**Newsletter for the week commencing 7th April 2024**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

**Entrance antiphon**:  Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow in salvation, alleluia.

**First Reading**:    Acts of the Apostles 4: 32-35

**Psalm 117 Response**:   Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

**Second Reading**:  The first letter of St John 5: 1-6

**Acclamation**:   Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: “You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have nor seen and yet believe.”  Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 20: 19-31

**Communion antiphon**:  Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

**Divine Mercy Sunday:**

Parishioners have sometimes asked why we have an image of the Divine Mercy in our parish car park. There are many promises attached to this image which was given to the Church and the world by Our Lord through Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska.

The words at the foot of the image, ’Jesus I Trust in You’, sum up the purpose of the image.

Our Lord said to St Faustina:

**“The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is — trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive.” — Diary, 1578**

**Divine Mercy Devotions Sunday April 7 from 3pm-4pm:**

3.00 pm      Blessing of Divine Mercy Image

 Adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy then Rosary with opportunity for Confession

4.00 pm     Benediction followed by refreshments.

This weekend we have a visit from Bishop Paul Hendricks and 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.

**Fr Behr.**

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gladys Davis RIP**. The **funeral service** is on **Thursday 18 April at 1.00 pm**.

**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:**John Witham, Fiona Dodsworth, Andrew Lakhi, Ellen Lawrence, Ethel Klemen, Edgar Beard, Florence Armor, Eric Beresford, Mary Goulding, Frederick Collison, Eric Booth, Elizabeth Booth, Susanna Davis, John Keane, Catherine Beard, Gerald Salmon. Elizabeth Armstrong, Vera Wade (Hilda), Ellen Marran, Joan Carey (Foundation Mass), Bozena Cloutier Wonska (Chris Lacki’s sister), Nellie Southcott and Elsie Browne.

**Parish Social for Saint George’s Day on Saturday 20th April for 7.00 pm 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 6.00 pm 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.

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| **Services (7th- 21st April), Feasts and Mass intentions** |
| **Saturday 6th April**Saturday within the Octave of Easter | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass  *People of the Parish***Reader: Pat** |
| **Sunday 7th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Sunday of Divine Mercy)** | 10am Mass  *Robert Murphy RIP* **Reader: Rachel**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Monday 8th April THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD** | No Mass |
| **Tuesday 9th April**Feria | No Mass  |
| **Wednesday 10th April**Feria | 10am Service of the Word and Holy Communion |
| **Thursday 11th April**St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr | No Mass |
| **Friday 12th April**Feria | No Mass |
| **Saturday 13th April**St Martin I, Pope & Martyr | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass*People of the Parish***Reader: Peter** |
| **Sunday 14th April****THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)** | 10am Mass *In Reparation (Margaret)*                **Reader: Collette**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Monday 15th April**Feria | 10am Mass *Elizabeth Morrison’s Intentions* |
| **Tuesday 16th April**Feria | 10am Mass*Canon Hopetown Currie RIP* |
| **Wednesday 17th April**Feria | 10am Service of the Word and Holy Communion |
| **Thursday 18th April**Feria | 9am-10am Adoration10am Mass  *Joan M Carey RIP* |
| **Friday 19th April**St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr | 10am Mass *Private Intention (Christine)*10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 20th April**Feria | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass**Reader: James** |
| **Sunday 21st April****FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)** | 10am Mass   *People of the Parish***Reader: Brian**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Flowers: for 13th/14th April – Pat****Flowers for 20th/21st April – Hilary** |
| **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’sLiturgy.**                                                                                                                                   Children’s Liturgy at the 10.00 am 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 **this Sunday, April 7.**

**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.

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**Evangelisation and Outreach Advisor:**

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis has developed a strong reputation for effective and creative support for parishes in terms of evangelisation, catechesis and formation. This is chiefly expressed in the Some Definite Service approach to parish growth. We are looking for a new **Evangelisation and Outreach Advisor** to join our well-respected and vibrant team. This is a **full-time post**and further information can be found on the Agency website: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/job-vacancy-evangelisation>. Deadline for applications midnight 15 April. Interviews 22 April 2024.

**Churches Together in Tenterden:**

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 Jolyon have some offers of help with the setting up, catering and clearing up.**

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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 |

**Recent Collections, for which thanks**

Flowers                                     £364.31

Good Friday – Holy Places         £452.32

Easter offerings                         £1705.39