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**Newsletter for the week commencing 26th March 2023**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)**

**Entrance antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning, rescue me, for you, God, are my strength.**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12-14**

**Psalm 129 Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

**Second Reading: The letter of St Paul to the Romans 8: 8-11**

**Acclamation:** **Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**Gospel: John 11: 1-45**

**Communion antiphon: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

**Holy Week at St Andrew’s**

Monday 3 April Mass at 10am followed by Stations of the Cross.

Tuesday 4 April 10am Mass

Wednesday 5 April Word and Communion followed by Stations of the Cross

Thursday 6 April Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7.30pm with washing of feet.

Good Friday 7 April Ecumenical witness service at the Town Hall at 10.30am

Good Friday Passion at 3pm

Holy Saturday 8 April Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm

Easter Sunday 9 April Mass at 10am

Traditional Latin Mass at 12pm

**I encourage everyone to take part in the Sacred Triduum.**

**Fr Behr**

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:** Angela Clarke – Funeral Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, 4th April at 12:15

**Those ill or infirm:** Jane McKinnon, June Munton, Maureen Escott, 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:** Elizabeth Trevor, Ann Clark, Sheila Newington, Don Woodman, Gladys Bennett and Angela Hill.

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| **This week’s services (25th March -1st April), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** | |
| **Saturday 25th March**  **The Annunciation of the Lord** | No public Mass am  10.30 -11am Confession  6pm Vigil Mass*Cinzia and Family* **Reader: Pat** |
| **Sunday 26th March**  **Fifth Sunday of Lent** | 10am Mass *People of the Parish* **Reader: Suzanne**  12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Monday 27th March**  Feria | 10am Mass *Kathy Buckman and Family* |
| **Tuesday 28th March**  Feria | **9am** Mass *Donor’s Intention* |
| **Wednesday 29th March**  Feria | 10am Service of the Word and Holy Communion |
| **Thursday 30th March**  Feria | 9am-10am Adoration  10am Mass *Holy Mass for Priests* |
| **Friday 31st March**  Feria | 10am Mass *Brian & Judy Leeper RIP*  10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 1st April**  **Vigil Mass of Sunday** | No public Mass am  10.30 -11am Confession  6pm Vigil Mass *People of the Parish*  **Reader: Pat, Peter** |
| **Sunday 2nd April**  **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** | 10am Mass *Ron Basher RIP* **Reader: Rachel, Kathy**  12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Palms for 1st/2nd April – Hilary/Altar of Repose, Maundy Thursday – Suzanne** | |
| **Cleaners: Pre-Easter Clean – all helpers welcome** | |

**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**

Lorraine has brought back Children’s Liturgy at the 10am Mass on te first Sunday of every month. All children who have not made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend.  The next lesson is on Sunday 2 April.

**Children’s Station of the Cross**

**Sunday 26th March straight after 10am Mass.**

Please stay after Mass and take part in this special devotional for Lent.

**Season of Lent at St Andrew**

**Stations of the Cross:**

Wednesday after the Word and Communion service.

Saturday evening 5.30pm before the 6pm Mass

**Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary**

after the morning Mass on Tuesday and Friday.

**Beginning Experience Weekend**

If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your spouse, a residential weekend to help you heal will be held from 21st to 23rd April 2023 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322 838415 or Maura 07795 498445

or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

**The St Bernadette Relic Tour Team**

have released a fantastic new legacy film to commemorate 2022’s hugely successful visit, see [St Bernadette UK Relic Tour - A Pilgrimage of Faith - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HY8iT2GioM)

**Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 18th-25th August.**

Message from Bishop Paul.” After the restrictions of the past few years, I’m delighted that we are now once more able to include support for pilgrims who need assistance for medical or mobility reasons. In Lourdes, those who are often marginalised are placed at the centre, and we who travel with them are blessed by their presence. I warmly invite you to join us”. For details, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/southwark-ca>

**Request for Volunteers**

**12 Volunteers are needed for the washing of feet part of the service on Maundy Thursday.**

**3 oil bearers are also needed for the Maundy Thursday service. Please let Deacon Jolyon or Fr Behr know if you are able to help.**

**The 2nd collection** for poor parishes was £181.24 of which £22.00 was gift aid.

**THE BIG EASTER CLEAN NEXT SATURDAY 1st April**

**If you can help, come along on Saturday morning. There will be refreshments and lots of thanks!**

**HELP TO MAKE OUR CHURCH LOOK BEAUTIFUL FOR EASTER.**