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Newsletter for the week commencing 30th/31st March 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

The long wait of the people to occupy the Promised Land is over. After having occupied the land they celebrate the Passover and enjoy the produce of the land, and the manna ceases.

Psalm 34 - Response: 6.00pm Taste and see that the Lord is good.

8.30 and 10.30am Taste and see, taste and see that the Lord is good, the Lord is good.

Second Reading: Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul informs the Corinthians that after having attained a new identity in Christ on account of their faith in him, they are eligible to become ambassadors of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32

The parables of the lost and found are told by Jesus in response to the murmur of the Pharisees and the Scribes at Jesus' association with the underprivileged.

Father John writes:

The most important liturgical week in the year, *Holy Week*, is not far away. The most helpful thing I can do today is to give you the times of our *Services* so that you can get them into your diary immediately. Our reconciliation *Service* to prepare ourselves is on **THURSDAY 11TH April at 6pm.** (Fr Michael Woodgate will join us, to hear *Confessions*) *Holy Week* starts with **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord on Sunday 14th April** with our *Vigil* and *Sunday Masses* at the usual times. (On *Wednesday 17th April a.m.*, the *Chrism Mass* in *Our Cathedral* in *Southwark* will include the blessing of the *Holy Oils*).

On the **18th April Maundy Thursday at 7.30 pm** *The Mass of the Lord's Supper* will be celebrated. On the **19th April Good Friday at 3pm** the main *Service* is *the Passion of the Lord*. (Prior to that at 10am the *Ecumenical Good Friday Service* is outside the *Town Hall* in *Tenterden High Street* - no procession this year due administration difficulties). **The principle Mass of the Year is the Holy Saturday Vigil and Mass on the 20th April at 9pm.** Finally of course, on *Sunday the 21st April* the two *Masses* at the usual time (8.30am & 10.30am) celebrating **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.**

Your Prayers are asked for:

Those recently deceased:

Those ill or infirm: Alan Davis, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth and Patricia Hook

Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Don Woodman, Gladys Bennett, Angela Hill, Evelyn Hargreaves, Raymond Ellis, John Hill, Kathleen Lawrence, Peter Schouter, Alex Hatch and John Witham.

This week's events

The daily reflections from Southwark's Stewardship Team <http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv> gives Lenten thoughts, Scripture and prayer to help your Spiritual journey.

Lent Lunches: Each Friday from 12:00 to 14:00, during Lent, a team from the Christian Churches in Tenterden will be serving a ploughman's lunch with soup in Saint Mildred's Church Hall. This is an opportunity to meet up and help raise some money as, after costs, profits will be sent to Christian Aid.

Stations of the Cross: Each Sunday afternoon, during Lent, at 16:00, one of the clergy will lead you along the Way of the Cross. The "stations" is an ancient devotion following Our Lord on the way to the cross. This devotion can also be made by individuals and groups at a time to suit themselves. Examples of various Way devotional booklets are available in the porch to borrow and use on these occasions but please return them afterwards! Thank you.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week "There are certain threshold moments when we sense something of the destiny to which we are called. Such moments unsettle us. We long to hear the *cantus firmus* (the enduring melody) sound louder in our souls, for that vague horizon of our ultimate vocation to become clearer in our hearts." Daniel O'Leary, renowned priest, author and teacher, an inspiration to countless people, died this January, but his inspiring weekly reflections can still be accessed. For these, and other rich online spiritual resources, visit www.newpilgrimpath.ie

Coffee morning, Thursday 4th April, 11.30am. There will be another interesting talk on Unknown Tenterden by Jack Gillitt, Archivist, assisted by Alan in charge of slides. Do come along and enjoy a cup of coffee, good company and fascinating facts about your local area! All are welcome.

This week's services

Day	Date	Feast	Time/Detail
Saturday	30th March	Feria	6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday <i>Terry Campbell RIP</i>
Sunday	31st March	Fourth Sunday of Lent	8:30am Mass <i>people of the parish</i> 10:30am Mass <i>Peter Saunders RIP (Maureen)</i>
Monday	1 st April	Feria	10:00am Mass <i>Reynolds family RIP (Bridget)</i>
Tuesday	2 nd April	Feria	10:00am Mass <i>Dennis Unwin RIP (Josie)</i>
Wednesday	3 rd April	Feria	10:00am Mass followed by Adoration
Thursday	4 th April	Feria	9:00am Mass
Friday	5 th April	Feria	10:00am Mass followed by Adoration
Saturday	6 ^h April	Feria	10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	7 th April	Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)	8:30am Mass 10:30am Mass

Next week's responsibilities (6th/7th April)

	6:00pm Saturday	8:30am Sunday	10:30am Sunday
Reader	Roger S	Peter L	Alvin T
Extra-ordinary Ministers			
Flowers	Lent – no flowers	Cleaners	Liz and David

Repository Sale.

We will have a selection of Easter Cards on sale from this weekend together with our usual large range of Mass, Birthday, Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You and Anniversary cards. We also stock Missals, Medals, Bibles, Rosaries and Prayer Books. The Repository is available on request after all weekend Masses. Nuala

Reminder! BIG church clean: Saturday 13th April 2019. If you have signed up to help it's nearly time to sort out those buckets and cloths! There is still time to volunteer if you are free and willing to help. It will help make St. Andrew's sparkling for Easter. Food will be provided. To sign up or find out more please ask Brian Lawrence or Rachel and Martin Heinrichsmeier (tel. 01233 860256, email heinrichsmeier@btinternet.com)