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**Newsletter for the week commencing 15th/16th February 2020**

**Sixth Sunday of the Year (A)**

**First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20**

**Psalm 118 Response:**  They are happy who follow God's law

**Second Reading: First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2: 6-10**

**Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37**

**Father John writes:**

This week Deacon Jolyon and I will be attending a meeting with our new Archbishop, alongside clergy from parishes around this part of the diocese. It is an overnight event so there will be no weekday Mass here on Friday 21st February, (but there will be a service of the Word and Holy Communion – followed by Exposition).

The Archbishop is meeting all the clergy of the diocese at three different times and venues. I hope to be able to tell you about it.

You have a chance to meet our new Archbishop also at Aylesford on Saturday the 27th June (cf notice at end of this newsletter). It should be a great event – put it in your diary NOW!

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**

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

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Peter Murphy, Kathleen Ross-Taylor, Anthony Burke, Ann Thomas, Vincent Burns, Geraldine Walsh, Joan Bidwell, Celia Johnson, Norman Finch, Dennis Hobday, Frank O’Neill, Eileen Brandon, Raymond Carroll, Betty Manning and Maureen McGarry.

**This week’s events**

**Important message**: the **meeting** of the **Parish Outreach Group** has been **postponed** from this Monday (17th February) **until Monday,** **2nd March** 2020 at 2pm.

If you know of anyone in your neighbourhood who might benefit from a visit from a friendly face, maybe because they can’t get out at the moment, please let Fr John or Anne Taylor (01233 850235) know and the Parish Outreach Group will make contact!

**Next Sunday, 23rd February, there is the Parish Shared Lunch**. In the porch there are two lists for you to fill in: one is to let us know that you will be there and how many will be in your party; the second is to list the food you will bring to share (and how much!). Please bring your own liquid refreshment – wine, soft drinks etc. The lunch will start at **12 midday in the Parish Centre.**

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** “At Prayer with Thomas Merton” presents daily prayers for dawn and dusk, drawn from the writings of the great 20th century Trappist mystic, Thomas Merton, interwoven with excerpts set to music. It is a beautiful resource for a contemplative start and finish to each day of the week: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](about:blank)

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 15th February | Feria | 10am – 11am Sacrament of Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 16th February | Sixth Sunday of the Year | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass *People of the parish*  12.30pm Mass - Latin extraordinary rite |
| Monday | 17th February | Feria | 10:00am Mass *Fr M Purbrick RIP* |
| Tuesday | 18th February | Feria | 10:00am Mass *Fr Colin Ward RIP* |
| Wednesday | 19th February | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 20th February | Feria | 9:00am Mass *Mary Wilkinson RIP (A Taylor)* |
| Friday | 21st February | St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church | 10:00am service of Word & H. Communion followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 22nd February | The Chair of St Peter the Apostle | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 23rd February |  | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (22nd/23rd February)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Roger S | Alexander W | Collette I |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Maria Milton  Peter Lonergan | Martin Heinrichsmeier  Chris Leahy |
| **Flowers** | Francien | **Cleaners** | - |

**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 6.30pm |

**Forthcoming events**

**The God Who Speaks** - Year of the Word 2020 Diocesan Celebration  
To mark the special Year of the Word, Archbishop John Wilson is inviting all Parishes in the Diocese to join him for a special diocesan gathering in Aylesford on Saturday 27th June.  More details will be published in due course but put the date in your diary.

**THE PARISH WEBSITE.** Remember that we have a comprehensive parish website, with all the up to date information of activities within the Parish. The front page not only has the latest parish news, but also offers quick access to the current parish newsletter and helps find details for all activities.

There is a wealth of information about the Parish, including rotas for readers, extraordinary ministers, flower arrangers, etc; minutes of recent Parish Council and Finance Committee meetings and the calendar for activities in the Parish Centre. You can also get forms for Gift Aid, see how to make donations to the Church or add your name to the Parish Directory.

Each week the latest parish newsletter goes online before the Saturday Mass, so you can print it off at home and help to reduce the printing costs within the church.

For all this, go to **www.standrewstenterden.org.** Have a look and let us know what you think. Could we improve it and make it more useful for you?

**Family Food Bank:** Please think of those who may be struggling at the moment and need some support. The box for collecting non-perishable foods is in the Parish Room, off the main entrance to church. If you can donate anything it will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.