**Newsletter for the week commencing 3rd February 2024**

**FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.**

**First Reading: Job 7: 1-4,6-7**

**Psalm 146 Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

**Second Reading:  First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 9: 16-19,22-23**

**Acclamation:  Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.  Alleluia!**

**Gospel:  Mark 1: 29-39**

**Communion antiphon:  Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

*God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work.*

St John Henry Newman, Meditations on Christian Doctrine, 1848

As we have been reflecting on our Archbishop’s plan Some Definite Service (SDS), over the last few weeks, it’s good to pray the prayer above written by St John Henry Newman.

We face many challenges in our lives but there also great opportunities to grow in faith and service.

During Lent I would like to invite you to come to a meeting to discuss the shared experience of our parish. In a friendly, informal and relaxed environment over a cup of coffee or nibbles we can dive deeper into what Archbishop John is calling us to reflect on. Everyone has something to offer and I do hope you will make every effort to attend.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 February after the 10am Mass and repeated on Friday 23 February at 7.30pm.

If you are not able to attend you are always  welcome to write to me with your thoughts and suggestions.

Fr Behr

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased**:  Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Peter Crinnion RIP** who died recently, for the comfort of his wife Bridget and all their family

**Those ill or infirm:**  Paul Lane, 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:**Kathleen Lewis, Lady Sheila Bates, John McDonald, Dorothy Castle, Adele Sherston, Patrick O’Keeffe, Michael Cahill, Norma Dayborn, Anne Page and David Lloyd-Thomas.

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| **This week’s services (3rd  – 10th   February ), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** | |
| **Saturday 3rd February** | No public Mass am  10.30 -11am Confession  6pm Vigil Mass*People of the Parish***Reader: Pat** |
| **Sunday 4th February**  **FIFTH SUNDAY in Ordinary time)** | 10am Mass *Dumbleton Family Well-being***Reader: Brian**  12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Monday 5th February**  St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr | 10am Mass *Lt Col James and Mrs Mary White RIP* |
| **Tuesday 6th February**  Sts Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs | 10am Mass *Colin Frame RIP* |
| **Wednesday 7th February**  Feria | **10am Service of Word and Communion** |
| **Thursday 8th February**  St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin | 9am-10am Adoration  10am Mass *Brian Robinson RIP* |
| **Friday 9th February**   Feria | 10am Mass *Catherine Lister RIP*  10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 10th February**  St Scholastica, Virgin | No public Mass am  10.30 -11am Confession  6pm Vigil Mass*Elizabeth Morrison Intentions***Reader: James** |
| **Sunday 11th February**  **SIXTH SUNDAY in Ordinary time** | 10am Mass *People of the Parish***Reader: Frances**  12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Flowers: for 10th/11th  February - 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.

**Children’s Liturgy** at the 10am Mass is 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**this**Sunday, February 4th, 2024.

Canon **FR. LIAM GALLAGHER,**Parish Priest at Maidstone has been appointed as ‘Canon’ in recognition of his work, especially with the Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese.

The **SycamOre Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) course** is an exciting free ONLINE

course, for married and engaged couples, on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm beginning

13 Feb 2024 and continuing on 20 Feb, 27 Feb, 5 Mar, 12 Mar, 19 Mar 2024. To

register click on the link :[together](https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together)

Growing in Faith Together — Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis ([rcaos.org.uk](http://rcaos.org.uk))

**‘Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ’ Weekend** If you are mourning after the death of a loved

one, this weekend may be for you. Aylesford Priory. 22-24 March 2024 Please telephone

01622 717272 or email: [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)

**Beginning Experience Weekend**

Beginning Experience is a special residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss.  This next programme will be held on **12-14 April**; contact: Mary: 0208 647 4760, or Maura: 07795 498445, email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

**Artificial Intelligence**

If you are interested in AI there is good article here.

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