**FOURTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God!  And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise YOU.**

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20**

**Psalm 94 Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!  Harden not your hearts.**

**Second Reading:  First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 7: 32-35**

**Acclamation:  Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.  Alleluia!**

**Gospel:  Mark 1: 21-28**

**Communion antiphon:  Let your face shine on your servant.  Save me in your merciful love.  O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

*Differences between persons and communities can sometimes prove uncomfortable, but the Holy Spirit, who is the source of that diversity, can bring forth something good from all things and turn it into an attractive means of evangelisation... He alone can raise up diversity, plurality and multiplicity while at the same time bringing about unity.*

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 131

**The Good News of salvation in Jesus is for every person, every culture and every time.  We are called to understand the true diversity and inclusion that comes from the Gospel.**

**As Christianity grew and spread all over the world with all sorts of different cultures and customs, Christians were able plant the good news in the most diverse places with great fruitfulness.**

**This unity in diversity is because the Church  is the work of God the Holy Spirit not just a human endeavour.**

“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants **all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth**.” (1 Tm 2:1-4)

**Fr Behr**

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased**:  Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Peter Crinnion RIP** who died recently, for the comfort of his wife Bridget and all their family

**Those ill or infirm:**  Paul Lane, Mara McDermot, June Munton, Ailish Cantwell (Jones), Sylwia Dorosz, Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Patricia Hook, Josie Payne, Pat Holland and all those who are unwell and in need of our prayers

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:**Arthur Wood, Philip Charles Denis Wilkinson, Charles Priggy, Leslie & Edith Cave, Billy Benies, Kenneth Francis, Edwin Stephen Knott, Joan Freeman and Kathleen Lewis.

**Candlemass**

On Friday we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord with Holy Mass at 10am. Before Mass begins we will bless the candles and process into the church praising Jesus as the Light of the world. If you would like to have your candles blessed please bring them with you on Friday. This is a lovely service and a great way to thank Our Lord for all the graces and blessings we have received during Christmas.

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| **This week’s services (27th January – 3rd February ), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** | |
| **Saturday 27th January**  St Angela Merici, Virgin | No public Mass am  10.30 -11am Confession  6pm Vigil Mass*Lucy Cziraki RIP (Wendy)*               **Reader: Lorraine** |
| **Sunday 28th January**  **FOURTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time (B)** | 10am Mass  *People of the Parish***Reader: Collette**  12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Monday 29th  January**  Feria | 10am Mass *In Reparation (Margaret)* |
| **Tuesday 30th  January**  Feria | No Mass |
| **Wednesday 31st  January**  St John Bosco, Priest | 10am Mass *Brian Seward RIP* |
| **Thursday 1st February**  Feria | 9am-10am Adoration  10am Mass *Maureen Saunders Intentions* |
| **Friday 2nd February**  The Presentation of the Lord. | 10am Mass *Malcolm and Maggie Burrows RIP*  10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 3rd February**  St Laurence Of Canterbury, Bishop | No public Mass am  10.30 -11am Confession  6pm Vigil Mass*People of the Parish***Reader: Pat** |
| **Sunday 4th February**  **FIFTH SUNDAY in Ordinary time** | 10am Mass  *Dumbleton Family Well-being***Reader: Brian**  12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Flowers: for 3rd / 4th February - Suzanne** | |

**Confession:**Fr Behr is available for Confession every Saturday from 10.30am - 11am. He is also happy to visit those who are not able to  come to church.

**Children’s Liturgy** at the 10am Mass is on the first Sunday of every month. All children who have not made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend.  The next lesson with  Lorraine is**next**Sunday, **February 4th**, 2024.

**This  Sunday  is  Racial  Justice  Day**

**Racial Justice Sunday Prayer**

This prayer is for individuals or parishes to use on Racial Justice Sunday.

**God of our past, present and future,**

**you created each one of us in your image and likeness.**

**Help us to recognise you in each person.**

**As we pray for an end to suffering caused by racism,**

**lead us this day to walk with one another, pray with one another and work together, so that we create a future**

**based on justice and healing, where all can fulfil the hope you have for all peoples.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

**Churches Together in Tenterden and District:  Forthcoming Events involving Saint Andrew’s                    (**Day Date Time Venue Event Notes)

**Sunday 28th January 16:00** Saint Mildred’s *Evening Worship Together* Candlemas “Hay & Stardust”

**Wednesday 14th February** **10:00 & 19:30** Saint Andrew’s *Mass* Imposition of ashes

**Saturday 17th February 09:00** Sts Peter & Paul, Appledore *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast

**Saturday 24th February 09:00** St John the Baptist Wittersham *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast

**Friday 1st March 14:00** Saint Mildred’s *World Day of prayer*

**Saturday 2nd March 09:00** Saint Peter’s Newenden *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast

**Friday 8th March 12:30 to 14:00** Zion *Lent Lunch* Christian Aid

**Saturday 9th March 09:00** St Mary Ebony *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast

**Friday 15th March 12:30 to 14:00** Zion *Lent Lunch* Christian Aid

**Saturday 16th March 09:00** St Michael’s Nr Tenterden *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast

**Friday 22nd March 12:30 to 14:00** Zion *Lent Lunch* xxx Christian Aid

**Saturday 23rd March 09:00** St Mary Stone in Oxney *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast

**Saturday 23rd March 08:30** Zion *Christian Breakfast* Speaker TBA

**Friday 29th March 10:00** Tenterden Town Hall *Witness Service*

**Saturday 30th March 09:00** St Mildred’s *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast

xxx Saint Andrew’s leading the catering team – help will be needed please

The total of the 2nd collection for the "White Flower” appeal was  £204.85.  Thank you for your generosity.