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**Newsletter for the week commencing 31st October 2021**

**All Saints**

**Entrance antiphon: Let us rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.**

**First Reading: Apocalypse 7: 2-4;9-14**

**Psalm23 Response: Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.**

**Second Reading: First letter of St John 3:1-3**

**Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12**

**Communion antiphon: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

**November is the month of Holy Souls**

**Blessing of graves** at Tenterden cemetery on **Sunday 7 November** at 11.30am.

**Special sequence of music and scripture** **Friday 12 November** at 10.30am

**Remembrance service** on **Sunday 21 November** at 3pm.

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

All Souls

As you know November is the month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory.  The holy souls need our prayers so that they can enjoy the complete happiness of Heaven.

The Catechism speaks of Purgatory as the final purification and teaches

All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. (CCC 1030)

From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead: (1032)

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*All Souls' Day*, painting by [Jakub Schikaneder](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jakub_Schikaneder), 1888

I would encourage you to have Holy Mass offered for all your deceased relatives during the month of November.  Please also consider coming to Tenterden cemetery on the 7 November for the service and blessing of graves after the morning Mass and our service of prayer and remembrance on 21 November at 3pm.

Best wishes

Father Behr

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**

**Those ill or infirm:** Charlotte Elliot (daughter of Maureen Davidson), Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Josie Payne, Pat Holland and all those self-isolating or suffering from COVID-19.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Maureen Gilberto, John Dumbleton, Arthur Mollett, Lucy Mullins, Joseph Venables, Eric Ronald Booth and Norah Reed.

**Congratulations** to Lucie Burrows on making her First Holy Communion this Sunday!

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| **This week’s services (30th October – 6th November),**  **Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** | | | |
| **Saturday 30th October**  10am Mass  6pm Vigil Mass | The Blessed Virgin Mary  *Father Gerrit Vervenne RIP*  *Private intention* | **Thursday 4th November**  10am Mass | St Charles Borromeo, Bishop  *Mass for Priests* |
| **Sunday 31st October**  10am Mass  12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass | **ALL SAINTS**  *People of the Parish* | **Friday 5th November**  10am Mass | Feria  *Private intention* |
| **Monday 1st November**  10am Mass | Feria  *Anne Nichols well-being* | **Saturday 6th November**  10am Mass  6pm Vigil Mass | The Blessed Virgin Mary  *People of the Parish* |
| T**uesday 2nd November**  10am Mass | THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED  *Holy Souls* | **Sunday 7th November**  10am Mass  12 midday Traditional Latin Mass | Thirty-second Sunday (B)  *John Dumbleton RIP* |
| **Wednesday 3rd November** 10am Service of the Word and Holy Communion | St Martin de Porres |  |  |
| **Flowers: For 7th November - Breeda** | | | |

***Synod***

*A two-year ‘synodal’ process is taking place in the Catholic Church from October 2021 that culminates in the final Synod Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. The overall theme is “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission”.*

*A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, ‘journeys together.’ How is this ‘journeying together’ happening today in your local Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our ‘journeying together’?*

*Parish Meetings*

**Dates for Synod meetings at St Andrew’s between the Parish delegate Kathleen Bishop and parishioners:**

Please try to attend one of these meetings and give your opinions and ideas. The meetings will last an hour and you only have to attend one!

**In person:**

**Friday 5 November** after 10am Mass

**Sunday 21 November** after 10am Mass

**Online:**

**Monday 8 November** 7.30pm Zoom Meeting

**Thank you** to everyone who offered to help with the **Manger Trail** but regretfully we have cancelled the Trail this year and will just concentrate on the **Christmas Tree Festival**.

**A new networking group for clubs & groups!!!**

Tenterden Community Action Network “CAN Do” is being formed to continue the positive, innovative and collaborative thinking that has seen us through the past eighteen months. We are stronger together!

Being part of a wider group will make us all stronger in the future and enable Tenterden to naturally develop more sustainable ideas.

Our first networking event is in St Mildred's Church on Monday 1 November 2021 at 5pm.

All community groups are welcome to come along and join in, meet other community groups. There's no need to tell us you're coming - just pop in!

See you there!