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**Newsletter for the week commencing 19th/20th January 2019**

**Second Sunday of the Year (C)**

**First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5**

In this passage we have a poem that praises Zion and depicts her as a woman yearning for her husband and family.

**Psalm 95 Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the people.**

**Second Reading: First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12: 4-11**

The Corinthians receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit but fail to appreciate them. Paul does agree that there are higher gifts and lower gifts and urges the community to use them for the common good.

**Gospel: John 2: 1-12**

At the behest of his mother Jesus changes water into wine at the marriage of Cana. The steward is surprised at the superior quality of the wine, but for the disciples it is a manifestation of Jesus’ glory.

**Father John writes:**

This week I guess most of us have spent time watching the antics of our politicians despite the fact that we long for the whole Brexit issue to be sorted out since it increasingly dominates the media to the detriment of other important issues. Yet they face the most significant decision for our future that has faced us for many years. I try to pray for our politicians without being judgemental about their motivation, but it is not easy! When alone, I find myself shouting at the Television screen - something I have not done for many years! So, I try to focus my prayer for our political leaders that, instead of shouting at each other, they may seek to listen to each other, and may always put the common good first, instead of giving priority to the interests of their Party.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**

**Those ill or infirm:** Alan Davis, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, David Lloyd-Thomas, and Eric Booth

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: -** Adela de Heveningham, Michael Vickers, Margaret Lewis, Arthur Wood, Nora Crouzet, May Scroope, Archibald Donald, Walter Wybourne and Patrick Byrne.

**This week’s events**

**Christian Breakfast Meeting**. On **Saturday 26th January**, Neville Emslie, Ministry Development Officer in the Diocese of Canterbury, will be making his annual visit to Tenterden, this time to talk to us about **Justice in the Bible.** We meet for a delicious breakfast in St Andrew’s Roman Catholic Church Parish Centre at 8.30am. The event will end by late morning.

**This week’s services- Second Sunday of the Year (C)**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 19th January | Feria | 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 20th January | Second Sunday (C) | 8:30am Mass *people of the parish*  10:30am Mass *Yolande & deceased flower arrangers*  12:30pm Mass – Latin |
| Monday | 21st January | St. Agnes | 10:00am Mass *Private Intention* |
| Tuesday | 22nd January | St Vincent | 10:00am Mass *for our politicians.* |
| Wednesday | 23rd January | Feria | 10:00 Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 24th January | St. Francis de Sales | 9:00am Mass |
| Friday | 25th January | The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle | *10*:00am Mass followed by Adoration  *welfare of Eric Booth* |
| Saturday | 26th January | Sts. Timothy and Titus | 10:00 to 10:45am Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 27th January | Third Sunday (C) | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass *Michael & Allison Vickers RIP* |

**Next week’s responsibilities: 26th/27th January**

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|  | **18:00 Saturday** | **08:30 Sunday** | **10:30 Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Roger Styles | Nick Carter | Frances Lawrence |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Louise Carter  Maria Milton | Chris Leahy  Lorraine Sharp |
| **Flowers** | Maureen Davidson | **Cleaners** | Noreen and Ted Bickford |

**Weekly Meetings**

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| **Day/time** | **Group** | **Place** |
| Tuesday 4.30pm | Mothers Prayers Group | Parish Room |
| Wednesday 7.00pm | Choir practice | Church |