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**Newsletter for the week commencing 26th July 2020**

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: 1st Kings 3: 5, 7-12**

**Psalm 118 Response: Lord, how I love your law.**

**Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans 8: 28-30**

**Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

I am looking forward to meeting you over the next few weeks. I am hoping to visit as many parishioners as I can, so do get in touch by email or by my mobile if you would like me to visit you.

Best wishes

Father Behr

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**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased**:

**Those ill or infirm:** Jennifer Jorden, Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton, Josie Payne, Joe Venables, Linda Wolff and all those self-isolating or suffering from COVID-19

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Susan Rahr, Bessie King, Lilliana Mortimer, Peter Taylor, Philomena Parker and Patricia O’Hea.

**This week**

**A big welcome** to Fr Behr who has come from Tonbridge to join the parish of St Andrew’s this week! We hope he will settle quickly and be happy in Tenterden, despite the strange times we are living in.

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** Episcopal priest, writer, and internationally known retreat leader, Dr Cynthia Bourgeault is a core faculty member at the ecumenical Center for Action and Contemplation alongside fellow teachers and colleagues, Fr Richard Rohr and James Finley.  She describes the ‘Welcoming Practice’ as a vibrant, energetic, embodied witnessing practice, and an essential tool for inner transformation – a powerful “companion piece for turning daily life into a virtually limitless field for inner awakening.” Using it can help move us through challenging or painful experiences, times of disturbed emotion or anguish, and even moments where unhelpful control tendencies and self-inflation takes us over. Access this valuable spiritual resource at: [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 25th July | St James, Apostle | 10am Mass |
| Sunday | 26th July | Seventeenth Sunday (A) | 10am Mass  |
| Monday | 27th July | Feria | 10am Mass |
| Tuesday | 28th July | Feria | 10am Mass |
| Wednesday | 29th July | St Martha | 10am Word and Communion  |
| Thursday | 30th July | St Peter Chrysologus | 10am Mass |
| Friday | 31st July | St Ignatius | 10am Mass. |
| Saturday | 1st August | St Alphonsus Liguori | 10:00 Mass |
| Sunday | 2nd August | Eighteenth Sunday (A) | 10.00 Mass |

**Here is a reminder of how things are running during the easing of lock-down: -**

* **Mass at 10am only,** **everyday**– the same scripture readings as Sunday
* Wednesday service of word/communion, as Fr Behr day off
* Church locked out of service times
* St Mildred's open as part of Churches Together in Tenterden initiative for private prayer
* **More stewards please**
* **More cleaners please**
* **Please bring with you a completed Track and Trace** form every time
* **Please book every time** by email or in extremis phone
* Face masks not mandatory, but advisory
* Hand sanitiser available

Deacon Jolyon is co-ordinating the **Mass attendance numbers and names**. Please contact him by email preferably on **jolyonvickers@rcaos.org.uk** to advise him each time you wish to attend Mass. He will then confirm asap if there is a space available for you. In difficulties, please ring him on 01580 766449.

Please could you also email Deacon Jolyon if you are able to offer yourself as a volunteer steward and post service cleaner.

**Please do not turn up “unannounced”, or after 10am, as you may have to be turned away.**

And finally, a few notices to make you smile…

In a Laundromat:
AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.
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In a London department store:
BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS…
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In an office:
WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.