**Newsletter for the week commencing 11th February 2024**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.  For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

**First Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46**

**Psalm 31 Response: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

**Second Reading:  The first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10: 31-11: 1**

**Acclamation:  Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!**

**Communion antiphon:  They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. A season of deeper prayer, fasting and alms giving.

Mass on Ash Wednesday 14 February is at 10am and 7.30pm.  There is also a Latin Mass at 12pm.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Those over 14 years of age abstain from meat and those aged 18-59 are called to keep a fast.

Adoration is a beautiful way of being with Our Lord who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. It is an encounter with Jesus the source of love and peace.

To prepare for Lent we have a special Holy Hour of Adoration on Shrove Tuesday at 7.30pm.

In our parish we have two Holy Hours of Adoration each week. On Thursday morning from 9am and on Friday morning from 10.30am. If you are thinking of doing something extra for Our Lord during Lent this would be an excellent option.

Stations of the Cross:

A traditional way of entering into the mystery of Our Lord’s Passion and death during Lent is to walk the Way of the Cross.

We have Stations on Monday morning after Mass and on Wednesday morning after the Word and Communion service.

We have a special Stations of the Cross on Sunday 25 February at 4pm where we will be joined by other Christians from the local area. Please come and pray if you can.

Fr Behr

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**

**Those ill or infirm:**PaulLane**,** 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:**Louise McLaughlin, Charles Broughton, Teresa Naish, Charles Lawrence, Alice Todd, Irene le Forestiere, Eva Lamden, Nighean Lloyd-Thomas, Vincent Lacki, Alfred Webbe-Wood, Anita Cencio, Peter Murphy, Kathleen Ross-Taylor, Anthony Burke, Ann Thomas and Vincent Burns.

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| **This week’s services (10th – 17th February), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** | |
| **Saturday 10th February**  St Scholastica, Virgin | No Public  10.30 -11am Confession  6pm Vigil Mass*Elizabeth Morrison Intentions*  **Reader: James** |
| **Sunday 11th February**SIXTH SUNDAY (B) | 10am Mass *People of the Parish*  **Reader: Frances**  12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Monday 12th February**  Feria | 10am Mass *Jane McKinnon RIP* |
| **Tuesday 13th February**  Feria | 10am *Donor’s Intention* |
| **Wednesday 14th February**  **ASH WEDNESDAY** | 10am Mass *Jane Colquhoun & Family*  12pm Traditional Latin Mass  **7.30pm Mass***Peter (Derek) Johnson RIP* |
| **Thursday 15th February**  Feria | 9am-10am Adoration  10am Mass *Kathleen Shields RIP* |
| **Friday 16th February**  Feria | 10am Mass *Tom & Violet Collins RIP*  10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 17th February**  Feria | No public Mass am  10.30 -11am Confession  6pm Vigil Mass *Edmondo Lista RIP***Reader: Liz** |
| **Sunday 18th February**  **FIRST SUNDAY of LENT (B)** | 10am Mass  *People of the Parish***Reader:Kathy**  12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **No Flowers during Lent** | |
| **Cleaners: for 17th/18th February -  Liz & David** | |

**Clergy Support Fund**

The Second Collection on 17/18 February is for the Clergy Support Fund.   This helps to provide essential care for retired and sick clergy of our diocese**.**

**Children’s Liturgy** t 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 isonSunday, March 3rd, 2024.

**Parish Meeting: Some Definite 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 10.00 am Mass** and **repeated on Friday 23 February at 7.30 pm.**

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

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)

**CARITAS**

This March, we celebrate the first anniversary of Caritas Southwark. To mark the occasion, Archbishop John will celebrate Mass at St George’s Cathedral on Saturday 16 March at 12.30pm. Kindly save this date in your diaries and invites will be sent out shortly. There will also be an event in Amigo Hall afterwards, where you can hear about some of the wonderful projects happening in our parishes.

**World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 1st**

Prepared by the Christian Women of **Palestine**

To be held at St Mildred’s Church at 2pm. With refreshments afterwards. Everyone welcome!

Please come along if you possibly can.