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**Newsletter for the week commencing 15th October 2023**

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday (A)**

**Entrance antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10**

**Psalm 22 Response: In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**

**Second Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20**

**Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept himhe gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14**

**Communion antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

Cardinal +Pierbattista Pizzaballa

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem has asked for a day of prayer, fasting and abstinence on Tuesday 17 October. He writes;

“The pain and dismay at what is happening is great. Once again we find ourselves in the midst of a political and military crisis.

Yet, in this time of sorrow and dismay, we do not want to remain helpless. We cannot let death and its sting (1 Cor 15:55) be the only word we hear. That is why we feel the need to pray, to turn our hearts to God the Father.

**We ask that on Tuesday, October 17, everyone hold a day of fasting, abstinence, and prayer. Let us organize prayer times with Eucharistic adoration and with the recitation of the Rosary to Our Blessed Virgin Mary.”**

<https://www.lpj.org/posts/a-day-of-fasting-and-prayer.html>

We will have Adoration and Rosary from 9am with a special Mass for peace at 10am.

Our Lady is the Queen of Peace and united with her prayers we gather to implore Our Lord for mercy.

Please make the effort to come along and join in prayer.

**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:** Francizsk Babicz, Bridget Boyle, Joan Chudzikowska, John H. M. Mitchell, Joe Cerullo, Norah Culley, Gladys & Frederick Hodges and John Williams.

**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 ison Sunday, **November 5th**.

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| **This week’s services (14th -21st October), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 14th October**St Callistus I Pope & Martyr | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass *People of the Parish*   **Reader: Pat** |
| **Sunday 15th October****TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY (A)** | 10am Mass *Special Intention Thomas Family* **Reader: Frances**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Monday 16th October**St Hedwig, Religious | 10am Mass *Margaret Baldwin Wellbeing* |
| **Tuesday 17th October**St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr | 10am Mass *Special Mass for Peace* |
| **Wednesday 18th October**St Luke, Evangelist | **No Service of the Word and Holy Communion this week** |
| **Thursday 19th October**Feria | 9am-10am Adoration10am Mass *Holy Mass for Priests* |
| **Friday 20th October**Feria | 10am Mass *Pat McAndrew RIP*10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 21st October**St Margaret Clitherow, Martyr | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession 6pm Vigil Mass *People of the Parish*  **Reader: James** |
| **Sunday 22nd October****TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY (A)** | 10am Mass *Maria Magdalena Heinrichsmeier RIP* **Reader: Kathy**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Flowers: for 21st/22nd October - Pat** |

**Course on Our Lady**

**Let It Be**

**Four more engaging sessions (25 mins each)**

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)**

**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)

**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.

**OPEN EVENING:**St Simon Stock Catholic School Open events for entry in September 2024. Open Mornings Tuesday 3rd October & Thursday 17th October-9am to 10.30am. Please arrive by 9.30am to allow enough time for your tour. Open Evening Thursday 5th October - 5pm to 7.30pm. Headteacher talks at 5.15pm, 6pm & 6.45pm. Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 3 November - 5.45pm to 8pm Talk by Headteacher and Director of Sixth Form commences at 6pm. Please visit www.ssscs.co.uk for advance booking and further information

**Churches Together in Tenterden - update from recent meeting**

The following events have been cancelled due to a lack of support and interest - Children's Holiday Club October 2023 and Advent Course 2023.

It is hoped that we can have an Ecumenical Carol Event around a crib on the Recreation Ground, watch this space.

The 2nd of our Ecumenical Evening Services will be at 4pm at the Methodist Church on Sunday 29th October. It is hoped that members of our congregation will support this event.

Advance Date for your diary - the Town Carol Service in Saint Mildred's will be on Wednesday 20th December in the evening (7 or 7:30 TBC)

**CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS**

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Youth Service) are looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their internship programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk