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**Newsletter for the week commencing 24th September 2023**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday (A)**

**Entrance antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9**

**Psalm 144 Response: The Lord is close to all who call him.**

**Second Reading: The letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1: 20-24, 27**

**Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16**

**Communion antiphon: I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

The course on Our Lady will begin on Tuesday 10 October not 3 October due to a funeral at Rye parish.

**Let It Be**

**Five engaging sessions (25 mins each)**

Chosen by God Tuesday 10 October

The First Disciple Tuesday 17 October

Mother of All Tuesday 24 October

Queen of Heaven Tuesday 31 October

Help of Christians Tuesday 7 November

**Input from experts such as Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, Mgr John Armitage, Dr Sarah Boss, Fr Jim McManus, Sr Catherine Droste & others**

**And extended interviews with Dr Mary Healy (Detroit Seminary & Pontifical Biblical Commission)**

We begin each session with refreshments at 10.30am.

**Fr Behr**

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**

**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:** Christine Carney, Terence Price, Tony Russell, Angela Drummond-Brady,

Stanislav Iglinski, Andrew O’Brien, Anne Bryant, John Feetenby and Dorothea Banyard.

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| **This week’s services (23th – 30th September), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 23rd September**St Paul of Pietrelcina, Priest | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass *People of the Parish*   **Reader: James** |
| **Sunday 24th September****TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY (A)** | 10am Mass *Liz and Wayne Anniversary* **Reader: Rachel**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Monday 25th September**Feria | 10am Mass *Elizabeth Morrison Intentions* |
| **Tuesday 26th September**Sts Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs | 10am Mass *Robert Nelson Wellbeing* |
| **Wednesday 27th September**St Vincent de Paul, Priest | 10am Service of the Word and Holy Communion |
| **Thursday 28th September**St Wenceslaus, Martyr; St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs | **8.30am Mass – no adoration** *Marie & Stan Solowski* |
| **Friday 29th September**Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels | 10am Mass *Lucia Dientst RIP*10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 30th September**St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass *People of the Parish*  **Reader: Peter** |
| **Sunday 1st October****TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY (A)** | 10am Mass *Varghese Thomas RIP* **Reader: Collette**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Flowers: for 30th Sept/ 1st Oct - Breeda** |

**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.

**This Sunday September 24th** we will begin our new Ecumenical Evening Services on the last Sunday of each month. Each local denomination will lead a service in their style and you are cordially invited to attend and join in fellowship afterwards. **This** Sunday's service will be **at 18:00 (6pm)** in **Saint Mildred's** and the **theme** will be **Creation**.

**Tuesday Film Show**

On Tuesday we have another fascinating documentary on our Catholic faith starting with refreshments at 10.30am followed by the film at 10.45am.

***Evangelii Gaudium – Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer***

The second collection of Evangelii Gaudium Sunday supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference. In the last year this has included:

• Enabling the recording of the videos on the four constitutions.

• Bringing together a working group from across England and Wales to prepare materials for the Jubilee Year 2025 and Year of Prayer 2024.

• Supporting Patrimony experts to deliver funding to 39 projects at outstanding Grade I and II\* Catholic churches with the £6.6million awarded to the Catholic Bishops’ Conference via Historic England through the governments’ Culture Recovery Fund in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

• Supporting co-ordinators and their teams in dioceses through formation and sharing of best practice.

**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 next Sunday, **October 1st**

**Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**

October 7 Bring and Share

10am Mass

10.30am Rosary and Adoration

11.30am Solemn Benediction

Followed by bring and share light lunch.

I was ordained on the same day as Fr Sean O’Connor in 2006. Fr Sean is undergoing chemotherapy so we will offer Mass for him.

**Our Lady**

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 10 October**.

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

More details to follow.

**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)

**Catholic conference on 14th Octoer 2023**designed to help parents and Grandparents to support their children’s moral life  as young adults.  **Attendance is in Person or Online via Zoom Details can be found**at [**www.eventcatholic.com**](http://www.eventcatholic.com/)

**On 15 November a Mass will be offered by Canon Michael Branch**

**at 2pm in St George's Cathedral. Southwark.**

The theme this year is "*Affirming the Church’s Message on Marriage and Family Life*?”

We hope that the Coloma Convent Girl’s choir will enhance the liturgy

and there will be a happy reception afterwards.

Tickets for the occasion will be £25.  We hope to have enough to give a donation to charity.

**Bishop Howard Tripp RIP**

Bishop Howard Tripp’s first anniversary of death is on 3 October. There will be a Year’s Mind Mass for him - celebrated at St George’s Cathedral - the day after, on **Wednesday 4 October** at **12.30pm**. Bishop Paul Hendricks will be the main celebrant.

This Mass will be simply the usual lunchtime Cathedral Mass, but it was felt important to mark Bishop Howard’s first anniversary in some small way, in the place where he lies at rest in the Cathedral crypt.

Bishop Howard gave 24 years of devoted episcopal service as Auxiliary Bishop in the South West Area of the Diocese, and continued his episcopal service indirectly during his 18 years of retirement. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

Everyone is most welcome to attend the Mass.

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**