**Newsletter for the week commencing 18th February 2024**

**First Sunday of Lent (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.**

**First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-15**

**Psalm 24 Response: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.**

**Second Reading:  The first letter of ST Peter 3: 18-22**

**Acclamation:  Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

**Gospel:  Mark 1: 12-15**

**Communion antiphon:  One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

If you are considering doing something extra for Lent then praying the Stations of the Cross is an excellent devotional.

Stations of the Cross is traditional way of entering into the mystery of Our Lord’s Passion and death during Lent.

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 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:** 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: Geraldine Walsh, Joan Bidwell, Alice Jobson, Norman Finch, Dennis Hobday, Frank O’Neill, Eileen Brandon, Raymond Carroll, Betty Manning and Maureen McGarry.**

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| **This week’s services (17th – 24th February), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** | |
| **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 |
| **Monday 19th February**  Feria | 10am Mass *Mrs Alticri RIP*  10.30am Stations of the Cross |
| **Tuesday 20th February**  Feria | 10am Mass  *Donor’s  Intention* |
| **Wednesday 21st February**  St Peter Damien, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; St Robert Southwell, Priest & Martyr | 10am Service of the Word and Holy Communion  10 30am Stations of the Cross |
| **Thursday 22nd February**  The Chair of St Peter the Apostle | 9am-10am Adoration  10am Mass *For Priests* |
| **Friday 23rd February**  Feria | **8.30am Mass *In Reparation*** |
| **Saturday 24th February**  Feria | No public Mass am  10.30 -11am Confession  6pm Vigil Mass*People of the Parish***Reader: Wendy** |
| **Sunday 25th February**  **SECOND SUNDAY of LENT (B)** | 10am Mass  *Michael Kitts RIP***Reader: Suzanne**  12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  **4pm Stations of the Cross: we will be joined by Christians from other churches in Tenterden** |
| **No flowers in Lent** | |

**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.

**Clergy Support Fund**

**The Second Collection this weekend (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** at the 10.00 am 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.

**A message from Deacon Jolyon**: if you would like to receive the **Daily Lenten Reflections** from the Diocesan Spirituality Commission, you can sign up at:[**www.southwarkdsc.org.uk**](http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk). Into the Spirituality Website and fill out a short form on the Lent reflections picture. 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.

Archbishop John Wilson.

BOOK LAUNCH Wed 6th March, 6.00pm for 6.30pm. Amigo Hall, adjacent to St George’s Cathedral, Southwark.

“Pondering and Praying Vatican II.”

**Churches Together in Tenterden and District:  Forthcoming Events involving Saint Andrew’s.**

**Saturday 17th February 09:00** Sts Peter & Paul, Appledore *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast.

**Saturday 24th February 09:00** St John the Baptist Wittersham. *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast

**Friday 1st March 14:00** Saint Mildred’s *World Day of prayer.*

**Saturday 2nd March 09:00** Saint Peter’s Newenden *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast.

**Friday 8th March 12:30 to 14:00** Zion *Lent Lunch* Christian Aid

**Saturday 9th March 09:00** St Mary Ebony *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast

**Friday 15th March 12:30 to 14:00** Zion *Lent Lunch* Christian Aid

**Saturday 16th March 09:00** St Michael’s Nr Tenterden *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast

**Friday 22nd March 12:30 to 14:00** Zion *Lent Lunch* xxx Christian Aid

**Saturday 23rd March 09:00** St Mary Stone in Oxney *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast

**Saturday 23rd March 08:30** Zion *Christian Breakfast* Speaker TBA

**Friday 29th March 10:00** Tenterden Town Hall *Witness Service*

**Saturday 30th March 09:00** St Mildred’s *The Joy of the Gospel* Reflective Service & Breakfast **xxx Saint Andrew’s leading the catering team – help will be needed please.**