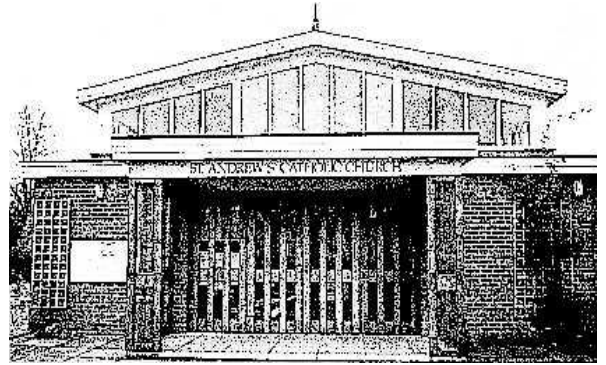

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Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ
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1st October 2017
26th Sunday of the Year (A)

Message from Deacon Errol

There is no doubt parents have the interest of their children at heart. In their attitudes, in their conduct they will do nothing that causes our children to suffer. We will sacrifice our own pleasures for the children's sake. However, we must not forget to give our children what they need for a life of real happiness, that is, the right values and virtues they need to practise.

The Church teaches that virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good. Virtue allows a person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church-1803*)

Here are some of the virtues we can begin to practise if we do not do so already:

Honesty – Can we be really happy if we are dishonest? We can only be happy if we are fair with our dealings with others.

Integrity – Being honest and having strong moral principles. Are we the same inside as we are outside?

Courtesy – There is so much rudeness in our society, yet we turn a blind eye. How it would be for the next generation, I wonder. Family tensions, disputes and marriage breakdowns etc. could be reduced if we showed courtesy in our dealings with others.

Unselfishness – Many of us care only about ourselves. We abandon family, friends, job and even partners in life just to obtain a little happiness albeit short-lived.

Are we teaching our children the right values?

“Whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” *Philippians 4:8*

May the Lord help us to be true disciples of Jesus. Amen.

This Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 18:25-28	When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live
Psalms 24	Remember your mercy, Lord
Philippians 2:1-11	In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus
Matthew 21:28-32	He thought better of it and went.
	Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you

Diary for the Week

Sunday 1st October 26 th Sunday of the Year (A)	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 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	Francis & Ursula Kershaw Patrick Joseph Kearns RIP (Anniv) Parishioners Maria Guida RIP
Monday 2nd October Guardian Angels Ex 23:20-23 Mt 18:1-5. 10	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery	Cecil Lobo RIP Emma Nunes (Birthday)
Tuesday 3rd October Feria Zec 8:20-23 Lk 9:51-56	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.30pm RCIC 7.45pm RCIA (hall)	Vincent Thurajrajah RIP Dorothy Borthwick RIP
Wednesday 4th October St Francis of Assisi Neh 2:1-8 Lk 9:57-62	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Jose G. Fernandes RIP Peggy & Felix Rodrigues
Thursday 5th October St Faustina Neh 8:1-12 Lk 10:1-12	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 8.00pm Maintenance Group	Holy Souls Martha Dias RIP
Friday 6th October St Bruno First Friday Harvest Fast Day Bar 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/ Benediction 7.00pm Syro Malabar Mass	John Gill RIP Mary Curval
Saturday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary Bar 4:5-12. 27-29 Lk 10:17-24	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Priests Intention John & Edith Chapman RIP
Sunday 8th October 27 th Sunday of the Year (A)	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 3.30pm Extra Ordinary Minister Training (Church) 5.00pm Rosary 5.15 – 5.45pm Exposition and Benediction 6.00pm Mass 7.00 - 9.00pm Charismatic Prayer Group	Midori Jennings RIP Parishioners Canon Francis Moran



Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,263.32
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 409.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,672.32

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 1
 Next week Team 2



Church Cleaners

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

FR DENIS

On 3rd October Fr Denis travels back to Uganda. We would like to thank Fr Denis for all that he has done for us since he has been here. Please keep him in your prayers. There is a small celebration after the 9.30am Mass in the hall to say goodbye to him. Hopefully he will be back with us next July.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The Nigerian Catholic Community is holding the 57th Annual Independent Celebration today, 1st October. All parishioners are welcome to join the group in this celebration.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Come and join us in the church hall on Saturday 7th October from 10.15 - 11.30am during which time we will have a power-point presentation on the Rosary followed by a short children's DVD on "St Louis-Marie de Montfort". It is a great opportunity to teach your children how to pray the rosary and also learn about saints.

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.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC)

The Group will meet on Tuesday 3rd October at 6.30pm in the hall. This is for children over the age of 7 years who have not been baptised and also those children in year 5 and over who have not made their First Communion.

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS

We would like all Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to attend one of two meetings with Fr Len and Deacon Tony. Either 3.30pm on Sunday 8th October or 3.30pm on Saturday 14th October, in the Church. Both meetings will be the same so attendance at only one is needed. If you can't make either please let Deacon Tony know, either directly or via the parish office.

MAINTENANCE GROUP

The Maintenance Group is a small group who meet monthly to plan and organise the up keep of our buildings. We are in need of new members, so if you think you can help please speak to Fr Len.

CAFOD LUNCHESES: FIRST FRIDAYS

From now on CAFOD lunches will only be held once a year, on Good Friday. The monthly lunches have now stopped. Thank you for all the wonderful support over so many years - this has been deeply appreciated by those who have benefited from such generosity.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY IS FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER

This Harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training, and strong seeds. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope this weekend and give whatever you can. Many thanks indeed.

NIGHTWATCH HOMELESS AND REFUGEES: HARVEST FESTIVAL APPEAL - 7/8 OCTOBER - ALL MASSES

This year the appeal is for donations of food, toiletries and money to help homeless and other vulnerable people for the next 12 months in the Croydon area: You can help with cans (not packets!) of soup; fruit; vegetables; meat; fish; chopped tomatoes; tuna; sardines; rice pudding; sweetcorn. Plus tubes tomato puree; bottles cooking oil. Also breakfast cereals; biscuits; coffee, sugar and tea bags. Also needed: gifts of toiletries: shampoo, toothpaste, etc. razors; sanitary towels. And NEW ladies

underwear sizes from 8 to 16; men's boxer-shorts sizes small, medium and large; and socks, all sizes. Clean blankets and sleeping bags are always needed for those sleeping rough. Thank you very much.

SCHOOL REFERENCE FORMS

All children transferring from primary to secondary school and starting main school or nursery at a Catholic School are required to have a Priest reference.

Please take a form from the porch area and we ask that you complete Section A, then you should take this form to a member of the Clergy, Deacon Tony, Deacon Errol or Sr Jennie, whoever you feel would know you the best, and ask them to complete section B.

A list of dates in October is displayed on the noticeboard so that you can meet with Fr Len who will then sign the last section of your form based on the comments provided by the other member of the Pastoral team. Just come along to the Priest House (45 Brook Road) during the times and dates given, it is not possible to make an individual appointment. *Please note that Fr Len can no longer hold appointments on Tuesday 3rd October between 3.00 – 5.00pm but this has been rescheduled for the evening at 7.00–9.00pm. Also we have added an additional time of Friday 6th October between 7.00 - 8.00pm.*

QUIZ NIGHT

The Social Committee are having a quiz night in the church hall on Saturday 14th October starting at 7.30pm. There will be a licenced bar (please do not bring in your own drinks), snacks on sale and a raffle. The quiz nights are usually a fun night so get a team together and join us. Entry is £3.00 per person. Telephone 020 8684 4648 for more information.

ST JAMES THE GREAT SCHOOL

The school is having a car boot sale today Sunday 1st October from 10am – 1pm. Entrance 50p.

Saturday football has restarted. Any parent that has a child, girl or boy (years 1-6) that would like to take part in the school's Saturday Football please collect a registration form from the school. In addition they would also like to encourage any enthusiastic parents that may be interested in helping to coach to get in touch as the football team need your help. No experience is necessary just enthusiasm for the game. For further info you can contact Umberto Giannini via email on umberto@giannini.co.uk

The Governors of the school will shortly commence the admissions process for the September 2018 Nursery and Reception class intakes. Further information about the admissions process will be found on the poster in the Church porch.


WANT A PLACE AT A GOOD SCHOOL?

St Mary's Catholic High School, Croydon, is going from strength to strength. They are Croydon School of the Year and were judged good by Ofsted in February 2017. They have an open morning from 10 - 11am on Saturday 7th October. All guests will be entered into a raffle to win an iPad or one of two £100 M&S vouchers. Please visit the school if you are thinking about secondary education steeped in Gospel values with progress for all at the core of what they do. Website www.st-maryshigh.croydon.sch.uk and follow on Twitter: [@SMCH_CR](https://twitter.com/SMCH_CR)

Quote of the Week

Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness

Dalai Lama XIV

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