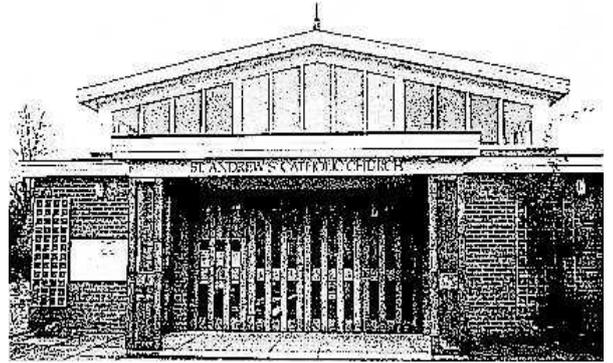


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7th April 2019
5th Sunday of Lent (C)

Message from Deacon Errol

Love beyond Compare

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16 (NIV)*

Self-sacrificing love is the heart of our Christian faith, although in truth it seems to be mixed up with an awful lot of other things. The world seems to be terribly confused when it comes to **love**, let alone selfless love, but let's not forget about the example given to us by Jesus Christ. *Agape* is used to describe the love that is of and from God, whose very nature is love itself: "God is love" (1 John 4:8). God does not merely love; He is love itself. Everything God does flows from His love. *Agape* is also used to describe our love for God (Luke 10:27).

All through human history, God has worked with mankind to help us understand what it means to sacrifice for love. In our days, humanity have invented and inculcated a kind of love that is far from what God intended. To sacrifice is to deny self for the benefit of others. Jesus offered himself as a ransom to pay off Adam's debt to the Father, for our benefit so that we might come to life in him. This means that faith in Christ brings life to all; and God does not want us to perish.

God's bounteous love of for humanity is the strength behind Passion or Palm Sunday with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. If we understand this type of love, then perhaps we may be able to follow Jesus' teachings please God. St Paul said "God proves his love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

And we follow Jesus on Thursday where he teaches his disciples and us to wash each other's feet, to love each other and have no prejudice.

And then on Good Friday we celebrate Jesus' death, where he is revealed as our Messiah, the One who is completely and totally taken up with the only solution for all mankind, which is to learn to love.

This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21	See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink
Psalms 125	What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad
Philippians 3:8-14	Reproducing the pattern of his death, I have accepted the loss of everything for Christ
John 8:1-11	If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her

Diary for the Week

Sunday 7th April <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	Intention of Mr Thomas
	9.30am	Mass	Parishioners
	11.30am	Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
	4.00pm	Confirmation Session 7	
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	Franklyn Pereira RIP (Anniv)
	7.00 – 9.00pm	Choir practice	
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	
Monday 8th April <i>Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62</i> <i>Jn 8:1-11</i>	7.30am	Mass	Noreen, Sheila & Conrad (w/b)
	10.00am	Mass	Moji Bello (w/b)
	12noon	Mass in Hospital	
	7.00 – 8.00pm	Family Holy Hour	
	7.00 - 8.00pm	Parish Surgery	
Tuesday 9th April <i>Num 21:4-9</i> <i>Jn 8:21-30</i>	7.30am	Mass	Holy Souls
	10.00am	Mass	Anna Sutherland RIP
	6.30pm	R.C.I.C.	
	7.45pm	R.C.I.A.	
Wednesday 10th April <i>Dan 3:14-20, 24-25, 28</i> <i>Jn 8:31-42</i>	7.30am	Mass	Patrick Cooke RIP
	10.00am	Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	Una Lehane RIP
	6.00pm	Lectio Divina Group (hall)	
	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (hall)	
Thursday 11th April <i>Gen 17:3-9</i> <i>Jn 8:51-59</i>	7.30am	Mass	Robin McConnagh
	10.00am	Mass	Elizabeth Salapare RIP
	7.15pm	Lenten Film (hall)	
Friday 12th April <i>Jer 20:10-13</i> <i>Jn 10:31-42</i>	6.30am	Mass	Special Intention
	10.00am	Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	Helen Ibemere (w/b)
	8.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 13th April <i>St Martin</i> <i>Ezk 37:21-28</i> <i>Jn 11:45-57</i>	9.30am	Mass	George Robinson RIP (Anniv)
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	11.00 – 1.00pm	Altar Server practices	
	3.00 – 4.00pm	Rehearsals: Children's Stations of the Cross	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	Vigil Mass Parishioners
Sunday 14th April <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> <i>Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses</i>	9.30am	Mass	Irene Smith RIP (Anniv)
	11.30am	Mass	Ogwule Family
	5.00pm	Rosary	
	5.15 – 5.45pm	Exposition and Benediction	
	6.00pm	Mass	Special Intention
	7.00 – 9.00pm	Choir practice	
	7.00 - 9.00pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	

Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,458.03
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 761.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,219.03
Second collection for Easter Flowers	

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

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.

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. There will be music, a licensed bar and a raffle.

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

Everyone is invited to join us for our Family Holy Hour on Monday 8th April at 7 – 8pm. Join us to pray for peace in our hearts, our homes our families and the whole world. Please join us even if it's only for a short while.

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 Mass

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

Films of Stories from the Bible

The last film will be on Thursday 11th April showing "The Story of Thomas" starting at 7.15pm. The film is being shown in our hall starting with teas and coffees at 7.00pm.

Parish Penitential Service

We will be holding our Parish Penitential Service on Monday 15th April at 7.00pm. This is a great way to prepare for Easter and there will be other Priests available to hear individual confessions.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

All children from St. Andrew's parish, years 1 to 6, are invited to take part in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Please come along to the next rehearsal on Saturday 13th April in the Church from 3.00 - 4.00pm in readiness for Good Friday 19th April at 10.00am to get costumes and be ready for Stations of the Cross at 10.45am. The younger children will carry banners and take part in the procession and the older children will read the Stations. It is very important that all children involved attend the rehearsal. For further information, please contact Ized 07798 941387 and Bernadette 07729 322571.

EASTER TIMETABLE

Please collect your Easter card from the porch with all the information about our services for Easter. Also there are Easter collection envelopes in the porch. The Easter collection is for our Priests of the Parish and with the Christmas collection forms the main part of their personal income.

REPOSITORY

Please visit our Repository to see our Easter stock and to make your purchases early to avoid disappointment!

THE ECUMENICAL WALK OF WITNESS

Save the date! Good Friday April 19th The ecumenical walk of witness will start at the job centre in Thornton Heath High Street at 12 noon. There will be an informal walk with the processional cross from St Andrew's Church after the Children's Stations of the Cross. We will be joined by congregations from four other local Churches. It is the only ecumenical, public event of the year. This is your opportunity to share with local people the true meaning of Good Friday and show that Christianity is alive and well in Thornton Heath. All are welcome.

If you would like to help in the preparations please ring Mary Cameron (0208 689 8360 or 07928 670 639). After the walk everyone is invited back to St Andrew's hall for a hunger lunch (soup and rolls) donations gratefully received will be given to the charity CAFOD, all welcome.

THE CHOIRS

The Choirs will be practicing for the Triduum services on Sundays April 7th and 14th (7 - 9 pm in the Church). Extra choir members are always welcome. Please contact Mary Cameron 07928 670 639.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need at least two volunteers, male or female, to carry the processional cross for the Good Friday Walk of Witness. We start from the Church at about 11.40 am and process to the job centre in the High street. The official Walk starts at 12 noon and ends at 1pm in Trumble Gardens. If you are able and willing to help carry the Cross for at least part of the way, please call Mary Cameron: 07928 670 639.

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTIONS

If anyone missed the collection last weekend please contact Savio on 07902 933534 urgently.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2019/2020

The Gift Aid envelopes for 2019/2020 were distributed over several weekends. If you missed this, please contact Albert Tang urgently, contact details on the back of the newsletter.

GROUPS

The Active Retirement group are now on their Easter break and will resume again on 24th April.
The Wednesday Lectio Divina Group's last meeting is on 10th April and will resume again on Wednesday 1st May.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter next week will cover two weeks. Please ensure any notices are received in the office by mid morning on Wednesday 10th April.

PALAZZOLA, ITALY 18TH JUNE - 27TH JUNE 2019

Fr Len is working as Chaplain at Villa Palazzola, Italy, between 18th June to 27th June. Palazzola is the English College retreat centre in the Alban Hills overlooking Castle Gondollo by Lake Albano. It is the Papal summer residence and is about 45 minutes outside of Rome. If you would like to spend a few days in Rome at the same time as Fr Len, you would be most welcome but you will have to make your own arrangements directly with Villa Palazzola and your own travel arrangements too. If enough people from St Andrew's come, Fr Len will arrange days out to the Vatican City and other places of interest. Anyone wanting further information is invited to speak to Fr Len and if necessary he will arrange for a short talk and meeting. View Palazzola online at www.palazzola.it

MEMORIES OF CANON FRANCIS MORAN

Canon Francis Moran had spent 14 years at St. Andrew's and had initiated many positive changes within our Parish. He touched many of the lives in our Parish with his gentle, kind and determined nature. Following his passing, we thought it would be a nice gesture to present his family with some of the memories from our Parishioners. If you have any pictures, poems, notes etc. we will put these into an album that we are going to prepare for Canon Francis' family. Once this has been done, we will leave space for you to write a personal message to his family about the memory you have of Canon Francis. Please can you arrange for the pictures/poems or notes etc to be put into an envelope marked "Canon Francis Moran" and dropped into the Parish office. If you have pictures on your phone, please send to 07958 537314.

Quote of the Week

"There are two types of seeds in the mind: those that create anger, fear, frustration, jealousy, hatred and those that create love, compassion, equanimity and joy. Spirituality is germination and sprouting of the second group and transforming the first group."

Amit Ray

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