**Newsletter for the week commencing 10th March 2024**

**FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  Be Joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.**

**First Reading: The second book of Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23**

**Psalm 136 Response: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!**

**Second Reading:  The letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 2: 4-10**

**Acclamation:  Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**Gospel:  John 3: 14-21**

**Communion antiphon:  Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

The Shroud of Turin has fascinated people for centuries.

The Shroud is the single most scientifically studied artefact in all of human history.

The Shroud has been photographed, X-rayed, carbon dated and subjected to every kind of botanical and forensic examination currently known.

If you would like to explore this theme, we have a talk by Pierre Emmauel Cotteret entitled

"A brief Introduction to the Shroud of Turin, A Mysterious Piece of Linen" on Tuesday 19 March starting with refreshments at 10.35am.

Fr Behr

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:  Although she was not a parishioner, please pray for the repose of the soul of Olga Agraso RIP. Her funeral service is on Friday 22 March at 11.30am. Friday Mass will be as usual**

**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**: Naomi Mitchell, Alfred Holmesdale, Philip Goodwin, Peter Cox, Mary Hastings, John Bryant, John-Paul Beirne, William Roche and Daniel Nesbitt.

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| **This week’s services (9th – 16th March), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** | |
| **Saturday 9th March**  Feria | No public Mass am  10.30 -11am Confession  6pm Vigil Mass*Thanksgiving (Beresford)***Reader: Lorraine** |
| **Sunday 10th March**  **FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT (B)**  **Laetare Sunday** | 10am Mass  *People of the Parish***Reader: Brian**  12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Monday 11th March**  Feria | **No Mass** |
| **Tuesday 12th March**  Feria | **No Mass** |
| **Wednesday 13th March**  Feria | **No Mass or Service of the Word** |
| **Thursday 14th March**  Feria | **No Mass or Adoration** |
| **Friday 15th March**  Feria | **No Mass or Adoration** |
| **Saturday 16th March**  Feria | No public Mass am  10.30 -11am Confession  6pm Vigil Mass   *People of the Parish***Reader: J**ames |
| **Sunday 17th March**  **FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT (B)**  St Patrick, Bishop | 10am Mass  *People of Ireland***Reader: Frances**  12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **No Flowers in Lent** | |

**Second Collection:**

There will be a collection for Poor Parishes on the weekend of March 16/ 17.

**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 April 7.

**Season of Lent:**

During Lent we have the opportunity to grow in faith and deepen our relationship with Our Lord.

There is something extra for every day of the week during Lent here at St Andrew.

Monday            Stations of the Cross                             10.30 am

Tuesday           Coffee Morning with a Film                    from 10.30 am

Wednesday      Stations of the Cross after the Word and Communion service at 10.00 am

Thursday          Adoration and Rosary                           from 9.00 am

Friday               Adoration and Rosary                           from 10.30 am

**St George’s Parish Social:**

There will be a Parish social on Saturday 20th April in the parish hall from 7pm onwards. All parishioners are welcome. More details will be available in a couple of weeks.

**‘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 Tel:  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.

**Southwark Catholic Youth:**

Several diocesan activities are being launched this year. For more details see [www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork](http://www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork)

**A Day with Mary 2024 Pilgrimages:**

Further information on pilgrimages **to Fatima** (7-14 June) and Italy (4-12 September) is available at [www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org) or email [adwmary.uk@gmail.com](mailto:adwmary.uk@gmail.com)

**5 Week Lenten Course:**

 ‘We Dare to Say’. A resource for faith-sharing groups on The Lord's Prayer. Drawing on the Scriptures, with each session clearly rooted in a passage from the Bible. As the Second Vatican Council Fathers emphasized ‘in the sacred books the Father comes lovingly to meet his children and talks with them’ (Dei Verbum, 21): <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/we-dare-to-say/>.

**Churches Together in Tenterden Lent Lunches:** To raise money for Christian Aid.

Come and join us for soup/bread/cheese

At Zion Church

Fridays 15th and 22nd March from 12:30 to 14:00

£5

**Next Tenterden Christian Breakfast:**

Hosted in Zion Baptist Church this time – Speaker Ian Templeton about the Tenterden Social Hub

Please book directly with Chris Cheesman. [chris@thecheesmans.plus.com](mailto:chris@thecheesmans.plus.com)

**Please be aware of the increasing risk of cybercrime and online fraud. If you ever receive an email stating a change in bank account details purporting to be from the Archdiocese or any of our Parishes, we recommend you contact us immediately by telephone on 0208 682 7880 before transferring any funds to the account, in order to verify that the email is genuine and not a scam.**