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**Newsletter for the week commencing 2nd/3rd March 2019**

**8th Sunday of the Year (C)**

**First Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7. In this passage Sirach affirms that speech is the criterion of judging a person. He says that the defect of a man appears in his speech and the test of a man is in his conversation.

**Psalm 91 Response:** It is good to give you thanks, O Lord

**Second Reading:** First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15: 54-58. Paul says that sin has been the cause of death. Christ has invaded death’s domain and has robbed it of its sting. This is the great victory for which God is to be thanked.

**Gospel:** Luke 6: 39-45. Jesus says that good conduct can come only out of a good heart. It is as foolish to expect good fruit to be produced by bad trees as to expect good deeds from a bad person

**Father John writes:**

Ash Wednesday is upon us in three days’ time – giving up chocolate would be a Lenten penance for most of us, but what about giving up a little extra time every day for God? As soon as you wake up, sit at the side of your bed, for a couple of moments, open your mind to your God who loves you, maybe opening your up-turned hands to express the openness of your heart. Without listing in your mind all the things, you have got to do today, put the whole day into God’s hands with real trust. For a minute or so put to one side your concerns and worries, your aches and pains, your fears and anxieties for this new day, reminding yourself that your God knows them already – just ask God for the faith to trust and to praise God whatever the day may bring. And don’t forget to thank God as well for the joys and smiles that people will bring you. As you finish your prayer, remind yourself that you are joining your prayer to that of Jesus Christ who is at the right hand of the Father interceding for us, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**

**Those ill or infirm:** Alan Davis, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth and Patricia Hook

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Mary Bridgeman, Irene Lacka, Mary Jackson, Brian McGinty, John Wolfe, Jennifer Ansell, Anne Knox, Naomi Mitchell and Alfred Holmesdale

**This week’s events**

**This month’s coffee Morning will be on Thursday 7th March**. Another sparkling talk by our organist, Andrew Butler. Andrew’s talk will be "The history of our parish, with personal reminiscences from the last 26 years". **11.30** as usual and **ALL are welcome!**

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** American theologian Tim Muldoon writes that, “Life in Christ demands the same kind of vigilance, preparation, and training that a person undertakes as an athlete. This Lent, become a spiritual athlete and join Tim for the online “Ignatian Workout for Lent.”  Each Monday he’ll share audio reflections accompanied by suggestions for prayer and action. The online retreat begins on Ash Wednesday and continues through Easter Week. You can access it at [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

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

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 2nd March | Feria | 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday *Monica Turner RIP (Jenny Style’s mother.)* |
| Sunday | 3rd March | 8th Sunday (C)  **Second collection for poor parishes** | 8:30am Mass *People of the parish*  10:30am Mass *Mary Wilkinson RIP (John Taylor’s mother)* |
| Monday | 4th March | Feria | 10:00am Mass *Alan & Sheila Davis (Mary Basher)* |
| Tuesday | 5th March | Feria | 10:00am Mass *Fr Eric Nimmo RIP* |
| Wednesday | 6th March | Ash Wednesday – a day of fasting and abstinence | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration  *Fr. D Maskell RIP* |
| Thursday | 7th March | Feria | 9:00am Mass *Fr J Pearson RIP* |
| Friday | 8th March | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration  *B.T. Hamilton Benn (Mepacrine)* |
| Saturday | 9th March | Feria | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 10th March | 1st Sunday of Lent (C) | 8:30am Mass *People of the parish*  10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Noel Jordan | Tony Mallet | Kathy Gibbs |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Michael Payne  Maria Milton | Frances Lawrence  Collette Iglinski |
| **Flowers** | Lent – no flowers | **Cleaners** | Francien and Brian |

**Forthcoming events**

The next Christian Breakfast Meeting will be on Saturday, 16th March from 8.30 to 10.30 at St Mildred’s Church Hall. Alex Bienfait will be talking about his recent sabbatical in Sri Lanka. Cost £10 including a full English breakfast! All are welcome.

Friday 15th March is FAMILY FAST DAY - the day in Lent when we spend as little as possible on food etc in order to give it to the poorest people in the world. On the vigil and Sunday Mass 16/17 March a CAFOD speaker will visit us.

**1/2 Days of Recollection for Readers and Extra-ordinary Ministers** (Maidstone Deanery)

Saturday 27th April (repeat session of this cycle) 13:00 to 16:00 in Saint Andrew's Tenterden, led by our Dean, Father Peter Soper.

Remember that we have a comprehensive parish website, with all the up to date information of activities within the Parish. The front page not only has the latest parish news, but also offers quick access to the current parish newsletter and helps find details for all activities. The address is at the top of the newsletter.

And finally,…

Why is it that if someone tells you that there are 1 billion stars in the universe you will believe them, but if they tell you a wall has wet paint you will have to touch it to be sure?