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**Newsletter for the week commencing 30th July – 5th August 2023**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**Entrance antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

**First Reading: First book of Kings 3: 5, 7-12**

**Psalm 116 Response: Lord, how I love your law!**

**Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 8: 28-30**

**Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52**

**Communion antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

The feast of the Transfiguration is on Sunday 6 August.

With the release of the film ‘Oppenheimer’ we are reminded again of the atomic bombs which were dropped on Hiroshima on the 6 August 1945 and on Nagasaki on the 9 August a few days later. Historians estimate that over 200,000 people died as a direct result of the atomic bombs.

The history of Christianity in Japan is deeply connected with Nagasaki as St Francis Xavier established the first Christian Mission there in 1543.

Shigemi Fukahori, a Catholic from Nagasaki who was 14 when the bomb dropped said “In Japan World War II started on December 8th, the same day as the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It also ended on August 15th, the day of the Assumption of Mary. The bomb exploded over Urakami Valley; the highest number of Christians in Nagasaki live there. I believe the war ended because of our sacrifice.”

<https://blog.nationalgeographic.org/2015/10/08/nagasakis-hidden-christians-survive-persecution-and-the-atomic-bomb/>

Th~~e~~ documentary below tells the extraordinary story of eight Jesuits living in Hiroshima during the Second World War. Although their house was less than a mile away from the blast all those who were in the house survived.  This fascinating documentary includes archive footage.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=-Qg1WQ2bwqc&feature=share>

There is an urgent need to pray for peace. Please join us for the Rosary every Friday after Mass as we ask for the prayers of Our Lady Queen of Peace.

**Fr Behr**

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased: Mike Mackenzie RIP, Angela Margaret Gosling RIP (Rachel’s mother)**

**Those ill or infirm:** Mara McDermot, Jane McKinnon, June Munton, 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:** Lilliana Mortimer, Peter Taylor, Philomena Parker, Patricia O’Hea and Andrew Iglinski.

Requiem Mass for Michael Mackenzie is Tuesday 29th August at 11am

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| **This week’s services (29th July to 5th August), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** | |
| **Saturday 29th July**  Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus | No public Mass am  10.30 -11am Confession  6pm Vigil Mass *Edwina Finn*  **Reader: Peter** |
| **Sunday 30th July**  **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (A)** | 10am Mass *People of the Parish* **Reader: Kathy**  12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Monday 31st July**  St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest | 10am Mass *Patrick Fealey Wellbeing* |
| **Tuesday 1st August**  St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church | **No Mass today** |
| **Wednesday 2nd August**  Feria | 10am Service of the Word and Holy Communion |
| **Thursday 3rd August**  Feria | 9am-10am Adoration  10am Mass *Donor’s Intention* |
| **Friday 4th August**  St John Vianney, Priest | 10am Mass *Sanctification of Priests*  10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 5th August**  The Blessed Virgin Mary | No public Mass am  10.30 -11am Confession  6pm Vigil Mass *People of the Parish*   **Reader: Kathy** |
| **Sunday 6th August**  **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD** | 10am Mass *Angela Margaret Gosling RIP* **Reader: Suzanne**  12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Flowers: for 6th August - Hilary** | |
| **Cleaners: for 5th/6th August – Brian & Frances** | |

**The Tree surgeon is coming on Thursday 9 August so car park will have limited space all morning.**

**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**

Children’s Liturgy at the 10am Mass on the first Sunday of every month. All children who have not made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend.  The next lesson with Lorraine **September 3.**

**Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, to Walsingham Saturday 5th August, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald.**

Please join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

For details go to [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](https://prolifepilgrimage1967-dot-yamm-track.appspot.com/2ZQKTjZdVYXR0r5kyexMElRdK6etUVs5HO0N3byBReFk_LbnxiAEHWrtNnJERooz8ntA4csK_LUD_uX2IvBgsr6hSvN191jIYrUG-H0va_ffWt-ynCSov_iaXzIOM2Qq9EZjf9aESUtET7WUOTXPACG1vBFGbDHyzFXD0sb8cxjJP_3JywjeksadCCaQrtimYK_LO8js)

**EVANGELIUM CONFERENCE 18-20 August 2023**

**Young Catholics 18-35**

Oratory School Reading

Guest speakers include Fr Marcus Holden, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, Brenden Thompson, Dr Caroline Farey, Fiorella Nash, Fr Pius Collins, Fr Mark Vickers, Matthew Ward, Fr Royston Price.

**A SPECIAL CELEBRATION!**

If you are one of the **volunteers at St Andrew’s** you **are cordially invited**!

**Doreen Kennell** will be 90 and is having **a tea party** to commemorate this milestone

on **Sunday August 20th from 4pm.**

To know how many to cater for there will be a **sheet in the porch** for you to sign if you are able to come.

If you would like to bring something tasty to make it extra special it would be gratefully received.

(Please let us know what you might bring, on the sheet).

**Doreen works tirelessly for our church – let’s show her our appreciation!**

**Ride & Stride (Friends of Kent Churches): Saturday 9th September 2023, 10am - 6pm**

It's that Ride & Stride time of year again! By taking part in the annual Ride & Stride you can:

* keep fit
* visit some of Tenterden's and Kent's beautiful churches on foot or by bicycle
* Support St. Andrew’s: the money you raise is divided equally between the church of your choice and the Friends of Kent Churches

You can ride and stride alone or plan a route with friends and family. You can cover the churches of a single town, like Tenterden, or go further afield. You can walk or ride for an hour or devote a day to it. Every little counts!

Sponsorship forms and list of participating churches are available for download at the Friends of Kent Churches website at <https://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk/downloads>

We shall also need kind volunteers to greet riders and striders and sign their forms.

If you can spare just one an hour on Saturday 9th September, please sign the form

at the back of the church (and include your contact number please).

**Catholic Quiz Answers. 1c, 2b, 3c, 4a, 5d, 6b How did you do?**

**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, Sept. 23rd, 3pm, at St George’s Cathedral**

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let your parish know as soon as possible, **and no later than the end of July**, providing the following details:  your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your email address, home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass.  Spaces are limited.  You can also get in touch with us at [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g., Ashford, Canterbury.

**Marriage and Family Life Kent**

**Archdiocese of Southwark 2023 Autumn Assembly**by the**Justice & Peace Commission**on **Saturday 23rd September 2023**entitled **The Right to Stay: Free to Choose** in response to the message of the Holy Father for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, **at St Edmund of Canterbury Catholic Church, 20 Village Way, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3NP**.  Parish Mass 10am.  Registration 10.30am.  Programme starts 11am. Finishes 4pm. Free Entrance. Donations suggested. Lunch provided. All welcome.  Keynote speaker: Rt. Rev. Paul McAleenan, Bishop for Migration & Refugees and Member of the Department for International Affairs at the Bishops Conference for England and Wales **on ‘Love the Stranger’**, What really happened at Napier Barracks?  To reserve a place email justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk

There will be a Seminar entitled "Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities". This seminar will take place at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023.

You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast.

On that day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark. For more information and registration, please use this link

https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/. Or write us: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk.

Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. Registration is FREE.

[**https://saintant.com/evangelium-conference/**](https://saintant.com/evangelium-conference/)