**Newsletter for the week commencing 12th November 2023**

**Thirty-second Sunday (A)**

**Entrance antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.**

**First Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16**

**Psalm 62 Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God**

**Second Reading: First letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4: 13-16**

**Acclamation:  Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.  Alleluia!**

**Gospel:  Matthew 25: 1-13**

**Communion antiphon:  The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

**Advent Course**

The Sycamore course is an enjoyable and accessible way of deepening our faith.  We thought it would be good to combine this course with supper starting at 7pm.  A great way to prepare for Christmas and come together as a parish community.

There are four topics:

THE SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS - Friday 24 November 7pm

A GOD WHO SPEAKS - Friday 1 December 7pm

THE BIBLE - Friday 8 December 7pm

THE POWER OF PRAYER - Friday 15 December 7pm

If you’d like to see the films, they are available here.

<https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/advent-course/>

**Fr Behr**

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:** Rev Deacon Kevin Dunne (Funeral St Augustine’s Tunbridge Wells Tuesday November 21st at 12:30 and Ann Robertson (founder of the Pilgrim’s Hospices)

**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:**Mary Pollock, Louise Clark, Kay & Brian McGinty, Phyllis Lorriman and Rev, Derek Ockenden (Deacon).

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| **This week’s services (11th – 19th November), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** | |
| **Saturday 11th November**  St Martin of Tours, Bishop | No public Mass am  10.30 -11am Confession  6pm Vigil Mass*People of the Parish***Reader: Pat** |
| **Sunday 12th November**  **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY (A)** | 10am Mass *Purton Family* **Reader: Collette**  12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Monday 13th November**  St Frances Xavier Cabrini, Religious | 10am Mass *Martin Cummins RIP* |
| **Tuesday 14th November**  Feria | 10am Mass *Ivy & Michael Wellbeing* |
| **Wednesday 15th November**  St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church | 10am Service of the Word and Holy Communion |
| **Thursday 16th November**  St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop | 9am-10am Adoration  10am Mass *Elizabeth Morrison Intentions* |
| **Friday 17th November**  St Hilda , Religious | 10am Mass *Reparation*  10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 18th November**  Feria | No public Mass am  10.30 -11am Confession  6pm Vigil Mass*People of the Parish***Reader: Peter** |
| **Sunday 19th November**  **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)** | 10am Mass *Elizabeth Vickers RIP (Anniversary)*      **Reader: Brian**  12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Flowers: for 18th/19th November - Frances** | |
| **Cleaners: for 18th/19th November – Liz & David** | |

**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, December 3rd.

**Blessing of Graves Tenterden Cemetery**

We have a service of blessing at Tenterden Cemetery **this Sunday 12 November at 3pm.**

We will pray for all those buried there and for all the faithful departed. Please wear waterproof shoes etc

**Christian Meditation Group**

Wednesday November 15th in Saint Mildred’s, 6 to 7 pm

**Faith in the Family**

St Anthony Communications have produced a new video series Faith in the Family which is available FREE online. There are 15 short videos covering various aspects of the faith: Faith in the Family – YouTube

**Sunday 12th November Second Collection**

The Archbishop’s Appeal diocesan **second collection** will take place in parishes across the Archdiocese of Southwark. This important second collection will enable our Archdiocese to fund three key areas of ministry as we journey together to become a missionary and evangelising Archdiocese; which is why this is one of the mandatory collections.

• Youth and Evangelisation: To strengthen the formation of young people in the faith; enhance the faith life of parishioners; support the journeys of new Catholics in their conversion; thus, enabling Southwark to become an evangelising and missionary Archdiocese, proclaiming passionately the Good News of the Lord Jesus.

• Our Faith in Action: to show compassionate and active service in the world around us through love for all people: to proclaim and protect the dignity of each and every human person, from conception to natural death; respect for the inter-connectedness of our world and common home; hearing the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth; and, funding social outreach projects taking place in our parishes and schools.

• Clergy Care and Formation: to support the work of the vocations team in the formation of seminarians, deacons and priests; supporting the on-going formation of our priests and deacons in active ministry; and, caring for our clergy in their old age, sickness, and retirement.

**CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal**

Donate to CAFOD’s Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/israeli-palestinian-crisis-how-you-can-help) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need.  Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.”

**Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo,**

3rd March 2024.  £899.00 pps.  Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights’ in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days.  All entertainment, excursions and transport included.  Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle.  Single supplement on Enquiry.  Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:patricia@gotrouvaille.com)

**Craft Sale**

After Mass on the weekend of 18/19 November we have some lovely craft items made by Maria Milton. She has kindly donated the proceeds to our parish.

﻿**Christmas cards.**

The remainder of last year’s “Aid to the Church in need” cards will be on sale after the Masses on November 18th and 19th and also the following weekend (25th and 26thNovember).  Hopefully all will be sold this time round! Nuala.

**Christmas Tree Festival**

is in town again! Come to Zion Baptist Church on Friday 24th or Saturday 25th November and vote for your favourite. See the poster for the finer details but be sure of a warm welcome!  Donations of mince pies for the refreshments would be gratefully received either by Frances on Sunday 19th after 10 a.m. Mass or on any of the Open times at the Zion Baptist church. Volunteers for waitressing are also needed. Please let Suzanne Martin know if you can come, on rogsuzmartin3 @ [btinternet.com](http://btinternet.com).

**Tenterden Christian Breakfasts**

You are invited to join us for Breakfast on Saturday 25th November. This Breakfast is open to all*.*

Time: 8.15 for an 8.30 start Finish at 10.

Venue: St Andrew's Parish Centre. Good Food - a cooked breakfast, good fellowship and we are pleased Jeanette Kennett is able to come and speak to us. Her talk is entitled 'Island Hopping' and will be about her journey of faith. Please book your place by Wednesday 15th November at the latest so we can confirm numbers with our caterers. Sign-up sheet in porch. Cost £10 payable on the day.

Jolyon would appreciate help from parishioners setting up on the Friday night, hosting on the Saturday and clearing up

**Ecumenical Evening Services**

The next one will be on Sunday November 26th at 4pm in Zion Church, followed by Sunday December 31st at 4 pm in Saint Andrew’s.

**Community Carols**

The Christians in the Town will gather for a short open air Carol Service at 4pm on Friday 15th December on the Recreation Ground. This is our Christmas equivalent of the Good Friday witness event.

**Town Carol Service**

The annual ecumenical event will take place in Saint Mildred’s at 7:30pm on Wednesday December 20th. You are advised to arrive early as seating is at a premium.