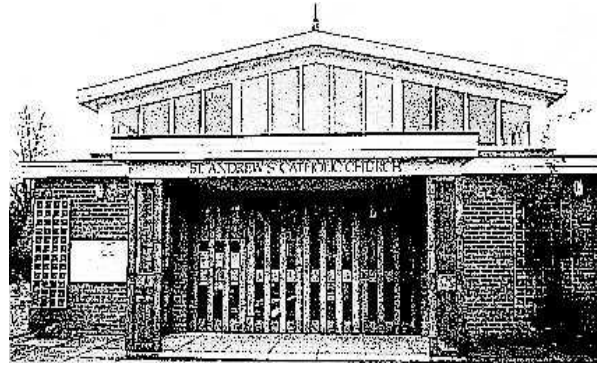

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24th September 2017
25th Sunday of the Year (A)

Message from Fr John

God's ways are indeed different from ours and so we thank Him for the privilege to witness the last week of the month of September 2017. Each day is an opportunity for us to learn and know more of God's ways.

This week, we reflect on God's generous love. We recall in our Gospel reading (Matthew 20:1-16), how Jesus teaches us with the parable of the workers hired at different times of the same day yet received the same wage at the end of the day, that no one has more claim to God's love for responding first or later to faith in Jesus Christ. We all have the same share in God's love. However, there are some attitudes we must avoid in our response. In the early Church, some members as we do today wanted privileged positions because they have stayed or served the community longer than the newcomers. The question here is, do the privileges we actually cling to or fight for, inhibits or genuinely promote growth?

We should take to heart that our service(s) in Church or Community do not in any way give one more rights than others. We all have been granted the grace necessary for salvation and God has promised salvation to all who believe and trust in Him and act faithfully in His ways. In our service therefore, we should not disregard the gifts of others or the good done by them. We all have a common goal – Heaven, and we need each other to attain it. Thus, in our privileged position of service, let us be charitable and kind with our words as St. Paul admonishes us (Ephesians 4:29).

My dear friends, let us not claim any superiority because of position or gift we have received (1 Corinthians 4:7), rather, let us in humility avoid anything in our everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:27). Let us look up to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith for direction. May God bless and keep us in His love. Amen.

Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms 144

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Matthew 20:1-16

This Sunday's Readings

My thoughts are not your thoughts


The Lord is close to all who call him


Life to me is Christ

Why be envious because I am generous?

Diary for the Week

Sunday 24th September 25 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	Laura Anne Murtagh RIP (Anniv) Botelho & Carrasco Families RIP Parishioners Doreen Brookes RIP
Monday 25th September Feria Ezra 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery 7.00 – 8.00pm Exposition and Adoration	Jessie Mary Brian Roy
Tuesday 26th September Feria Ezra 6:7-8. 12. 14-20 Lk 8:19-21	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.30pm RCIC (hall) 7.45pm RCIA (hall)	Deceased Freeman Family RIP Philip Johnson RIP
Wednesday 27th September St Vincent de Paul Ezra 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Edwin Athayde RIP Aureliana & John Fernandes RIP
Thursday 28th September Feria Haggai 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Jean Jegamatham “Oseremes” (Birthday)
Friday 29th September SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels Dan 7:9-10. 13-14 Jn 1:47-51	7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass	Juliana D’Souza RIP (Anniv) Pierre Royapen RIP
Saturday 30th September St Jerome Zech 2:5-9. 14-15 Lk 9:43-45	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Priests Intention Francis & Ursula Kershaw
Sunday 1st October 26 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	Patrick Joseph Kearns RIP (Anniv) Parishioners Maria Guida RIP

 <h3>Money Matters</h3>		
Collection Last Sunday		£1,243.00
Payment by Standing Order		£ 397.00
Total offertory		£1,640.00
Collection for Home Mission Sunday		£ 541.98
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

<h3>Altar Servers</h3> This week Team 3 Next week Team 1		<h3>Church Cleaners</h3> This week The Rockers Next week Sancho’s Dusters
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St. Andrew's Parish Notices

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Registration for the Children's Liturgy will take place today Sunday 24th September after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses. We urgently need new volunteers to help for one Sunday per month. If you are able to help, please speak to a member of the team or drop your details into the Presbytery.

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 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 and has been rescheduled for the evening at 7.00–9.00pm.*

THE GHANAIAI COMMUNITY

The group will be meeting today Sunday 24th September following the 11.30am Mass in the hall.

DISPLAYING ITEMS IN THE PORCH

If you wish to place any posters, leaflets or information etc in the porch, please obtain permission first from the Presbytery.

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.

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 in the Church hall? We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7.45pm - 9.00pm. Our first meeting was on Tuesday 19th September but please still come along and give your contact details to one of the Priests or the office.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC)

On Tuesday 26th September at 6.30pm there will be an information meeting and registration in the Hall. This is for parents with 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.

TRANSLATORS

We are looking for volunteers to act as translators. So if anyone who has a language and would be willing to help, please let us know so that we can keep a register in the office.

MOBILE PHONES

Please remember to put your mobile phone on silent in the Church. Thank you.

HEARING AID LOOP

Please note that there is a hearing aid loop in the Church for anyone who needs it.

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The group are meeting in the hall following the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 1st October.

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 next weekend and give whatever you can. Many thanks indeed.

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.

HYMN BOOKS

Please can we ask if you have borrowed a hymn book and have it at home, could you please return it as we seem to be missing quite a few.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check in the porch to see if any of the items there are yours. These will be disposed of soon if not collected.

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, food 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 – CAR BOOT SALE

St James the Great School is having a car boot sale on Sunday 1st October from 10am – 1pm. Entrance 50p. Sellers from 9am, please pre book (refunded if cancelled due to bad weather!) car £8, van £12, on day car £10, van £15. No food or drink sellers, please email to book Friendssjtg@gmail.com

ST JAMES THE GREAT RC PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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. The school invites prospective applicant families to visit the school – please see the poster for further information about their open mornings.

Quote of the Week

Kind words can be short and easy to speak,
but their echoes are truly endless –

Mother Teresa



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Convent
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Primary School

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