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**Newsletter for the week commencing 11th September 2022**

**Twenty fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

**Entrance antiphon: Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.**

**First Reading: Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14**

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

**Second Reading: First letter of St Paul to Timothy 1: 12-17**

**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: Luke 15: 1-32**

**Communion antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.**

**Father Behr writes:**

**Dear Parishioners**

Pope Francis has offered his condolences to King Charles III and all the members of the Royal family.

"I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late Queen’s eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, I assure Your Majesty of my prayers that Almighty God will sustain you with his unfailing grace as you now take up your high responsibilities as King,” the Pontiff told King Charles. “Upon you and all who cherish the memory of your late mother, I invoke an abundance of divine blessings as a pledge of comfort and strength in the Lord.”  Pope Francis said in a telegram to King Charles.



Elizabeth II in 2015

**Statement from Archbishop John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark, on the Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

The announcement of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is a cause of great sadness for her beloved family, for the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth, and all people of goodwill.

We give thanks to Almighty God for Her Majesty’s life of unfailing dedication and the outstanding example of Her Majesty’s service, faithful unto death.

As a devoted disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, Her Majesty witnessed to the Gospel of God’s love for all people and worked tirelessly to strengthen harmony, to defend justice and to promote peace. We now pray for the repose of her soul, remembering the promise of Christ, who is the Resurrection and the life: ‘I am with you always, even until the end of time.’ (Mt 28:20) May Her Majesty rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for our King, for the Queen Consort and for all the Royal Family at this time of bereavement. We offer to them our deepest sympathy and condolence.

Let us also pray for our United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, grateful to God for Queen Elizabeth II’s remarkable life and selfless commitment to the promises she made at her Coronation. Her Majesty has been a part of all our lives and we shall miss her deeply.

We beseech you Almighty God, that your servant Elizabeth, who by your mercy received the government of this realm, and who dedicated her life entirely to the service of her people, may now rest from her labours in the peace of Christ which surpasses all understanding. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Archbishop John Wilson

Archbishop of Southwark and Metropolitan

**Feast Exaltation of the Holy Cross Wednesday 10am**

During a special Mass on Wednesday to mark this feast we will **offer Mass for the repose of the soul of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and for the comfort of her family.**

**Memorial Mass for Monsignor Ted Hill RIP**

We will be having a memorial Mass on Friday 30 September at 7.30pm to pray for Fr Ted and to give thanks to God for his time as parish priest of St Andrew.

After Mass refreshments will be available in the parish centre which was Fr Ted’s legacy to our parish.

Please let me or Jolyon know if you are coming so we have an idea of how many people to cater for.

**Abortion**

A recent BBC poll found that 15% of British women had experienced pressure or coercion to have an abortion that they did not want. This abuse must be stopped. Please sign SPUC’s petition calling on the Health Secretary to urgently commission research into the area of abortion coercion, and in so doing recognise coerced abortion as a priority for health & social policy www.spuc.org.uk/coercion

Best Wishes

Father Behruz Rafat

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased: Monsignor Ted Hill RIP; Queen Elizabeth II RIP**

**Those ill or infirm:** Ailish Cantwell (Jones), Sylwia Dorosz, Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck, 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:** Anne Holmes, Bunny Horton, Jocelyn Stevenson, Philomena Curtin, Doreen Richardson, John (Christian) Gray, Sidonia Munn and James O’Leary.

**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.

**Relics of Saint Bernadette**

This weekend, the Relics of St Bernadette begin their pilgrimage across England, Wales and Scotland. We ask the Lord’s blessing on this pilgrimage and hope that the physical presence of the Saint’s relics in our land will inspire not only a deeper love of Our Lord and Our Lady, but an increase of faith in all our people. Details of the pilgrimage can be found on the dedicated website: https://stbernadette.org.uk

**World Day for Migrants and refugees 25th September 2022**

This International Day of Prayer will be celebrated on 25 September 2022.

**Funeral Mass: Monsignor Ted Hill RIP - Thursday 15th September at 12.30pm**

at The Church of St. Cecilia, North Cheam (Stonecot Hill, North Cheam SM3 9HN)

Followed by Internment at Sutton and Merton Cemetery.  May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Pact (Prison Advice & Care Trust)** invites you to join them at an online Just People Workshop taking place on **Saturday 17th September, 9.30am – 3pm, via Zoom.**

Free to attend, it offers an opportunity to reflect upon Scripture, Church Teaching and Catholic Social Teaching through the lens of people affected by imprisonment in the Archdiocese of Southwark and beyond.

Register here: [Just People Workshops | Prison Advice and Care Trust](https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/justpeople-workshops)

For more information contact Marie on marie.norbury@prisonadvice.org.uk  or call 07581 194907

**Please note the change in Mass times this week due to Monsignor Ted’s funeral.**

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| **This week’s services (10th – 17th September), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 10th September**Feria | 10am Mass *Liz Evans Intentions* 10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil *Barrett Family and Friends* **Reader: James** |
| **Sunday 11th September** **Twenty fourth Sunday ( C )** | 10am Mass *People of the Parish* **Reader: Frances**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Monday 12th September** Most Holy Name of Mary | 10am Mass *Stephen Holland RIP* |
| **Tuesday 13th September**St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church | 10am Mass *Donor’s Intention* |
| **Wednesday 14th September****The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** | **10am Mass *Queen Elizabeth II RIP*** |
| **Thursday 15th September**Our Lady of Sorrows | **No Services** |
| **Friday 16th September**Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs | 10am Mass *Afrodite Ghawi RIP*10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 17th September**Feria | **No Mass**10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil *Nadia Ghawi RIP* **Reader: Charles** |
| **Sunday 18th September****Twenty fifth Sunday (C)** | 10am Mass *People of the Parish* **Reader: Collette**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Flowers: for 18th September - Breeda** |
| **Readers: for Saturday 17th September - Charles/Sunday 18th September - Collette** |

Lecture on "**Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe – Insights from the Vatican**"

Monday 19 September 6.30pm (Doors 6pm).Baroness Sheila Hollins will deliver the Catholic Union Craigmyle at the University of Notre Dame (1 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HG). In person and live streamed.

Free, all welcome and followed by a Drinks Reception**.**To register and for livestream link, see [Eventbrite](https://catholicunion.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ce9496ddf55217db00d2d018a&id=12c55ccca7&e=6a5c66828b) or register at info@catholicunion.org.uk or 020 8749 1321. Please subscribe to the Catholic Union’s [Weekly Briefing](https://catholicunion.org.uk/weekly-briefings/) and for further information please visit [www.catholicunion.org.uk](http://www.catholicunion.org.uk/)



**NEXT SATURDAY…**

**Tenterden Christian Breakfasts**

**Zion Baptist Church are kindly hosting the second combined (Men & Women) breakfast of 2022**

**You are invited to join us with your friends and partners on:**

**Saturday 17th September Time: Begins 8.15 for an 8.30 start. It will finish at 10**

**Good Food - a cooked breakfast, Good Fellowship and an Excellent Speaker**

**We are delighted to welcome Father Behr from St Andrew's who will be speaking on** **'Lord I want to see'**

**Cost £10 payable on the day.**

**On behalf of the organising committee:**

**Chris Cheesman, Freddy Farias, Martin Giles, Jolyon Vickers, Lindsay Hammond**