

### The Parish Office

The Parish Priest will as usual be in attendance in the Parish Office on Mondays, from 10 am until 1pm.

**This Parish Newsletter is also uploaded weekly to the Parish website.**

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### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday: 8:30 - 8:50 am at St. Andrew's Sandwich, or by request (please contact the Parish Office)

*Please note that there will no confession before the evening Mass on Saturday. It will therefore take place immediately after morning Mass on Saturday or at request.*

*We sincerely appreciate everyone who supports the mission of Christ in our Parish with their Time, Treasure and Talent. Remain blessed.*

If you know any member of our Parish who cannot come to Church and does not have the opportunity to receive the Holy Communion, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGLIST CATHOLIC CHURCH MONGEHAM AND

## ST ANDREW'S SANDWICH *Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark*

Welcome to our Parish this

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

## SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### Mass Intentions

***Saturday 5.30 pm:* Moura is praying for the wellbeing of Catherine Dobby**

***9 am at St Andrew's:* for the private intentions of Mr and Mrs Mathias MADEWA and Mr and Mrs Anthony MADEWA as they mark their wedding anniversaries**

***Sunday 11 am:* for the private intentions of the Parishioners of St John's and St Andrew's**

### Mass times next week:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November: 9 am at St John's  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> |November: 11.15 am at the Convent  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: 9 am at St John's  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November: 9 am at St John's  
and 5.30 pm  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November: 9 am at St Andrew's  
and 11 am at St John's

***Next week is Advent Sunday***

## From the Parish Priest

**The traditional sign of Peace** resumes at Mass today in the Parish.

Planned giving continues as an ongoing initiative; forms are available at the back of the church.

The Mass for the Deceased Priests and Religious on Tuesday was well attended; thank you to all who were present.

A Day with Mary will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at St. George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road London SE1 6HR. Please see the poster on the notice board for further information.

The special collection towards the maintenance of our Church building will take place today. Please take an envelope at the rear of the Church. May God bless you.

Envelopes for Masses for the Holy Souls are also at the back of the church.

**Fr Matthew MADEWA**

### Aid to the Church in Need

is again promoting **#RedWednesday – 23 November 2022** as a way to ***Break the Silence*** on the persecution of Christians and all faiths, globally.

Tomorrow, ACN will present its report, "Persecuted and Forgotten" detailing the situation in 24 countries because of state repression and/or attacks from extremists; and in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, on 23 November itself, the main **#RedWednesday** event will be held in the Greek Catholic Cathedral in London from 17:45 until 21:00.

Ways which parishes and schools can help highlight ongoing persecution - which rarely makes reportage in the mainstream media - may be found here, and includes links to events; prayer resources for parishes, and specially-tailored resources for primary and secondary schools; other means to raise awareness and money; as well

as an online petition requesting that HM Government calls upon the Government of Nigeria to bring to justice those responsible for genocidal attacks such as the Pentecost Sunday 2022 massacre and countless other killings, abductions and other atrocities.

Any activities organized by your parish, school, or religious community in support of our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world – such as red flowers, red clothing, non-uniform days, etc - may be shared on social media with the hashtag **#RedWednesday**, which in turn, will help raise awareness.

I hope that you will be able to support ACN both on 23 November, and in the days leading up to it, as they in turn seek to support our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world.

With every good wish

Yours sincerely in Christ

Fr Phil Andrews

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### Saints this week

#### **Cecilia – 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> century (22<sup>nd</sup> November)**

Given her importance to musicians, it is sad to report that there is little evidence of her existence, and various stories of her life are all legendary, though her body and possibly relics are thought to have been found in the cemetery of Callistus. They were subsequently re-buried in the church of St Cecilia in Trastevere in Rome. A replica of a statue of her by Maderno now marks the site of the original tomb. Her status as patron of poets, singers, music and musicians dates from the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and she is usually depicted playing an organ or lute.

**Pope Clement I d.c101 (23<sup>rd</sup> Nov)**

Peter, first bishop of Rome, was succeeded by Linus, Clitus, and in c.91 by Clement a freed man of the imperial household. Exiled by Trajan because of his apostolic activity, he continued to have influence, and was subsequently executed: lashed to an anchor and drowned. Some 700 years later, the anchor and the remaining relics were claimed to have been found, and translated to the Church of San Clemente in Rome. St Clement Danes in London is also dedicated to him, and immortalised in the nursery rhyme 'Oranges and Lemons.' His symbol is, naturally, an anchor.

**Catherine of Alexandria c.290-c.310 (25<sup>th</sup> Nov)**

Legend has it that she was born into a noble Alexandrian family, was converted at age of about 18 and denounced Emperor Maxentius for his persecution of Christians after which he set about destroying her influence and eventually Catherine herself. Binding her to a wheel apparently failed and he finally had her beheaded. Her very existence is in question but a cult developed and she is nevertheless invoked as patron of philosophers, preachers, young girls, librarians, and craftsmen who work with wheels.

*(Notes by the editor)*

**Organ music at St John's**

**Prelude:** *Prelude; Verset-choral* both by Theodore Dubois

**At Communion:** *Chorale improvisation on 'Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness'* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**Postlude:** *Trumpet tune – no 3 from Suite for Organ – John Stanley*

**Sunday 20 November 2022****Readings at Mass****First reading****2 Samuel 5:1-3****They anointed David king of Israel**

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader

of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David

made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

**— Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 121(122):1-5**

*I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

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'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

*I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

Jerusalem is built as a city

strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,

the tribes of the Lord.

*I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

For Israel's law it is,

there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement

of the house of David.

*I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

**Second reading****Colossians 1:12-20****The Father has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves**

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God  
 and the first-born of all creation,  
 for in him were created  
 all things in heaven and on earth:  
 everything visible and everything invisible,  
 Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –  
 all things were created through him and for him.  
 Before anything was created, he existed,  
 and he holds all things in unity.  
 Now the Church is his body,  
 he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,  
 he was first to be born from the dead,  
 so that he should be first in every way;  
 because God wanted all perfection  
 to be found in him  
 and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,  
 everything in heaven and everything on earth,  
 when he made peace  
 by his death on the cross.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
 Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
 Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

**Luke 23:35-43**

**'Today you will be with me in paradise'**

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders,  
 they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is

the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and  
 when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the  
 Jews,

save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the  
 Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?'  
 he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked  
 him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence  
 as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But  
 this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you  
 come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you  
 will be with me in paradise.'

### **Communion Antiphon**

**Ps 28: 10-11**

The Lord sits as King for ever.  
 The Lord will bless his people with peace.