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**Newsletter for the week commencing 24th/25th August 2019**

**Twenty-first Sunday of the Year (C)**

**First Reading: Isaiah 66: 18-21** The book of Isaiah closes with a grandiose design of God wherein he will gather all nations and peoples under his rule

**Psalm: 116. Response:**  Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

**Second Reading: The letter to the Hebrews 12: 5-7; 11-13.** The author after assuring that all believers are children of God goes on to say that sonship and suffering go hand in hand because the Lord disciplines those whom he loves

**Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30.** Jesus does not answer the question regarding those who will be saved, but says that there is no easy road to heaven. Our lives must be focused on heaven in order to get there

**Father John writes:**

Every Sunday we have tea and coffee in the hall after Mass. If you come in for a cuppa this Sunday, you will have the added bonus of seeing the huge improvement in the hall floor – it looks really smart after the specialists have spent a couple of days doing it up. But the cost for me was the horrendous noise their machinery made while I was celebrating weekday morning Mass – my ears are still ringing!

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:** William Allen Davis, John Martin Hatherly, Michelle McKinnon

**Those ill or infirm:** Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton (in hospital) and Josie Payne.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Martin Saunders, Mary Roche, Duncan Bryant, Anne Williams (nee Cregan), Rosalie Robertson, Donald Hayesmore. Audrey Clark, Hester Rositer, Kevin Thornton, Dorothy Taylor, Violet Bruce=Norton and Mary Sheehan.

**This week’s events**

 **New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** Anthony (Tony) DeMello (1939-1987) was an Indian Jesuit priest. He is widely known for his ground-breaking and enduring work that integrates western and eastern spirituality, and he is regarded as one of the 20th century’s foremost spiritual philosophers. Through his still bestselling books, DeMello presents a method of self-inquiry he described as a practical spirituality, in which a simple practice of awareness leads to the level of personal transformation that can open to realms of enlightenment. Listen to excerpts from his recorded lectures at [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

**Sacred Heart Church in Goudhurst** would like to invite us to join them on a **day pilgrimage** to the Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham. It is **next Sat 31st Aug.**  If you are thinking about going book your place soon! Places are limited and reserved for £20pp. Forms are available at the back of the church with all the details for booking.

Choir rehearsals resume this Wednesday at 7 pm.

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 24th August | St Bartholomew, Apostle | 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday *people of the parish* |
| Sunday | 25th August | Twenty-first Sunday of the Year | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass *Graham Clarke RIP* |
| Monday | 26th August | Feria | 10:00am Mass |
| Tuesday | 27th August | St Monica | 10:00am Mass |
| Wednesday | 28th August | St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 29th August | The Passion of St John the Baptist | 9:00am Mass *deceased clergy* |
| Friday | 30th August | Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration *Michael White RIP (Jane Shenton)* |
| Saturday | 31st August | Feria | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 1st September | Twenty-second Sunday of the Year | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (31st August/1st September)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Noel J | Alexander W | Kevin T |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Louise Carter | Frances LawrenceCollette Iglinski |
| **Flowers** | Frances Lawrence | **Cleaners** | - |

**Forthcoming events**

There will be **no coffee morning in September** due to medical appointments.

There will be a **second collection on the 7th/8th September weekend** for the Catholic Education Service.

**The next Christian Breakfast Meeting** will be held on **Saturday21st September** 2019 from 8:30 to 10:30am at the Zion Baptist Church. Deacon Gehad Homsey will be speaking about the Mercy Ships charity. The cost will be £10 including full breakfast

**Ride and Stride Welcoming Volunteers sought.** The annual Ride and Stride takes place on **Saturday 14th September 2019** from 10.00am to 6.00pm. Can you **spare** an hour of your **time to welcome visitors** to St. Andrews that day? Duties are very light, and the riders and striders appreciate a friendly welcome and perhaps a glass of water or cup of tea. If you can volunteer, please enter your name on the list in the porch. For more information contact Rachel Heinrichsmeier (heinrichsmeier@btinternet.com). **We also need more riders and striders!** How about giving it a go. You don’t have to visit all the churches – give it a try. The churches in our area are beautiful ad varied! See the poster in the porch for details.

The Requiem Mass and Burial of Michele McKinnon will take place on Monday 2nd September at 11:30am.

The Requiem Mass and Burial of John Martin Hatherly will take place on Friday 6th September at 11.30am.