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**Newsletter for the week commencing 15th January 2023**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary time (A)**

**Entrance antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you. O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 49: 3. 5-6**

**Psalm 39 Response: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

**Second Reading: The first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1: 1-3**

**Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!**

**Gospel: John 1: 29-34**

**Communion antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

A Gentle Stroll Down Memory Lane

Saturday 25 February 2pm

We are going to provide tea and cakes and aim to bring together members of our parish for fun and friendship.

Music and Nostalgia from the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s. Prize Raffle and Blast From Past Mini Prize Quiz. Please let me or Jolyon know if you would like to come so we have numbers for catering.

Fr Behr

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased: Mary Phillips (Funeral Thursday 9th February)**

**Those ill or infirm:** Jane McKinnon, 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:** Josephine Harrington, Mary Brangan, John Thompson, Norman Ulph, Alexander Watt, William Syer, Douglas Fowler, Adela de Heveningham, Michael Vickers, Margaret Lewis, Colin Morrison and Arthur Wood.

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| **This week’s services (14th – 21st January), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 14th January**The Blessed Virgin Mary | No public Mass 10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass *Vincent Almeida RIP (Wendy)*  **Reader: Kathy** |
| **Sunday 15th January****Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** | 10am Mass *People of the Parish*  **Reader: Collette**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Monday 16th January**Feria | 10am Mass *Sue Sparks Wellbeing (Neil)* |
| **Tuesday 17th January**St Anthony, Abbot | 10am Mass *Donor’s Intention* |
| **Wednesday 18th January** Feria | 10am Service of the Word and Holy Communion**Week for Christian Unity begins** |
| **Thursday 19th January**St Wulstan, Bishop | 9am-10am Adoration10am Mass *Anna Zsinko Wellbeing (Lorraine)* |
| **Friday 20th January**St Sebastian, Martyr | 10am Mass *Anne O’Donoghue RIP (Anne)*10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 21st January**St Agnes, Martyr | No public Mass10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass *Private Intention*  **Reader: Charles** |
| **Sunday 22nd January****Third Sunday in Ordinary time** | 10am Mass *People of the Parish* **Reader: Brian**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Flowers: for 22nd January - Hilary** |

**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.

**Tuesday Film Show**

Why not come to the parish centre to watch a holy film in a Warm and friendly atmosphere. Refreshments from 10.30am with film from 10.50am.

Christmas Offering

Thanks to everyone for the Christmas Offering this year which came to £1989.30pm

This weekend we have the SPUC White Flower Appeal.

Here is a summary from their website of the important work SPUC do in defence of human life.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is the oldest pro-life campaigning and educational organisation in the world.

We campaign to end abortion in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and internationally. We advocate the need for a consistent life ethic – one that values the lives of all human beings – and so we also campaign against other direct threats to the lives of vulnerable individuals, such as euthanasia and embryo abuse.

**A Happy New Year from the Tenterden Christian Breakfast Team.**

**You are invited to join us on Saturday 21st January.**

**Time: 8.15 for an 8.30 start; Finish at 10.**

**The Breakfast is open to all.**

**Venue: St Mildred's Church Hall.**

**Good Food - a cooked breakfast, Good Fellowship and an opportunity to express our unity as fellow Christians.**

**The Breakfast is part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - "Praying for unity amidst injustice."**

**Followed by a Unity Service in Saint Mildred's**

**Please book your place by Friday 13th January at the latest so we can confirm numbers with our caterers.**

**Cost £10 payable on the day.**

**Looking forward to seeing you.**

**Best wishes,**

**Chris**

**On behalf of the organising committee**

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

Dear Friends,

We are very grateful to Marino's Tenterden Fish Bar to have been given some time limited vouchers for spending in that outlet.

If you know of anyone, who is in food poverty and could benefit from these, please contact Father Behr or myself as soon as possible.

Thanks

Jolyon

Jolyon Vickers

Rev. Deacon

Dear Friends,

Traditionally, before COVID, we have had Lent lunches of soup/bread/cheese etc on Fridays during Lent and by that raising funds for those less fortunate than ourselves for CAFOD/Christian Aid etc.

These have previously been run by a different team from each church each week.

At our Churches Together (CTiT) meeting today, we recognise that this may no longer be possible due to sufficient volunteers in each denomination.

We are therefore canvassing your opinion and thoughts:

* Would you be willing to help as part of a CTiT team, but obviously not every week (unless you are able)[i.e. batches of soup not being made by individual denominations]?
* Do you think we should scale this back to perhaps bread/cheese/pickles/fruit ( with/without a cup of soup)?
* Would you like us to include a Lent Course/Bible Study/presentation as part of the lunch?
* We are checking the venue bookings, but anticipate these will still be on Fridays in Saint Mildred's Church Hall - is that the most convenient lunch time?

Your thoughts will be so appreciated to inform our discussions at our next meeting on Lent topics on the 7th February

Kind regards

Jolyon

Jolyon Vickers

Rev. Deacon

Chair of Churches Together in Tenterden



Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue … or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about ‘Retrouvaille’ or to register for the next programme commencing with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/)

Dear Meditation friends,

 I mentioned to some of you that this term we might look at something from Fr Laurence called *Breakthrough.* These are from his talks during a retreat and, having listened to them again, I find that they are too lengthy for our 45 min sessions.

We’ll therefore try some talks by Liz Watson called *Images of Meditation*, and see if they hit the spot for us.   The first image she invites us to consider is ‘Coming Home’.

 You may enjoy the poem I’ve attached.  I like the way he alludes to a contemplative journeying of the magi:

A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,

A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.

I hope you will be able to join me next Wednesday evening, at the earlier time of 6pm, in the Lady Chapel of Saint Mildred’s

Happy Epiphany!

The Magi

It might have been just someone else's story;

Some chosen people get a special king,

We leave them to their own peculiar glory,

We don't belong, it doesn't mean a thing.

But when these three arrive they bring us with them,

Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;

A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,

A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.

They did not know his name but still they sought him

They came from otherwhere but still they found;

In palaces they found those who sold and bought him,

But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.

Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice

To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.