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**Week beginning 29th April 2018. Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Today's Readings:**

**First Reading** *–* (Acts 9: 26-31 ) In the aftermath of his conversion Paul has to face several obstacles. When he comes to Jerusalem, the Christians there are afraid of him and the apostles would not accept him into their company.

**Psalm** (22) *- This psalm, 22, begins with a complaint describing no other than Christ in his humiliation, but ends it here triumphing, and it can be no other than Christ in his exaltation.*

**Psalm Response** -  **You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly**

**Second Reading** - (1 John 3:18-24) John writes that believers should come before God not in trembling anxiety, but in calm confidence

**Gospel** – (John 15:1-8) The metaphor of the vine and the branches are employed to develop the concept of fruit-bearing. Only those branches that remain attached to the vine have the opportunity to bear fruit

10.30 MASS OFFERTORY - The choir sings the motet "O praise God" by John Weldon (1676-1736)  *Weldon worked in the church and the theatre. This is one of his earliest published works.*

**Fr. John Writes -**

this week I would like to highlight the Christian Aid “Big Brekkie” next Saturday (5th May) in our parish Centre. It is a chance to mix with our fellow Christians in Tenterden, to raise funds for the neediest people in the world, (£10 per head for breakfast includes contribution to Christian Aid), to pray together in a short service, and to enjoy a good cooked breakfast (after which you won’t need lunch!). They hope to show a brief audio-visual presentation on the work of Christian Aid. What an excellent use of your Saturday morning!

The Bible Journey continues NEXT Sunday in the hall at 9.15am with the topic 'Babylonian conquest and exile'.

**Prayers** 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, Beryl Cowderoy, Yolande Urquhart and Linda Smith.

'**Relatives and Friends'** list is on the porch noticeboard

Your **p**rayers, please, for all our sick parishioners, family members and friends.

**Those whose anniversaries occur about this time –**  Bertha Parsons, John Parrock, Mary Hodges, Inez Wood, Alonzo Nugent, Fr. John Hagreen, Ninette Purcell, John Moriarty and Claire Claydon.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

 **Important Date for Your Diaries**

The Men’s Breakfast event on Saturday May 5th, NEXT SATURDAY, in Saint Andrew’s Parish Centre, will be replaced by a Christian Aid Big Brekkie event (as last year) – open to all, including children – still in Saint Andrew’s. This will be followed by a short act of worship in Saint Andrew’s to mark Christian Aid week. **Please sign up on the list in the porch**

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| **This Week's Services****Sunday 29thApril. FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** **(**Second Collection today for St George’s Cathedral) **. . 8.30am Mass**  *People of the Parish* **10.30am Mass** *Rev. M Murphy RIP* *Monday 30th St Pius V* 10.00am Mass *Rev D Maskell RIP* *Tuesday 1st MAY St Joseph the Worker* 10.00am Mass*. Private Intention* *Wednesday 2nd  1130* am **Requiem Mass for Terry Campbell RIP .** followed by burial at Tenterden Cemetery.*Thursday 3rd Sts. Philip & James* 9.00am Mass *Rev J Pearson RIP* *Friday**4th The English Martyrs* 10.00am Mass *followed by Adoration of . the Blessed Sacrament. Saturday 5th*  Sacrament of Reconciliation10.00am -10.45am **Vigil Mass of Sunday 6pm***Terry Campbell RIP (Ray)*  ***Sunday 6th* Fifth Sunday of Easter 8.30am Mass** *People of the Parish* *‘* **10.30am Mass** *(Olive & Graham Prince RIP)* |

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| **May 5/6 Sixth Sunday of Easter**  |
| **Readers**  **Nar**  |  **6.00pm** Pat Sargent |  **08.30am** Tony Mallet |  **10.30am** Kevin Titus |
| **Extra - Ordinary Ministers** |   | Peter LonerganElena Peck | Kathleen BishopMartin Heinrichsmeier |
| **Flowers –** TBA **Cleaners -**  Rachel and Martin   |

 **MASS in CELEBRATION of the SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE** will take place at St. George’s Cathedral, Southwark on 16 June at 12.00pm. If you are celebrating your 1st/ 10th / 25th / 40th / 50th/ 60th + wedding anniversary this year and would like to attend this service please let Fr. John know as soon as possible so that you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop.

The **Food Bank** has been well-supported but recently donations have decreased; please do try and bring some suitable foods to help those families in need. Suggested items include Irish stew, minced beef & onion, stewed steak, meat balls, frankfurters, tinned carrots, peas, potatoes, tinned fruit; rice pudding, breakfast cereals, biscuits, tea, coffee, cocoa.

**A friend recently got 'tasered' picking up a relative from the airport. Apparently Security did not like it when he called out 'Hi, Jack!'**

**The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. Surprise! It was an Apple but with an extremely limited memory. Just one byte. Then everything collapsed.**