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Newsletter for the week commencing 11th December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent (A)

Entrance antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10

Psalm 145 Response: Come, Lord, and save us.

Second Reading: St James 5: 7-10

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

Communion antiphon: Say to the faint of heart; Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Mass Times for Christmas at St Andrew

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass Saturday 24 December 6pm

First Mass of Christmas Saturday 24 December 9pm with Carols

Morning Mass of Christmas Day 25 December 10am with Carols

Traditional Latin Mass of Christmas Day 25 December 12pm

Father Behr writes:

After we put in our new carpet many parishioners mentioned that it would be good to have new covers on the kneelers as they look tatty.

Mr John Evon, an upholsterer from Hammersmith, with good credentials, has given us a no obligation quote for the work. We have several colours available to view at Mass this weekend or you can let me know your preference by email. Please bear in mind that the photos may not represent the colours in their natural state.

The cost will be £120 per pew inclusive of all materials and labour. The kneelers would be removed for a week and taken to the workshop in Hammersmith.

The total cost would be £2400 and, in my opinion, it would be worth doing.







Your Prayers are asked for:

Those ill or infirm: Ailish Cantwell (Jones), Sylwia Dorosz, Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Patricia Hook, Josie Payne, Pat Holland, Pat Sargent and all those who are unwell and in need of our prayers.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Norman Blackman, Nancie Gribble, Elisabeth Berardi-Cools, John Hannington, Violet Barrie, Hella Reed, Mary Ann Roberts, Margaret Maloney, Norah Pillano and Bishop William Brown.

This week's services (10th – 17th December), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.	
Saturday 10th December St John Roberts, Priest & Martyr	10.30 -11am Confession 6pm Vigil Deceased Members of Dumbleton Family Reader: Charles
Sunday 11th December Third Sunday of Advent	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Frances 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Monday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe	10am Mass Judge and Mrs Beresford RIP
Tuesday 13th December St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	10am Mass Mark and Anna
Wednesday 14th December St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church	10am Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 15th December Weekday of Advent	9am-10am Adoration 10am Mass Gordon Reynolds RIP
Friday 16th December Weekday of Advent	10am Mass Paul St Clare Herbert RIP 10.30 – 11.30am Adoration with Benediction at 11.20am
Saturday 17th December Weekday of Advent	10.30 -11am Confession 6pm Vigil Gordon Reynolds RIP Reader: Pat
Sunday 18th December Fourth Sunday of Advent	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Suzanne 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Flowers: for 18th December – Frances to check Advent wreath	
Readers: for Saturday 17th Dec – Pat /Sunday 18th Dec - Suzanne	
Cleaners: Pre-Christmas spit and polish – all hands on deck!	

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.

Christmas Foliage Decorations.

We would like to ask parishioners to make an evergreen arrangement for a window ledge (less difficult than a flower one). We would provide a container and Oasis to be collected after Mass on the weekend of 10th and 11th December and to be brought back the following weekend. A sample one would be on the desk in the porch with the containers. Evergreens are long lasting so should be O.K. for Christmas. We need 11!

Preparing For Christ's coming at Christmas Saturday 10th December – 14:00 to 16:00 Deacon Jolyon would welcome your company and assistance to set up the Crib in the Church and the Christmas Tree in the Porch. We would like help to set up the frame for the crib and the covering, to clean the figures and to put them in place. Tree decorators are also welcome. Your rewards will include hot drinks/ mulled wine/mince pies and cake. Please let us know if you can help.

Saturday 17th December – pre-Christmas spit and polish – From 9am. Rachel and Martin and members of the Church Cleaning team are aiming to give the Church a pre-Christmas mega-clean. If you can assist, please let them know.

Churches Together in Tenterden**Joint Advent Course**

The first session of our Churches Together Advent Course was held last Wednesday night - the topic John the Baptist. It will continue for the next 2 Wednesday evenings in Saint Mildred's from 7pm to 8:30pm. The sessions are self-contained, so you are welcome to as many sessions as you can. 14th December Wise Men.

Everybody welcome!

Mary's Meals

[Big Family Christmas](#) and help feed hungry children with Mary's Meals.

For just £15.90 you can set a place for yourself or a loved one at our virtual Christmas dinner table. Your name will appear online and you'll receive a beautiful PDF placemat to pass on as a gift.

And, with [Double The Love](#), donations to Mary's Meals until 31 January 2023 are being matched by a group of generous supporters – up to £1.5 million.

This means each place set will feed two children with life-changing school meals for a whole year

