**Newsletter for the week commencing 31st March 2024**

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**Entrance antiphon: The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.  To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.**

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10: 34, 37-40**

**Psalm 117 Response:  This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

**Second Reading:  St Paul to the Colossians 3: 1-4**

**Acclamation:  Alleluia, alleluia!  Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:  John 20: 1-9**

**Communion antiphon:  Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore, let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend April 6/7 we have a visit from Bishop Paul Hendricks. He will celebrate Holy Mass for us on Saturday evening and at the 10am Mass on Sunday Bishop Paul will Confirm Isaac Colquhoun and Robert Washington.

After Mass there will be refreshments in the parish centre and an opportunity to meet Bishop Paul.

Last time Bishop Paul came he really enjoyed the warm welcome he received from parishioners.

I’d like to wish you and all your family a very blessed and peaceful Easter.

Thank you for your cards and gifts. It’s very much appreciated.

Fr Behr

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**Gladys Davis

**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:**Angela Hill, Evelyn Mary Hargreaves, Raymond Ellis, John Hill, Kathleen Lawrence, Peter Schouten, Alex Hatch and Nora Mary McMahon.

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| **This week’s services (31st March – 13th April), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 30th March****Holy Saturday****The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night** | 10am Morning Prayer followed by the opportunity for Confession.8pm Easter Vigil Mass*People of the Parish***Readers: Wendy and Pat** |
| **Sunday 31st March****Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** | 8.30am Mass   *Private Intention*                                                               10am Easter Sunday Mass  *Timothy Oxley RIP***Reader: Suzanne**12 Midday Easter Sunday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Monday 1st April**Monday within the Octave of Easter | No Mass |
| **Tuesday 2nd  April**Tuesday within the Octave of Easter | No Mass |
| **Wednesday 3rd April**Wednesday within the Octave of Easter | 10am Service of the Word and Holy Communion |
| **Thursday 4th April**Thursday within the Octave of Easter | 9am-10am Adoration10am Mass *Jane McKinnon RIP* |
| **Friday 5th April**Friday within the Octave of Easter | 10am Mass *Elizabeth Morrison Intentions*10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 6th April**Saturday within the Octave of Easter | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass  *People of the Parish***Reader: Peter/Pat** |
| **Sunday 7th April****SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Sunday of Divine Mercy)** | 10am Mass  *Robert Murphy RIP***Reader: Rachel**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Flowers: for 6th/7th April – Sandra** |
| **Monday 8th April &****Tuesday 9th April** | **No Mass** |
| **Wednesday 10th April** | 10am Service of the Word and Holy Communion |
| **Thursday 11th & Friday 12th April** | **No Mass** |
| **Saturday 13th April** | **6pm Vigil Mass***People of the Parish***Reader: Pat/Peter** |
| **Sunday 14th April** | **10am Mass***In Reparation***Reader: Collette**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Flowers: for 13th/14th April – Pat** |
| **Cleaners for 13th/14th April – Martin & Rachel** |

**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 is **next Sunday, April 7.**

**Easter Offering: Your Easter offering is your personal gift to your parish priest.**

**HOLY PLACES COLLECTION Good Friday**

This initiative has been an annual tradition in the Church since its institution by Pope St Paul VI. According to Paul VI, the collection was created “not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.”

**Divine Mercy Sunday** devotions next Sunday April 7 from 3pm-4pm followed by refreshments.

**Parish Social for Saint George’s Day, Saturday 20th April - 7pm onwards**

As we enter the season of Spring, leaving Winter far behind, why not come and join your fellow parishioners for a social evening in the parish hall to celebrate St George's day (23rd April), patron saint of England and of our Diocese.  The social will commence after the 6pm mass with food, drink and music being provided.

To help offset the cost of the food and drink it would be very much appreciated if you can donate £5 which will be collected on the evening. In addition, if you are also able to donate wine and/or beer this will also be very much appreciated.  A sheet will be available in the church porch to put your names on so we have an idea of numbers attending. Looking forward to seeing you.

**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

**Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat**

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Saturday 6th April 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

**Churches Together in Tenterden**

This Easter Sunday, our colleagues in Zion Baptist Church will be hosting our monthly Evening Worship Together.

Thanks to everyone, who helped and attended the 3 Lent Lunches. I am pleased to report we managed to raise £252 for Christian Aid.

You will see below; Saint Andrew's will be hosting the next two Christian Breakfasts. **Please could I have some offers of help with the setting up, catering and clearing up. (Jolyon)**

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| 18th May | Jolyon and Friends | Christian Aid Big Breakfast | St Andrew’s Parish Centre |
| 20th July | Bishop Rose | Feasting with Rose | St Andrew’s Parish Centre |