

**St. Andrew’s Catholic Church, Tenterden**

**Parish Priest:** The Rt. Rev. John Hine, (Emeritus Bishop)

**Address:** The Presbytery, 47 Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6LL.

**Telephone:** 01580 762785

**Parish E-mail** tenterden@rcaos.org.uk **Parish Website:** www.standrewstenterden.org

**Deacon:** Rev. Jolyon Vickers **Email:** j.vickers1@btinternet.com **Hire of Parish Hall:** Lesley McCarthy 07791 949652 **E-mail:** bookings.standrews@talktalk.net

**Newsletter Editor:** Patricia Sargent 01233 850963 **E-mail:** sargentpat51@gmail.com

**Newsletter for the week commencing 27th/28th April 2019**

**Second Sunday of Easter( C )**

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5: 12-16** The early Christian communities led by the apostles are really charismatic in which miraculous signs abound. People believe that even if the shadow of Peter falls on the sick, they will be cured.

**Psalm: Response: 117** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end

**Second Reading: The Book of the Apocalypse 1: 9-13; 17-19.** In his ecstatic vision John sees the Son of Man clothed with a long robe and with a golden girdle around his breast. He then hears the words, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one”

**Gospel: John 20: 19-31** The focus of Jesus’ second visit after eight days is on Thomas who has been absent during his first visit. Thomas responds by making a confession of faith

1030 MASS OFFERTORY - The choir sing the anthem "Jubilate Deo" (Attributed to Mozart)

**Father John writes:**

I thank you sincerely for your very generous Easter Offerings: £1,807. !

Today is **“ Divine Mercy Sunday’** As I have been taking it easy for the last few days after all the Celebrations of Holy Week, so I give some part quotes from Shakespeare below to remind you of his approach to God’s mercy:

|  |
| --- |
| The quality of Mercy is not strain’d;It droppeth as the gentle rain from heavenUpon the place beneath: it is twice bless’d;It blesseth him that gives, and him that takes;’Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomesThe throned monarch better than his crown. |
| It is enthroned in the hearts of kings,It is an attribute to God himself;An earthly power doth then show likest God’s,When mercy seasons justice. |

        [Shakespeare](https://www.bartleby.com/70/).—Merchant of Venice, Act IV. Scene 1.

**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:** Catherine Dowding, Ellen Shanahan, Bertha parsons, John Parrock, Mary Hodges, Inez Wood, Alonzo Nugent, Fr John Hagreen, Ninette Purcell, John Moriarty and Sue Maxwell-Scott

**This week’s events**

**Reminder:** ½ day of Recollection for **Readers and Extraordinary Ministers** (Maidstone Deanery) on **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.

**Second collection this weekend** for the maintenance of St George’s Cathedral

**Parish Council meeting:** The Parish Council will meet at **7.00pm on** **Tuesday 30th April** in the Parish Office meeting room.

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** One New Testament book is reserved for Easter Sunday and the fifty days up to Pentecost and is never otherwise read publicly in Catholic Sunday or weekday liturgies. This book is The Acts of the Apostles. A short online course explores its background and character in order to help participants grasp the significance of Easter and deepen the peace, hope and joy which the season offers. Access this, and other rich online spiritual resources, on [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

**This week’s services**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 27th April | Octave of Easter | 6:00pm Vigil Mass  |
| Sunday | 28th April | Second Sunday of Easter | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass *Helena Iglinska RIP (Mary)* |
| Monday | 29th April | St Catherine of Siena | 10:00am Mass *Private Intention* |
| Tuesday | 30th April | St George, patron of England | 10:00am Mass |
| Wednesday | 1st May | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 2nd May | St Athanasius | 9:00am Mass |
| Friday | 3rd May | Sts Philip and James, Apostles | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 4th May | The English Martyrs | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 5th May | Third Sunday of Easter | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (4th/5th May)**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Charles Ortner | Alexander W | Kevin T |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Michael PayneAllan Shipton | Kathleen BishopMartin Heinrichsmeier |
| **Flowers** | Hilary | **Cleaners** | Susan and Alexander |

**Forthcoming events**

**Parish Finance Committee:** The minutes of the Parish Finance Committee meeting held on 18th March 2019 are now available on the parish website. Search at [www.standrewstenterden.org](http://www.standrewstenterden.org)**.**

**SATURDAY 11 MAY** - Our organist, Andrew Butler, is giving a short organ recital (about 40 minutes) at the Unitarian Old Meeting House in Ashford Road (on the right, towards the town) at 11.00 am preceded by coffee etc at 10.30. All welcome; free admission with a voluntary collection. Music by Walton, Anon, Boyce, Bach, Lopez, Butler, and Scotson-Clark.

**There will NOT be** a May meeting of the **Coffee Morning** group due to Jose’s and Michael’s medical appointments.

**May 18th 2019 Christian Aid Big Breakfast** St Andrew’s Parish Centre 8:30 to 10:30 £10 including full Breakfast**.**

**Our choir** has received an ecumenical invitation to lead the music at a church near Faversham next Saturday. It is lovely to be recognised outside of our parish!

**And finally**, a little bit of humour and something to think about…

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.

**“The unread story is not a story; it is little black marks on**[wood pulp](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pulp_%28paper%29)**. The reader, reading it, makes it live: a live thing, a story.”**[Ursula K. LeGuin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ursula_K._Le_Guin)