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**Newsletter for the week commencing 9th/10th February 2019**

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

**First Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8** In a vision Isaiah has a glimpse of the heavenly liturgy in all its splendour. He becomes aware of his sinfulness, but God subjects him to a purification ceremony.

**Psalm: 137 Response:**

**6pm and 8.30am** Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord

**10.30am** in the presence of the angels, O Lord, may we praise your name, may we praise your name

**Second Reading: First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15: 1-11** Paul answers the query of the Corinthians regarding the resurrection by giving a comprehensive account of the Pasqual events and the appearances of the risen Jesus.

**Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11** Jesus goes to the lake of Gennesaret with the intention of calling some fishermen as his disciples. He chooses three fishermen, Peter, James and John whom he later elevates as apostles

**10.30 MASS** - Please remember that in the "Lord have mercy" of the "Parish Mass" setting, EVERYONE sings right through - the cantor does not sing first!

During Holy Communion, the choir will sing the anthem "The Offering" - words by Eve Forti, music by our very own Barnabas Sharp!

**Father John writes:**

Pope Francis encourages us all to make full use of the internet “to walk the streets of the digital highway…to help encounter Christ”. The problem is that this involves much lengthy searching. But now there is an initiative which does the searching for us called ‘New Pilgrim Path”. It provides us with relevant and interesting sites, and presents ‘Web site of the week’ for each newsletter. There are further details below. It looks very promising to me and could be just what we need.

For more details see **www.newpilgrimpath.ie** for this week’s site and commentary

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:** Philip Wilkinson and Doreen Kennell’s sister and brother-in-law

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

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Louise McLaughlin, Charles Broughton,

Theresa Naish, Charles Lawrence, Alice Todd, Irene Le Forestiere, Eva Lamden, Nighean Lloyd-Thomas, Vincent Lacki, Alfred Webbe-Wood, Anita Cencio and Peter Murphy.

**This week’s events**

**Would those parents** who have children of 7 or above and would like them to make their **First Holy Communion** this year please see Fr. John after Mass for a form to complete in order to enrol them. Thank you.

**Events during Lent**

**Lent Lunches**

Each Friday from 12:00 to 14:00, during Lent, a team from the Christian Churches in Tenterden will be serving a ploughman’s lunch with soup in Saint Mildred’s Church Hall. This is an opportunity to meet up and after the costs, profits will be sent to Christian Aid.

**Stations of the Cross**

Each Sunday afternoon, during Lent, at 16:00, one of the clergy will lead you along the Way of the Cross. The “stations” is an ancient devotion following Our Lord on the way to the cross. This devotion can also be made by individuals and groups at a time to suit themselves. Examples of various Way devotional booklets will be made available to borrow and use on these occasions.

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 9th February | Feria | 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday *Fr D. Weston RIP* |
| Sunday | 10th February | World Day for the Sick | 8:30am Mass *For all who are sick*10:30am Mass *people of the parish* |
| Monday | 11th February | Feria | 10:00am Mass *Marie Henderson* |
| Tuesday | 12th February | Feria | 10:00am Mass |
| Wednesday | 13th February |  | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 14th February | Sts Cyril, Monk and Methodius (Bishop) | 9:00am Mass *private intention* |
| Friday | 15th February | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 16th February | Feria | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 17th February | Day for Racial Justice– **Second Collection** | 8:30am Mass *Terry Ascott RIP*10:30am Mass *people of the parish*12.30 Latin Mass |

The situation in **Yemen** is desperate and Cafod asks that we join in with the other Catholic parishes this weekend to pray for Yemen – this prayer is being used by other ‘Agencies’ as well.

**A Prayer for Yemen**

Giver of Life, who hears the cries from Yemen;

of mothers choosing between medicine or food,

of parents grieving children lost to starvation,

of those who have given up everything in hunger.

Hear our cries for hope, for change, for peace

In your mercy, break political deadlocks,

Soften hardened hearts, change closed minds,

Open unhearing ears.

 Let people come before power

Let life be holy again

Let your justice and peace

Shape the nation of Yemen

And the lives of all people. Amen.