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**Week beginning 2nd September 2018, Twenty- Second Sunday of Year B**

**Today's Readings -**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2. 6-8. In the first farewell discourse, Moses exhorts the people to pay heed to the commandments God has given them. Observing them carefully is a precondition for taking possession of the Promised Land.

Psalm: 15. The scope of this short but excellent psalm is to show us the way to heaven and to convince us that, if we would be happy, we must be holy and honest

Psalm Response: “**The just will live in the presence of the Lord”.**

Second Reading: James 1:17-18.21-22. 27. St James tells us that true religion consists in two things. First, it pays attention to the orphans and the widows, and second, it encourages people to remain uncontaminated by the allurements of the world.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:14-15. 21-23. Jesus tells the Pharisees and the Scribes that the actual defiling factors are evil intentions originating in a person and not the external washing of hands and feet.

**Fr John writes:**

I hope you all had a good summer, even if it was a bit too hot at times!

I thank all of you who helped me celebrate my 80th birthday, especially all of you who organised and worked so hard to make our indoor BBQ such a success. So many contributed food items there was no possibility of anyone going hungry. I have just finished off the surplus cake!

Sadly, Kevin Thornton died this week. He had been involved in so many things at St. Andrew's for most of his life, so much so that it is difficult to think of our parish without him. His cheerful presence and humorous remarks as he gave out hymn books as you came into church set the tone for our liturgy! Just recently I have been tracking him from care homes to different hospitals and eventually to a nursing home at Frittenden where I gave him the last Sacrament just shortly before he died. The date and time of his Requiem will be announced as soon as it is known.

**Prayers**

**Those whose anniversaries occur about this time**: Violet Bruce-Norton, Mary Sheehan, Joseph Langley, Doris Diedo, Barbara Winter, George Goodman, Matilda Hannah and Mary Nolan.

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

**Recently Deceased**: Kevin Thornton

**Those ill or infirm in our parish**: Patricia Hook.

Remember that parishioners who would like be on the sick list must give their permission themselves or via another parishioner for this to comply with the GDPR. Do let Father John or Brian know.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service (CES). The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all schools in the country. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

**Monday 10th September:** The Kino Cinema in Hawkhurst will be showing the documentary film, called “**Pope Francis a Man of his Word”,** this has been made by the film director Wim Wenders. For details of the time and to book tickets see [www.kinodigital.co.uk](http://www.kinodigital.co.uk/) or ring 01580-754321.

Please do not forget - **Kent Churches Sponsored Ride and Stride** – Next Saturday, full details in the porch.

We really are in dire need of at least **two more church cleaners**. It would take about an hour of your time every two months and could be carried out on a Friday or Saturday to suit your availability. Please contact Brian Lawrence – 01233 732657 if you can help, PLEASE.

**Next week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time** | **Detail** |
| Saturday | 1st September | 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year B | 18:00 Vigil Mass |  |
| Sunday | 2nd September | 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year B | 08:30 Mass  10:30 Mass | People of the parish  Thanksgiving for the birth  of Sebastian John  Rivers Franklin (A & W Butler) |
| Monday | 3rd September | St Gregory the Great | 10:00 Mass | Private Intention |
| Tuesday | 4th September | St Cuthbert | 10:00 Mass | Deceased clergy |
| Wednesday | 5th September | Feria | 10:00 Mass | Rev D Weston RIP |
| Thursday | 6th September | Feria | 09:00 Mass | Private Intention |
| Friday | 7th September | Feria | 10:00 Mass  followed by  Adoration | Rev F Harrington RIP |
| Saturday | 8th September | 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year B | 10:00 to 10:45  18:00 Vigil Mass | Reconciliation |
| Sunday | 9th September | 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year B | 08:30 Mass  10:30 Mass |  |

**Next Weekend’s Roles**

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| **Job/Time** | **18:00 Saturday** | **08:30 Sunday** | **10:30 Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Roger Styles | Peter Lawrence | Kathy Gibbs |
| **Extraordinary Ministers** |  | Alan Shipton  Peter Lonergan | Frances Lawrence  Collette Iglinski |
| **Flowers** | Susan Wilson | **Cleaners** | Rachel/Martin |