass 5.45 – 7.15pm Beavers (hall) 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery 7.30 – 9.00pm Scouts (hall) | Sr Mary Toner (W/B) Theresa McSorley RIP |
| Tuesday 5th March <i>Si 35:1-12</i> <i>Mk 10:28-31</i> | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.30pm Finance Committee Meeting 7.45pm R.C.I.A. | Bridie Furey RIP (Anniv) Michael Maloney RIP |
| Wednesday 6th March <i>ASH Wednesday -</i> <i>Day of Fasting &</i> <i>Abstinence</i> <i>Joel 2:12-18</i> <i>Mt 6:1-6. 16-18</i> | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 12noon Mass Croydon Uni Hospital 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall) 8.00pm Mass | Canon Francis Moran RIP Holy Souls Noreen McGing RIP |
| Thursday 7th March <i>Saints Perpetua &</i> <i>Felicity</i> <i>Deut 30:15-20, Lk 9:22-25</i> | 7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 – 8.30pm Cubs (St James the Great) 7.15pm Lenten Film (hall) | Adrian Freeman RIP Private Intention |
| Friday 8th March <i>St John of God</i> <i>Is 58:1-9</i> <i>Mt 9:14-15</i> | 6.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass followed by Stations of the Cross 8.00pm Stations of the Cross | Holy Souls Barbara Scott RIP |
| Saturday 9th March <i>Saint Frances of Rome</i> <i>Is 58:9-14</i> <i>Lk 5:27-32</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 Richard & Eve Palmer (50 th Wedding Anniv) |
| Sunday 10th March <i>1st Sunday of Lent</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 Elizabeth Salapare RIP Private Intention |

Money Matters

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| Collection Last Sunday | £1,338.44 |
| Payment by Standing Order | <u>£ 761.00</u> |
| Total offertory | £2,099.44 |
| Second collection for Poor Parishes | |

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 3
 Next week Team 1



Church Cleaners

This week Judie's Crew
 Next week Fifi's Group

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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

HOME-MADE GREETING CARDS FOR SALE

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

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.

LITURGY MEETING

Please note there is a Liturgy Meeting today, Sunday 3rd March at 7.00pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 6TH MARCH

This marks the start of Lent and is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. There will be Masses at 7.30am, 10am and 8pm. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses. Bishop Paul Hendricks will also celebrate Mass in the Hospital Chapel at 12noon in Croydon University Hospital.

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.

CAFOD FAST DAY (LENT)

CAFOD's Family Fast Day on 15th March is fast approaching. Next weekend Frances Gilbert will be giving a talk on how you can all help to support the CAFOD Family Fast Day this lent for our brothers and sisters around the world.

LENT 2019

Lenten Masses in Croydon University Hospital

There will also 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 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.

CONFIRMATION AWAYDAY

The coach will leave at 8.30am from outside the Church on Saturday 9th March and will return at 5.30pm approximately. Please will the candidates bring food for the day and magazines for art work.

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.

GUIDES

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

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.

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. 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.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

Please see the poster in the porch with details of different walks in the Cities of London and Westminster during March and April. Further details from chwalkslondon@gmail.com or catholichistorywalks.com

Quote of the Week

During these 40 days, let me put away all my pride.
Let me change my heart and give up all that is not
good within me. Let me love God with all that I am
and all that I have.

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