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**Newsletter for the week commencing January 21st 2018. The Third Sunday of the Year (B)**

**Today's Readings:**

First Reading – (Jonah 3:1-5. 10) - At the preaching of Jonah, the king and the people of Nineveh believe God and repent. God is extremely pleased with the exemplary behaviour of the people.

Psalm (25) - This psalm is full of devout affection for God, the outgoings of holy desires towards His favour and grace and the lively actioning of faith in His promises.

Psalm Response - “Lord, let me know your ways”

Second Reading - (1 Corinthians 7:29-31) - As Paul is writing this letter, he holds the view that the second coming of the Lord is imminent and so exhorts the Corinthians to live in expectation.

Gospel – (Mark1:14-20) - Jesus begins his ministry by calling people to repentance and faith. He then chooses some fishermen as his disciples

Fr. John writes -

Last Sunday I brought to your attention the Diocesan initiative about Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, including information about a local meeting and an invitation for a volunteer or two to go to it. Perhaps, unsurprisingly I have had no response!

In our Church every Friday we have an hour’s Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10am Mass. There are a small group of us praying silently each week, and a few who come and go as well.

I believe that this hour is a pivotal moment in our parish week, and I would really welcome others to discover this for themselves. What can we do to promote this? I would happily have a chat with any of you who might be interested in following this up. For details, see the notice below about this meeting.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

The Archdiocese of Southwark is setting up a Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee to develop the practice of Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Archdiocese. You are invited to attend an Information Meeting in St. Thomas More Church, West Malling, Kent ME19 6HN on Saturday 3rd February 2018 at 3pm, finish at 4.15. Refreshments served. See poster in the church for further details of how to attend, or contact Fr John 01580 762785

**First Holy Communion Preparation**

If you wish your child to receive FIRST HOLY COMMUNION this year at St Andrew’s, you need to know that our preparation course starts in our parish room on SATURDAY the 17TH FEBRUARY. In the Church porch, you will find an application FORM - please complete it and hand it to Fr John. The first Holy Communion will be celebrated in the summer. UNLESS give your application form in before 3rd FEBRUARY, your child will have to wait until next year.

Your prayers are asked for:

1. Those ill or infirm in our parish – Elizabeth Morrison and Colin Morrison, Joseph Adams, Patricia Hook, Michelle McKinnon, Jo Venables, Marjorie and John Dumbleton, Joseph Delaney, Elena Troake (Elena Peck's daughter), Linda Wharfe, Jane McKinnon, Michael McDermott (Mara's husband), Wendy Butler, Stephen Beasley, Mgr. Hill, Lester Kinkel, Ellie Lawrence, Kevin Thornton, Catherine O’Driscoll (currently back in the WHH), Beryl Cowderoy, Yolande Urquhart and Linda Smith.
2. Relatives and Friends of parishioners (the list is on the porch noticeboard)
3. Those, whose anniversaries of death occur about this time – Arthur Wood, Nora Crouzet, May Scroope, Archibald Donald, Walter Wybourne, Patrick Byrne, Cyril Read, Canon Charles Walker and Ron Roberts. May their souls and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.

**Important Dates for Your Diaries**

1. This Sunday, January 21st, at 09:45, we re-start our Bible Journey with the book of Exodus and “Freedom and the Law at Mount Sinai”.

2. Saturday January 27th at 08:30 – Our annual ecumenical Bible Study morning, starting with breakfast. This year’s topic is Saint Paul. We will be collecting names and the £10 breakfast/ lecturer’s fee contribution in early January. Sign-up sheet now in the porch.

Only 345 (344 if you read this on Sunday) Days to Christmas!

...so why not start your shopping now. Maggie still has two of her beautiful crib scenes left and each at the bargain price of £18; contact her now on 01580761088 and get one while you can. This offer is for the coming week only.

**Lost Property**

We have another enviable collection of spectacle cases – some with spectacles in them – and assorted clothing at the back of the church on the bookcase and in a box on the floor. Please have a peruse to see if anything of yours is there.

**Next week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time** | **Detail** |
| Saturday | 20th Jan | 3rd Sunday Ordinary Year B | 18:00 Vigil Mass |  |
| Sunday | 21st Jan | 3rd Sunday Ordinary Year B  Extra-ordinary Form Latin | 08:30 Mass  10:30 Mass  12:30 Mass | Gordon Reynolds RIP |
| Monday | 22nd Jan | St Vincent | 10:00 Mass | Liz Goodwin RIP |
| Tuesday | 23rd Jan | Feria | 10:00 Mass | Jean Burton RIP |
| Wednesday | 24th Jan | St Frances de Sales | 10:00 Mass | Rita Morton |
| Thursday | 25th Jan |  | 09:00 Mass | Michael Masterson |
| Friday | 26th Jan |  | 10 to 10:45  11:30  12:30 Requiem Mass | Adoration  Reception of Body  Liz Goodwin RIP |
| Saturday | 27th Jan | 4th Sunday Ordinary Year B | 10:00 to 10:45  18:00 Vigil Mass | Reconciliation  Liz Goodwin RIP |
| Sunday | 28th Jan | Racial Justice Sunday | 08:30 Mass  10:30 Mass |  |

**Next week’s responsibilities**

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| **Job/Time** | **18:00 Saturday** | **08:30 Sunday** | **10:30 Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Maggie Urquhart | Peter Lawrence | Frances Lawrence |
| **Extraordinary Ministers** | None | Maria Milton  Alan Shipton | Chris Leahy  Lorraine Sharp |
| **Flowers** | Maureen | **Cleaners** | Francien/Elena |