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**Newsletter for the week commencing 10th September 2023**

**Twenty-third Sunday (A)**

**Entrance antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9**

**Psalm 94 Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

**Second Reading: The letter of St Paul to the Roman 13: 8-10**

**Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20**

**Communion antiphon: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

During the month of October we have a wonderful opportunity to grow in our love and knowledge of our Blessed Mother Mary.

Every Tuesday in October at 10.30am we have refreshments followed by a 25 minute film on Our Lady.

Don’t miss this accessible and informative parish course starting on Tuesday 3 October.

We are going to be joined by parishioners from Rye parish and Deacon Simon South.

More details to follow.

**Fr Behr**

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased: Jane McKinnon RIP**

**Those ill or infirm:** Mara McDermot, June Munton, Ailish Cantwell (Jones), Sylwia Dorosz, Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Patricia Hook, Josie Payne, Pat Holland, and all those who are unwell and in need of our prayers.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Helena Gilkerson, Alan John Catlow, Anne Holmes. “Bunny” Horton, Jocelyn Stevenson, Philomena Curtin, Doreen Richardson, John (Christian) Gray and Sidonia Munn.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jane McKinnon who died recently. Jane’s funeral Mass is on Tuesday**

**12 September at 11am**

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| **This week’s services (9th – 16th September), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 9th September**St Peter Claver, Priest | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass *Children & young people*   **Reader: Peter** |
| **Sunday 10th September****TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)** | 10am Mass *Noel ‘Mike’ Cahill RIP* **Reader: Kathy**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Monday 11th September**St Ambrose Barlow, Priest & Martyr | 10am Mass *People of the Parish* |
| **Tuesday 12th September**The Most Holy Name of Mary | **11am** **Funeral Mass of Jane McKinnon RIP** |
| **Wednesday 13th September**St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church | 10am Mass *Private Intention*  |
| **Thursday 14th September**The Exaltation of The Holy Cross | 9am-10am Adoration10am Mass *Holy Mass for Priests* |
| **Friday 15th September**Our Lady of Sorrows | 10am Mass *In Reparation*10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday !6th September**St Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian Bishop | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil *Mass Marie Walker RIP*  **Reader: Wendy** |
| **Sunday 17th September****TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (A)** | 10am Mass *People of the Parish* **Reader: Pat**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Flowers: for 17th September - Hilary** |
| **Cleaners: for 16th/17th September – Christine & Wendy** |

**Confession**

Fr Behr is available for Confession every Saturday from 10.30am - 11am. He is also happy to visit those who are not able to  come to church.

**Children’s Liturgy**

Children’s Liturgy at the 10am Mass on the first Sunday of every month. All children who have not made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend.  The next lesson with Lorraine is Sunday, **October 1st**

**From Head of Safeguarding**

We would like to invite you to our annual Service for those that have been harmed by abuse. The Service will be led by Archbishop John Wilson and will be held on the 27th September 2023 at 6.30pm. The Service will be held at St George’s Cathedral. We would welcome your attendance and support at this event. This Service allows the Archdiocese to acknowledge, pray and reflect on the pain that is caused by abuse and to demonstrate the Archdiocese’s commitment to supporting those that have been abused and creating safe environments.  Thank you for all your support Mary-Jane Crowley

Head of Safeguarding |Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark CIO.

**The deadline for booking your place for the Tenterden Christian Breakfast on Saturday 16th September was Friday 8th September.**

 **However, because Deacon Jolyon is away, your booking may not have been registered with Chris.**

**A reminder of the details: Time: 8.15 for an 8.30 start Finish at 10. Venue: Zion Baptist Church. Good Food - a cooked breakfast, Good Fellowship and we are pleased Matthew Clay, Pastor at Trinity, is able to come and speak to us about 'Discovering God's Fingerprints'. Cost £10 payable on the day.**

**PLEASE LET ME (PAT SARGENT: 07900 430520) KNOW BY SUNDAY EVENING (10th Sept) IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK A PLACE and I will let Chris know.**

On **Monday 2 October** we have a **general parish meeting at 7pm**.

This will be a great opportunity to come together as a parish. The parish finance committee will make a presentation on our parish finances with lots of time for questions.

We will also have time to discuss other aspects of parish life.

I do hope you will put this date in your diary and make every effort to attend.

I am always grateful for the suggestions from parishioners on how to improve things in our parish.

**Fr Behr**

**GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST:**If you are mourning after the death of a loved one - this weekend may be for you. **Aylesford Priory 6th - 8th October 2023**.
Cost £230 single, £210 shared.
Please tel: 01622 717272 or email: reception@thefriars.org.uk

**GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER:**consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for engaged couples who have **completed their marriage preparation course**and want to continue exploring their faith together and **married couples**to enrich their friendship and love. The course dates are 4 Tuesday evenings 8pm – **Oct 24th, 31st, Nov 7 and 14th**To **register**click on the link below from**October 1st**: Growing in Faith Together — Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis (rcaos.org.uk)

**An Appeal**

If you have thought about reading at Mass (or even if you haven’t) and would like to give it a try

please contact Fr. Behr or Pat Sargent and we can have a chat.

We are very low on reader numbers, especially for the Saturday evening Masses, so an extra one or two would

make a big difference and we would be very grateful.

Thank you.