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**Newsletter for the week commencing 14th/15th September**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year (C)**

**First Reading:** Exodus 32: 7-11,13-14 Though God’s anger blazed against the Israelites for so quickly deserting him by making the molten calf, the pleadings of Moses for kindness are accepted by God.

**Psalm:** 50 **Response:**  I will leave this place and go to my father.

**Second Reading:** The first letter of St Paul to Timothy 1: 12-17 By Paul’s own admission he has formerly blasphemed and persecuted the Church out of ignorance. Thus Paul can be trusted when he says that Christ has come to the world to save sinners.

**Gospel:** Luke 15: 1-32 Responding to the murmuring of the Jewish authorities about Jesus’ association with the sinners, Jesus tells three stories about the lost and found which are among the most enriching in the Gospel tradition.

**Deacon Jolyon writes:**

 We are most grateful to Canon Michael Bunce for providing cover to allow Father John to go away on holiday.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased.**

**Those ill or infirm:** Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton (in hospital) and Josie Payne

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Doreen Richardson, John (Christian) Gray, Sidonia Munn, James O’Leary, Joan Carey, Josie Parsons, Sheila Allen, John Cregan and Hugh Blake

**This week’s events**

**There is a second collection this weekend** for the support of the Home Mission. This collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization.

**The Church will be closed** this coming Friday (20th September) due to the absence of Fr John and Deacon Jolyon.

 **New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** Founded by the American Quaker theologian, Richard Foster, Renovaré(from the Latin "to renew" or "to restore") is an ecumenical Christian non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals and churches to become better Christians by engaging in "intentional Christian spiritual formation." Renovaré encourages people to develop a balanced vision of Christian faith and witness which draws on the experience of the whole church - across all denominations, and throughout Christian history - and to develop that into a practical strategy for spiritual growth, drawing on classical religious activities, such as prayer, Bible reading, worship, meditation, fasting, and silence. For this, and other rich online spiritual resources, visit [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

**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 |

If anyone has any last-minute items that need to go in the newsletter for next week please send them to Brian Lawrence (b.lawrence999@btinternet.com) on Thursday or Friday as I will be unavailable at the tail-end of the week. Thank you!

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 14th September | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross | 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 15th September | Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass12.30pm - Latin *extraordinary rite* |
| Monday | 16th September | Sts Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop - Martyrs | 10.00am Liturgy of the Word |
| Tuesday | 17th September | St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church | No Mass today |
| Wednesday | 18th September | St. Edith of Kemsing | 10:00am Liturgy of the Word followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 19th September | St Theodore of Canterbury | No Mass today |
| Friday | 20th September | St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs | NO SERVICES TODAY - CHURCH CLOSED  |
| Saturday | 21st September | St Matthew, Apostle | 6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 22nd September | Twenty-fifth Sunday ( C ) | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (21st/22nd September)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Charles O | Nick C | Chris Leahy |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Louise CarterMichael Payne | Rani ThomasTBA |
| **Flowers** | Breeda | **Cleaners** | Liz & David |

**Forthcoming events**

The **Christian Breakfast Meeting** will be **next Saturday,** September **21st**, 2019, 8.30-10.30am. Gehad Homsey will be talking about the Mercy Ships Charity and it will be held at the **Zion Baptist Church**. The cost is £10 and includes a full breakfast!

At **Churches Together in Tenterden and District**, we are always looking at ways to emphasise the Christian Christmas theme during the late-night shopping weekend in the Town, which takes place on the **22nd to 24th November 2019**.

**We are planning an event** in Saint Mildred's, for which **details will be following** and support invited!

**In addition**, following the success of 2018, when nearly 1000 people came to see them, we are holding **Tenterden’s second Christmas Tree Festival. We shall be supporting Team Ben Hammond and Christmas Cheer for Tenterden**, encouraging donations from those who come to view the trees.It would be wonderful if the congregation of St Andrew’s would enter a tree. **This year’s theme** is ‘Ballets and Pantomimes’ – choose one or several!It is suggested that the tree is decorated and given a title. The **tree’s** **dimensions** should be up to 6’ high and 4’ wide. Over the period, Zion Baptist church will be open for everyone to come and see our tree, alongside the other entrants. The public even get the opportunity to vote for their favourite! **This year it is *free*to enter your tree**.

If there is a **team from St Andrew’s** who would like to enter a tree for the festival, please **let Jolyon know by 1st of October.**