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**Newsletter for the week commencing 22nd January 2023**

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

**Entrance antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 8: 23 – 9: 3**

**Psalm 26 Response: The Lord is my light and my help.**

**Second Reading: First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17**

**Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23**

**Communion antiphon: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.**

**Father Behr writes:**

 Dear Parishioners

On Wednesday 25 January we celebrate the feast of the Conversion of St Paul.  It concludes, as always, the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

We have a special Mass at 10am so please come along and pray for this important intention.

Pope Benedict worked tirelessly for the Unity of all Christians and in 2011 he wrote

“The journey towards this unity must be perceived as a moral imperative, the answer to a precise call of the Lord. For this reason it is necessary not to give in to the temptation of resignation or pessimism, which is lack of trust in the power of the Holy Spirit. It is our duty to continue enthusiastically on our way towards this goal with a strict and serious dialogue in order to deepen the common theological, liturgical and spiritual patrimony; with reciprocal knowledge, with the ecumenical formation of the new generations and, especially, with conversion of heart and with prayer.”

To read the rest of this moving reflection visit <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/unity-a-moral-imperative-6757>

Best Wishes

Father Behruz Rafat

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased: Mary Elizabeth Phillips RIP; Jean Dora Gillam RIP**

**Those ill or infirm:** June Munton, Maureen Escott, 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:** Nora Crouzet, May Scroope, Archibald Donald, Walter Wybourne, Patrick Byrne, Cyril Read, Canon Charles Walker and Ron Roberts.

The Funeral and Burial of **Mary Elizabeth Phillips** **RIP** will be at **Saint Andrew's** on **Thursday 9th February at 11:30**

The Funeral and Burial of **Jean Dora Gillam RIP** will be at **Saint Margaret's, Bethersden** on **Wednesday 15th February at 14:30**

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| **This week’s services (21st-28th January 2023), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **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  |
| **Monday 23rd January**Feria | 10am Mass *Private Intention* |
| **Tuesday 24th January**St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church | 10am Mass *Donor’s Intention* |
| **Wednesday 25th January**The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle | 10am Special Mass for Christian Unity |
| **Thursday 26th January**Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops | 9am-10am Adoration10am Holy Mass for Priests  |
| **Friday 27th January**St Angela Merici, Virgin | 10am Mass *Helen Gregoriades RIP*10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 28th January**St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass*Ferrugia Family RIP* **Reader: James** |
| **Sunday 29th January****Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** | 10am Mass *People of the Parish* **Reader: Frances**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Flowers: for 29th January - Suzanne** |
| **Cleaners: 28th/29th January – Brian & Frances** |

**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**

Lorraine Sharp is bringing back 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 first lesson stars on Sunday 5 February.

**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.

**Memory Lane**

Saturday 25 February 2pm

You will all remember the wonderful montage of music and film that Bryan Masters produced for the Late Queen’s Jubilee cream tea. Now Bryan has put together a new presentation for our delectation called a Gentle Stroll down Memory Lane. Featuring nostalgic music from the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s and a fun quiz. Please put the date in your diary

Dear Friends,

I have heard from our local co-ordinator, who is recovering from a recent hospital stay, with an urgent plea for help.

"We have a little Ukrainian family, who need our help, as they are finally getting their own flat at the beginning of February. Our local co-ordinator would be really pleased if someone could take over and co-ordinate the kitting them out…if you know anyone willing to do it, I’ll explain how it works …was a steep learning curve but now hopefully it won’t be too onerous and it is just a one-off project for a willing souls."

If you feel you could help out, as an individual or a group, I am happy to put you in touch and also to help with any pleas for items etc.

Please let me know if you can assist

Kindest regards

Jolyon

Dear Friends,

Thanks so much for all the offers of help with the various activities ahead of us, but as always, I could do with more offers.

I would also like to thank those , who have commented on the various events being planned by Churches Together in Tenterden. As I said before, we have a meeting planned for Tuesday 7th February to make decisions and firm up arrangements, so it would be great if you could let me know your thoughts by then.

1. Crib dismantlers still needed - 14:00 Thursday 2nd February - wrapping up and putting away the characters - dismantling the platform - moving it and the crib to the shed etc
2. Lent Lunches from Friday 24th February - do you still want these? can you assist? would a simpler lunch be easier to provide and be acceptable?
3. Lent Courses linked to the lunches and held in the afternoon and then repeated in the evening - are you interested in having a series of six?
4. Stations of the Cross at Saint Andrew's - would you like a weekly guided event and when or would you prefer to use material provided and make the Via Dolorosa privately

In closing, a date for your diary - Friday afternoon 3rd March is the World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's Day of Prayer)

Kindest regards

Jolyon



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/)