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Newsletter for the week commencing 6th/7th April 2019 Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21 The people driven out of their homeland and deported to Babylon are in great despair. Isaiah assures them that God is planning something new for them.

Psalm: 125 Response: 6.00pm & 8.30am What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. 10.30am God has done great things for us, filled us with laughter and music; God has done great things for us, filled us with laughter and music.

Second Reading: The Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3: 8-14 Compared to gaining Christ Paul considers everything else in the world as mere rubbish. The favourite theme of Paul, the righteousness by faith, is dealt with briefly in this passage. Gospel: John 8: 1-11 Jesus does not bend to the pressure tactics of the Pharisees who want him to condemn the woman caught in adultery. Instead, he frees the woman from the clutches of her adversaries

1030 MASS OFFERTORY - The choir sing the anthem "Drop, drop slow tears" by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Father John writes: You recently gave very generously to the Cafod Family Fast Day on the 17th March. Cafod rely on this annual collection for their planned projects over the next year around the world. However just about the same time we had news of the horrendous cyclone on the 14 to 15 March. Cyclone Idai made landfall in central Mozambique, near Beira City, Sofala Province, leaving almost 90 percent of the city submerged in flood water. The cyclone also hit Zimbabwe and Malawi, destroying homes, roads, bridges, and vital crops, in its wake. Hundreds of people have died, and thousands of people are in need of vital humanitarian aid to survive the coming days and weeks ahead. CAFOD has joined with the Disasters Emergency Committee to reach as many people as possible, as quickly as possible. Understandably I was a bit reluctant to put this appeal before you after your extremely generous contribution so recently. However I do so, as you may welcome the opportunity to respond for this particular acute need. The collection plate will be at the back of the Church as you go out.

Your Prayers are asked for:

Those recently deceased:

Those ill or infirm: Alan Davis, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth and Patricia Hook Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: John Witham, Fiona Dodsworth, Andrew Lachi, Ellen Lawrence, Ethel Klemen, Edgar Beard, Florence Amor, Eric Beresford, Mary Goulding and Frederick Collison.

This week's events

The daily reflections from Southwark's Stewardship Team <u>http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv</u> gives Lenten thoughts, Scripture and prayer to help your Spiritual journey.

Lent Lunches: Each Friday from 12:00 to 14:00, during Lent. A team from the Christian Churches in Tenterden will be serving a ploughman's lunch with soup in Saint Mildred's Church Hall. This is an opportunity to meet up and help raise some money as, after costs, profits will be sent to Christian Aid. **St. Andrew's Lenten Lunch raised** £244-50p for Christian Aid. Grateful thanks to those who provided all the food and came to help.

Stations of the Cross: Each Sunday afternoon, during Lent, at 16:00, one of the clergy will lead you along the Way of the Cross.

This devotion can also be made by individuals and groups at a time to suit themselves. Examples of various Way devotional booklets are available in the porch to borrow and use on these occasions but please return them afterwards! Thank you.

Repository Sale.

We have a selection of Easter Cards on sale from this weekend together with our usual large range of Mass, Birthday, Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You and Anniversary cards. We also stock Missals, Medals, Bibles, Rosaries and Prayer Books. The Repository is available on request after all weekend Masses.

Reminder! BIG church clean: NEXT Saturday 13th April 2019.

PLEASE NOTE: No choir rehearsal Wednesday 10 April as Andrew is away.

Extraordinary Ministers – if you don't receive your rotas on-line please collect the rota for April – July from the porch.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, Sunday 7th April Saint Ignatius believed that God could speak to us just as clearly in our imagination as through our thoughts and our memories. Contemplation isn't about trying to place yourself in a historic setting, it's about trying to encounter Jesus in a personal and unique way. Some excellent imaginative contemplation exercises provided by the English Jesuits can be accessed at <u>www.newpilgrimpath.ie</u>

Day	Date	Feast	Time/Detail	
Saturday	6 th April	Feria	6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 7 th April Fifth Sunday of Lent		Fifth Sunday of Lent	8:30am Mass welfare of K Tucker	
			10:30am Mass People of the parish	
Monday	8 th April	Feria	10:00am Mass Mc Andrews family RIP	
Tuesday	9 th April	Feria	10:00am Mass Canon Eric Flood RIP	
Wednesday	10 th April	Feria	10:00am Mass followed by Adoration	
Thursday	11 th April	Feria	9:00am Mass Fr Thomas Foley RIP	
Friday	12 th April	Feria	10:00am Mass followed by Adoration	
Saturday	13 th April	Feria	10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation	
			6:00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday	14 th April	Palm Sunday	8:30am Mass	
			10:30am Mass	

This week's services

Next week's responsibilities (13th/14th April)

	6:00pm Saturday	8:30am Sunday	10:30am Sunday			
Reader	Noel J	Tony M	Rachel H			
Extra-ordinary Ministers		Elena Peck	Liz Dumbleton			
		Maria Milton	Rani Thomas			
Flowers	Palms - Maureen	Cleaners	BIG CHURCH CLEAN!			

Forthcoming events

There will be a second collection **next Sunday** for flowers to decorate the church for Easter.

SATURDAY 11 MAY - Our organist, Andrew Butler, is giving a short organ recital (about 40 minutes) at the Unitarian Old Meeting House in Ashford Road (on the right, towards the town) at 11.00 am preceded by coffee etc at 10.30. All welcome; free admission with a voluntary collection. Music by Walton, Anon, Boyce, Bach, Lopez, Butler, and Scotson-Clark.

Holy Week:Thursday 11th April Reconciliation Service 6.00pmPalm Sunday – usual Sunday Masstimes.18th April Maundy Thursday Mass of the LORD'S SUPPER 7.30pm19th April GOOD FRIDAY3pm Passion of the Lord20th April 9pm HOLY SATURDAY Vigil and Mass21st April Easter SundayCelebration of THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD.