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**Newsletter for the week commencing 3rd/4th August 2019**

**Eighteenth Sunday of the Year**

**First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23** In his characteristic style, the author says that everything is vanity for he considers it an injustice if the profit of a person’s hard work goes to another who has done nothing to deserve it

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

**Second Reading: The Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11** Paul exhorts the Colossians to set their minds on things that are above. He also persuades them to put away immorality, impurity, evil desires and other vices

**Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21** A man wants Jesus to settle his property issues. Instead of heeding his plea, Jesus tells the parable of the rich fool

**Father John writes:**

Recently at weekday Masses we have been reading about Moses leading God’s people through the desert. They were a troublesome people. Moses prayed for them in these words: “Let my Lord come with us, I beg. True they are a headstrong people but forgive us our faults and our sins….”

Do we pray for the people around us? I think sometimes we completely forget to do so. Moses didn’t pray for THEM (those troublesome people) but prayed for US – he identified with these awkward and headstrong people “forgive us **our** faults and **our** sins”. Instead of standing apart from these uncooperative people, Moses saw himself as one with them. Surely that is how we should pray for all the people around us who never enter a church, who so often completely ignore their Christian heritage. We pray not only for forgiveness for our personal failings, but being at one with our neighbourhood, we share with all of them our common journey.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

Those recently deceased: William AllenDavis, John Martin Hatherly

**Those ill or infirm:** Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook and Elena Peck (Senior)

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Andrew Iglinski, Anne Morton, Joseph Corcoran, Sylvia Ulph, Ronald Carey, David Collard, Eva Ford and Evelyn Robertson.

**This week’s events**

 **New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.**  “We do not know how to pray”, says St Paul, “but the Spirit prays within us, deeper than words”. For the prayer of the Spirit of Jesus to well up in our hearts, flood our hearts, and overflow in us, we have first to become still, to concentrate. Benedictine monk, Laurence Freeman, who heads the ecumenical World Community of Christian Meditation, introduces the ancient and simple Christian path of meditation. Access it **at**[**www.NewPilgrimPath.ie**](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

**A message from Archbishop John Wilson**

Dear friends,
Today, Thursday 25th of July 2019, the Church keeps the Feast of the great Apostle St James. It is also the date of my formal Installation as the eleventh Archbishop of Southwark which will take place in St George’s Cathedral.
I begin my new ministry in the joy and hope that comes from faith in the Lord Jesus, once crucified and now forever risen from the dead. In the Gospel reading from St Matthew, which we shall hear during the Installation Mass, the Lord Jesus proclaims that he came ‘not to be served, but to serve.’ This is the pattern for all discipleship and mission in the Church. We are to be servants of each other in the strength of the love of Christ which has been poured into our hearts.
I very much look forward to getting to know the people of the Archdiocese, its parishes, schools, and religious communities. I have much to learn and I will need your support and collaboration as we work together to share our faith in word and action.
Please pray for me, and for the priests, deacons, religious and lay people of the Archdiocese. And please be sure of my prayers for you, in particular if you, or your loved ones, are sick or facing any kind of difficulty or suffering.
We are one body in Christ, and we step forward together with trust in God’s living and loving presence in our lives.
With every blessing
Yours sincerely in Christ

The Most Rev. John Wilson
Archbishop of Southwark

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 3rd August | Our Lady | 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 4th August | Eighteenth Sunday | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass: welfare of *Elena Peck (Mary)* |
| Monday | 5th August | Feria | 10:00am Mass: *private intention* |
| Tuesday | 6th August | The Transfiguration of the Lord | 10:00am Mass *Elena (Maria)* |
| Wednesday | 7th August | St Sixtus, St Cajetan | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 8th August | St Dominic | 9:00am Mass |
| Friday | 9th August | St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 10th August | St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 11th August | Nineteenth Sunday | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (10th/11th August)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Charles O | Alexander W | Maria Palin |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Peter LonerganTBA | Liz DumbletonFrances Lawrence |
| **Flowers** | Susan W | **Cleaners** | Rachel & Martin Heinrichsmeier |

**Regular activities**

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| Event | Where | When |
| Mothers’ Prayers | The Parish Room | Tuesdays at 4.30pm |
| Choir practice | St Andrew’s Church | Wednesdays at 7.00pm |

**Forthcoming events**

**Just to keep it at the forefront of your minds…**

Don’t forget the annual **Ride and Stride** event which will take place on **14th September 2019** from 10.00am to 6.00pm. **Discover Kent's churches** by bicycle or on foot… and help support the Church at the same time! You’ve got plenty of time to build up your stamina! More information and reminders will appear in upcoming newsletters. Meanwhile, contact Rachel Heinrichsmeier (heinrichsmeier@btinternet.com) or check out: <http://friendsofkentchurches.co.uk/ride-and-stride/details-for-riders/>

The Requiem Mass and burial of William Allen Davis RIP will be held on Tuesday 20th August at 11:30am.

The Requiem Mass and burial of John Martin Hatherly RIP will be held on Friday 6th September at 11:30am.