

The Parish Office

The Parish Priest will be in the office on Monday.

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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 28th April 2024
Fifth Sunday in Easter
Year B**

Mass Intentions

**Saturday 5.30 pm: Praying for the private intentions
of Adenike Solomon**

Sunday 9 am: Missa Pro Populo

**Sunday 11 am: Patricia Rowland is praying for
the happy repose of the soul of David Rowland
on the anniversary of his death**

Mass times this week:

Monday 29th April: 9 am

Tuesday 30th April: 5 pm

Wednesday 1st May: 9 am

Saturday 4th May: 9 am and 5.30 pm

**Sunday 5th May: 9 am at St Andrew's
and 11 am at St John's**

**At St John's don't forget to collect a hymn book
as you enter the church**

From the Parish Priest

I write to thank all the parishioners for the love and support given to those of our children who received the first Holy Communion last Sunday. Thank you and God bless you.

As you know that the reception of the Holy Communion under both species was put on hold by the Catholic Bishops Conference owing to the COVID pandemic. About a year ago, our bishops have stated that we can continue with the old practice of receiving under both kinds with the DISCRETION OF THE PARISH PRIEST.

I hereby wish to inform the parishioners that we shall begin to receive under both species for those who wish to, every first Sunday of the month in our beloved Parish.

Further details will be communicated to you.

Remain blessed,

Fr. Matthew 'Gbenga MADEWA

Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend towards the support of the training of future Priests for our beloved Archdiocese.

Sociabili-TEA

- and coffee will be served in the hall immediately after the 11am Mass at St John's next weekend.

Financial matters today

A member of the Parish Finance Committee will be addressing us at this Mass.

Readings at Mass

First reading

Acts 9:26-31 ·

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever!

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
 all families of the nations worship before him;
 They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
 before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
 They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
 declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
 ‘These things the Lord has done.’

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second reading

1 John 3:18-24

The commandment of faith and love

My children,
 our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
 but something real and active;
 only by this can we be certain
 that we are children of the truth
 and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
 whatever accusations it may raise against us,
 because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.
 My dear people,
 if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
 we need not be afraid in God’s presence,
 and whatever we ask him,
 we shall receive,
 because we keep his commandments
 and live the kind of life that he wants.
 His commandments are these:
 that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
 and that we love one another
 as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments
 lives in God and God lives in him.
 We know that he lives in us
 by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
 Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
 Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:1-8

I am the vine, you are the branches

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I am the true vine,
 and my Father is the vinedresser.
 Every branch in me that bears no fruit
 he cuts away,
 and every branch that does bear fruit
 he prunes to make it bear even more.
 You are pruned already,
 by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
 Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
 As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
 but must remain part of the vine,
 neither can you unless you remain in me.
 I am the vine,
 you are the branches.
 Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
 bears fruit in plenty;
 for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.

If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.’

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

The *Regina Caeli* (Queen of Heaven) is said in place of the Angelus during
Eastertide.

The following four lines will be sung to a hymn tune:

Joy to the thee, O queen of heaven; Alleluya

He whom thou wast meet to bear; Alleluya

As he promised, has arisen; Alleluya

Pour for us to him thy prayer. Alleluya

V: Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary.

R: Alleluia, For the Lord has truly risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of
Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the

intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of
everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

Glory be to the father :3x.

R: May His divine assistance remain always with us

V: And may the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God
rest in perfect Peace.

R: May they rest in Peace

V: Amen