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**Newsletter for the week commencing 19th November 2023**

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)**

**Entrance antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

**First Reading: Proverbs 31: 10-13; 19-20; 30-31**

**Psalm127 Response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

**Second Reading: First letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5: 1-6**

**Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!**

 **Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30**

**Communion antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in the God the Lord.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

**Next Sunday is Christ the King, the last Sunday before Advent.**

Almighty ever-living God,

whose will is to restore all things

in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray,

that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service

and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**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:** Anne Luker, Roman Chudzikowski, Anne Grimley, Jim Flanagan, Annie Cox, Arthur Hodson, Elsie Bourcier, Frank Whelan, Patricia Rickwood, Marguerite May and Jo Pendered.

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| **This week’s services (18th – 26th November),** **Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 18th November**Feria | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm 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  |
| **Monday 20th November**Feria | 10am Mass *Josephine and Charles Azzopardi RIP* |
| **Tuesday 21st November**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 10am Mass *In Reparation* |
| **Wednesday 22nd November**St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr | 10am Service of the Word and Holy Communion |
| **Thursday 23rd November**St Clement, Pope & Martyr; St Columban, Abbot | 9am-10am Adoration10am Mass *Holy Mass for Priests* |
| **Friday 24th November**St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs | 10am Mass *Robert L Nelson RIP* 10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 25th November**St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass *People of the Parish*  **Reader: James** |
| **Sunday 26th November****OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE** | 10am Mass *Gordon Reynolds RIP* **Reader: Frances**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Flowers: for 25th/26th November - Kathy** |

**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.

**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. Please sign up so we can know how many to cater for.

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/

**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

**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**

**Craft Sale**

**After Mass THIS weekend (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 this weekend, November 18th and 19th, and also next weekend (25th and 26th November). Hopefully all will be sold this time round! Nuala.

The **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/flyers 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.

**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.

**Alternative Catholic Education: Puer Iesus College**

 Puer Iesus is a part-time college for 7-year-olds through to A Levels. Students spend two days a week at the college, and three days a week at home. There is an Open Day on Saturday 25 November, for September 2024 entry. Please visit our website for more details: pueriesus.org