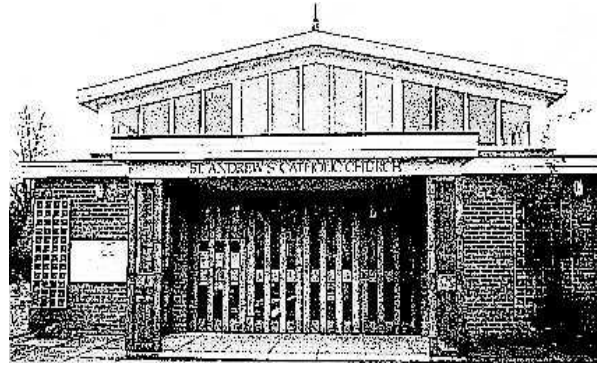

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Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ
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8th October 2017 27th Sunday of the Year (A)

Message from Fr Len

How Do I Prepare For Mass?

Preparing for mass is a vital part of our worship and it starts long before we even get to Church. Worshipping properly is not just about being in the building. Our faith life comes from the liturgy and when we celebrate liturgy well, that celebration is the best expression of our faith life. We can be distracted by so many things and it takes time to settle our minds so that we can turn our whole being towards God.

We have to think about preparing ourselves in much the same way as we would want to prepare for anything that we want to participate in fully. If we don't prepare well then we can experience that feeling that we are not getting anything out of it. So below are a few tips on how to prepare well.

The experience of the Mass starts at home, we need to start thinking about what it is that we are about to do long before we get to Church. It is the Holy Spirit who is moving us to be at Church so we need to recognise God's presence and begin to turn our minds to him. We can do this by looking at the readings and try to understand what they are about. What is the theme of this week's Mass? What is the Church trying to say in the Collect? The Collect is the prayer that the Priest says after the penitential rite. This prayer is meant to gather together all our prayers and help us turn our minds to God. Ask yourself what is it that I want to pray for this week? What do I want God to help me with during the Mass?

Maybe you could think about reading the readings before Mass. This will help us to hear them and to see what God is trying to bring to us individually through the proclamation of his word. When on our way to Church try and remember and think about the fact that God is with you. When entering Church try and remember that it is the house of God and that we are God's Holy people. Remind yourself of this by blessing yourself with Holy Water.

Please try to be in Church in plenty of time, the Church suggests at least 15 minutes before the service begins. This will give you time to settle your minds and turn your hearts to God. Finally remember that you are a full and active participant at Mass, it is not something that the Priest is doing for you but something that you are very much involved in. What you do will affect the atmosphere and prayerfulness of the service. The more that we are aware of this the more we can benefit the people of God in good ways which in turn will enhance our own spirituality.

This Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 5:1-7	The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel
Psalms 79	The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel
Philippians 4:6-9	The God of peace will be with you
Matthew 21:33-43	He will lease the vineyard to other tenants

Diary for the Week

Sunday 8th October 27 th Sunday of the Year (A)	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 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	John & Edith Chapman RIP Midori Jennings RIP Parishioners Canon Francis Moran
Monday 9th October <i>SS Denis & Companions, St John Leonard, Blessed John Henry Newman</i> <i>Jn 1:1-2:1. 11</i> <i>Lk 10:25-37</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00 - 8.00pm Parish Surgery 7.00 – 8.00pm Family Holy Hour	Clementina Fernandes RIP Jim Doyle
Tuesday 10th October <i>Feria</i> <i>Jn 3:1-10 Lk 10:38-42</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.45pm RCIA (hall)	Charlie Navarro RIP Victoria & Vincent Athayde RIP
Wednesday 11th October <i>Feria</i> <i>Jn 4:1-11</i> <i>Lk 11:1-4</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.00pm Active Retirement Group 6.00pm Lectio Divina Group (hall) 7.30pm Legion of Mary (hall)	Rev Mgr, Patrick McCoy Malcolm Pegamatham
Thursday 12th October <i>Feria</i> <i>Mal 3:13-20 Lk 11:5-13</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Timothy & Clela Andradi RIP Roy & Lesley (Anniversary)
Friday 13th October <i>Feria</i> <i>Joel 1:13-15. 2:1-2</i> <i>Lk 11:15-26</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Funeral Mass 7.00pm Hall Committee Meeting – EA room	Joseph Okoroafor & Family Patrick Houlihan RIP
Saturday 14th October <i>Feria</i> <i>Joel 4:12-21</i> <i>Lk 11:27-28</i>	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 3.30pm Extra Ordinary Minister Training (Church) 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday 7.30pm Quiz Night	Priests Intention Antonio Luis Alvares RIP
Sunday 15th October 28 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	Joseph Beirne RIP Parishioners Ana Maria D’Souza RIP



Money Matters

Collection Last Sunday	£1,469.05
Payment by Standing Order	<u>£ 244.00</u>
Total offertory	£1,713.05
Second collection for CAFOD	

Thank you for your generosity

Altar Servers

This week Team 2
 Next week Team 3



Church Cleaners

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: CAFOD

There is a second collection this weekend for CAFOD.

Also thank you if you collected a Fast Day envelope last week and for your contribution. Please hand these in this weekend.

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

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. Please bring your gifts to Mass and leave them in front of the Altar. Thank you very much.

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, 9th October from 7- 8pm even if only for 10 minutes. It will bring a blessing on you, your family and our parish. All are welcome.

NATIONAL COUNT

During the month of October all Catholic Churches in the country count how many people attend Sunday Mass. This then gives us our annual attendance number both for the Parish and nationally.

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 today 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.

SCHOOL REFERENCE FORMS

Please check the noticeboard for the remaining dates as we have made a couple of changes, so that you can meet with Fr Len who will 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.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC)

The Group will meet on Tuesday 17th 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.

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.

400 CLUB

The winners for September are:

Anamelecht John Opara no. 111 - £20; Maxine Mahoney no. 113 - £10; John & Gill Gilhooly no. 71 - £10.

INDUCTION MASS FOR FR LEN

Please put this invitation date in your diaries for the Induction Mass of Fr Len 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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: PRISONER'S SUNDAY

Next week is Prisoner's Sunday, a day of prayer and action for all those affected by imprisonment. We live in a troubled world where it is easy for some to lose hope, and that can be particularly true for those affected by the reality of crime. The challenge of Prison Week 2017 is to "**hold fast to hope**" – a hope that is rooted in the Christian hope that the divine spark is in all people, that no-one is beyond redemption and that change does and can take place. The charity PACT (Prisoners' Advice and Care Trust) does wonderful work supporting prisoners and their families through difficult times. For lots more information, see the website www.prisonersunday.org. A speaker from PACT will be here on Saturday 14th October at the 6.00pm Mass.

CROYDON CARERS CENTRE

The Croydon Carers Centre is a small charity looking for volunteers. They would like volunteers who can help part-time or full-time and are looking for people with the following abilities: good person to person skills, computer literate, managerial skills, knowledge of languages other than English and a full clean driving license. If you think you can help please contact them on 020 8688 7219.

ST JAMES THE GREAT SCHOOL

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.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

"A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice." Isaiah 42:3 The Justice and Peace Group for the Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding their Autumn Assembly entitled: Prison Break of a Different Kind on Saturday 14th October at CAFOD's Romero House, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. All are welcome. Entrance is free. Please bring a packed lunch. Refreshments will be provided. No need to book just go along.

Quote of the Week
"Prepare to meet your God"

Amos 4:12

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