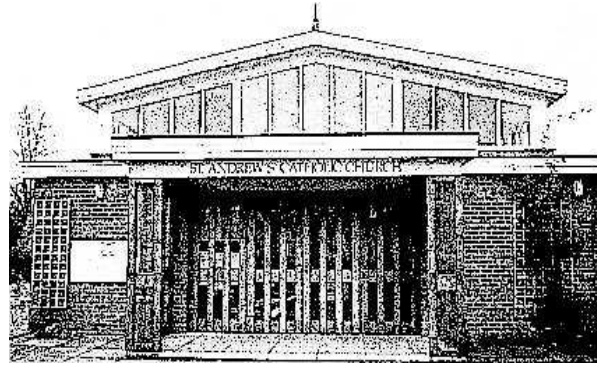

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10th September 2017
23rd Sunday of the Year (A)

Message from Fr Len

When you read this I will still be on my summer break. I am spending two weeks as Chaplain to the English College retreat centre in Rome, Villa Pallazola, which is by Lake Albano. The Villa is where those studying for the Priesthood in Rome used to spend their summers and is opposite Castel Gondolfo which for centuries has been where Popes would reside to escape from the heat of Rome, which can be unbearable during August. The Villa is a beautiful place and only 45 minutes away from Termini station. Rome is a city I never tire of visiting, having fallen in love with it whilst studying at the Beda. One of the amazing things about the city is that you can walk where St Peter and St Paul walked and you begin to realise that these figures are not just legends but real people like you and me, with hopes and fears and challenges. We walk in their footsteps and enjoy the legacy that they left us, our faith is built on their foundations. Many people from around the world travel here on pilgrimage, to ask for the prayers of these Apostles and many other Saints besides.

Like them each of us has been called personally into a relationship with Jesus Christ, who sustained them in all they did and helped them faced up to whatever tasks he had given them. He does the same for us, no matter how hard or daunting those tasks may be.

I hope that you have all had a refreshing and relaxing summer and that you are now ready to take up renewed challenges and tasks and can do them for the glory of God. I look forward to seeing you all on my return and will pray for you whilst in the Holy city.

This Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9	If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death
Psalms 94	O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts
Romans 13:8-10	Love is the answer to every one of the commandments
Matthew 18:15-20	If he listens to you, you have won back your brother

Diary for the Week

Sunday 10th September 23 rd 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	Joseph Cyril Phokeerdoss RIP Parishioners James Conroy RIP Luis & Caitano Fernandes RIP
Monday 11th September Feria Col 1:24-2:3 Lk 6:6-11	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery 7.00 – 8.00pm Family Holy Hour	Clementina Fernandes RIP Colleen Thomas RIP
Tuesday 12th September Feria Col 2:6-15 Lk 6:12-19	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Margaret Manutebi RIP (Anniv) Pam & Bernard Freeman (25 th Wedding Anniv)
Wednesday 13th September St John Chrysostom Col 3:1-11 Lk 6:20-26	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (Hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (Hall)	Thanksgiving Robinson Agho RIP
Thursday 14th September Triumph of the Cross Num 21:4-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Salus Fernandes RIP Andre Rodrigues RIP (Anniv)
Friday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows Heb 5:7-9 Jn 19:25-27	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Brigid Lakhani RIP (Anniv) Ceaser & Martha Dias RIP
Saturday 16th September SS Cornelius & Cyprian 1 Tim 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Priests Intention Lily Paes RIP (Anniv)
Sunday 17th September 24 th Sunday of the Year (A)	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 Virginia Vaz RIP Annemarie Paterson



Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,723.34
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 599.00</u>
Total offertory	£2,322.34
Second collection for Catholic Education Service	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 1
 Next week Team 2



Church Cleaners

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

COMMUNION FOR THOSE NEEDING ASSISTANCE DURING MASS

If you need assistance during Communion or would like Communion brought to you during Mass, please could you make this known before Mass and sit in the chairs opposite the choir. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

The second collection today is for the Catholic Education Service. The Catholic Education Service acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conferences to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh Governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all and increased parental choice. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England educating over 800,000 pupils.

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

Once a month our families together with the church community come to pray in the presence of Our Lord for peace in our hearts, our homes, our families and the whole world. Please come and join us on Monday, 11th September from 7pm to 8 pm even if only for 10 minutes. It will bring a blessing on you, your family and our parish. All are welcome.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Please put this invitation date in your diaries for the Induction Mass of Fr Len Tatt as St Andrew's Parish Priest on Saturday 21st October at our 6.00pm Mass with Bishop Paul Hendricks followed by a reception in the Church Hall. We hope to welcome as many of you as possible.

SCHOOL REFERENCE FORMS

If you are applying for school places for next September (2018), the system for the school reference forms has been changed. 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. Parents please note that Fr Len does not deal with schools directly for references so parents will have to complete a form for his final signature. 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 September and 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.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The group are holding a General Meeting on Sunday 17th September after the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

ST ANDREW'S MINIBUS

Please note that we have introduced a "signing in" book for all drivers who use our minibus. It is important that everyone who drives the minibus, be aware that you are responsible for any fines that may be incurred. You must now sign the book to indicate the date and time that you start your journey and the return date and time as well as signing in the log book. Anyone who drives the minibus should also bring their driving licence to the parish office for the annual check. We are complying with the advice of our insurance company, so please see Fr Len should you need any clarification.

CAFOD LUNCHESES

The amount sent in to CAFOD for September First Friday is £213.30. This amount came from private donations and the Church collection Box. Very many thanks indeed.

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. Everyone warmly welcome on Good Friday. Look forward to seeing you there!

ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

Please note that the group will now resume on Wednesday 20th September.

READER'S MEETING

There will be an important Reader's meeting on Thursday 21st September at 7.30pm in the Church hall. All Readers are requested to attend. If you are interested in becoming a Reader please join us. If you are unable to attend please inform Fr Len.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic at Easter - or finding out more about the Catholic Faith? If so, why not come along to the RCIA group? We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7.45pm - 9.00pm. Our first meeting is on Tuesday 19th September in the Church hall. Please give your contact details to one of the Priests or ring the office.

MASS OFFERINGS

People sometimes ask what is a realistic offering to make when they request a Mass to be said. People's circumstances vary and in olden days the offering was intended to support a priest for a day (and was often a gift of food, drink or clothing). The Code of Canon Law states that: "The faithful who make an offering so that Mass can be celebrated for their intention, contribute to the good of the Church, and by that offering they share in the Church's concern for the support of its ministers and its activities." (Canon 946). The Archdiocese of Southwark recommends a minimum donation of £10.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK 17TH SEPTEMBER

The second collection will be for Home Mission Sunday.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Can anyone help by offering a room for rent for one of our male Catholic parishioners? He is an elderly gentleman who is reliable, trustworthy and would like a room and is happy to share kitchen and bathroom etc. Can you help or know someone who can? Please make contact via the parish office.

POPE FRANCIS AND THE FAMILY

A meeting for the laity to explore and discuss the Pope's views on love in the family is being organised to take place shortly. There is a choice of dates and venues. This event is suitable for all adult parishioners and will include suggestions about how to put the Pope's message into practice. Booking is essential. Tea and coffee will be provided. The three venues/dates from which you can choose are as follows.

Kent: 30th September, West Malling, 10-1pm, carolemflkent@gmail.com 07983 524 727



South East London: 7th October, Forest Hill, 2.30-5.30pm, marriages@tiscali.co.uk 07505 305 297

South West London: 4th November, 10-1pm, marriage2014@virginmedia.com 020 8651 2477

Quote of the Week

Let us always meet each other with a smile, for a smile is the beginning of love

Mother Teresa

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400 Club Organiser	Jonathan Prins (email: club_400@hotmail.com)	
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