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**Newsletter for the week commencing 30th August 2020**

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary time (A)**

**Entrance antiphon**: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call you.

**First Reading**: Jeremiah 20: 7-9

**Psalm 62 Response**: For you my soul is thirsting, o Lord my God.

**Second Reading**: Romans 12: 1-2

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 16: 21-27

**Communion antiphon**: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

It has been a just over a month since my appointment as parish priest of Tenterden.  I have been enjoying visiting parishioners in their gardens and have been able to visit some of our sick and housebound parishioners.  I am so happy to see so many parishioners at Mass on Sunday and during the week.

I am grateful for all the kind words of encouragement and the support I have received.  In better times we would be gathering together as a parish to plan social and spiritual activities together and to reflect on our mission as a parish.

If you would like to arrange a visit please send me an email or contact me by phone on 07903986646.

I am also available for confession by appointment with lots of flexibility to choose a time that is convenient for you.

Let us pray for one another and ask the Lord to guide us in the coming months.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased**: Michael McDermott RIP, Linda Wolff RIP, Gregory Munton RIP

**Those ill or infirm:** Jennifer Jorden, Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton, Josie Payne, Joe Venables. Pat Holland and all those self-isolating or suffering from COVID-19.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Violet Bruce-Norton, Mary Sheehan, Joseph Langley, Doris Diego, Barbara Winter, George Goodman, Ena Dowson, Matilda Hannah and Mary Nolan.

**This week**

**This week’s services (30th August – 5th September) until social distancing is relaxed:**

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| **Mass will be held daily at 10am except on Wednesday when there will be** **a Service of the Word and Holy Communion at 10am** |
| **Feasts during the week** |
| Sunday 30th August  | 22nd Sunday (A) | Thursday 3rd September | St Gregory the Great, Pope |
| Monday 31st August | St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne | Friday 4th September | St Cuthbert, Priest |
| Tuesday 1st September**See note below re Mass time today** | Feria | Saturday 5th September | Feria *Michael McDermott RIP* |
| Wednesday 2nd September | Feria |  |  |
| **In these strange times the only rota which is operational is the flower rota so …** |
| **For Sunday 6th September** | **Breda Ferguson** |

**Please note temporary change to Mass time on Tuesday 1st September.  Mass is at 9am.**

**Tuesday 1st September is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

A reminder for all you walkers and cyclists **RIDE AND STRIDE** is back again this autumn – 12th September to be exact! For details of how to take part and raise a bit of money for good causes, see the **poster and leaflets in the church porch**!

A message from Fr John: -

“I am most grateful to all of you who gave me the magnificent Camellia bush for my tiny garden here. Especially I thank Deacon Jolyon for organising this kind gift. I have been carefully nurturing it with rainwater rather than tap water. - but now the heavens are supplying it in abundance! You are welcome to visit my bush (and me!). Once again, many thanks. Fr John. “

And finally, some notices that might make you smile – or groan!

On a repair shop door:
WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK.)

Message on a leaflet:
IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS.