**Newsletter for the week commencing 21st April 2024**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens, alleluia.**

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4: 8-12**

**Psalm 117 Response: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.**

**Second Reading:  the first letter of St. John 3: 1-2**

**Acclamation:  Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.  Alleluia!**

**Gospel:  John 10: 11-18**

**Communion antiphon:   the Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

Christ is Risen! As we rejoice in this Easter season, we have many opportunities to deepen our love for Jesus.

Our Lord is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, and he has many gifts to give us and much to say to our hearts if we are open to his love.

During these times of great challenge in our Church and in the world, we can discover Eucharistic Adoration as a personal encounter with Jesus. He waits for us and longs for us to know his loving presence.

Do consider making time for this beautiful devotion.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta has some beautiful words of encouragement to those willing to make time for Jesus.

“Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. It will make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven. A Holy Hour of adoration helps bring everlasting peace to your soul and in your family. It brings us personal peace and strength. It brings us a greater love for Jesus, for each other, and for the poor. Every holy hour deepens our union with Him and bears much fruit.

Nowhere on earth are we more welcomed or loved than by Jesus in Eucharist. When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now.”

**Fr Behr.**

**Parish Treasurer – retirement and urgent request for help:**

On behalf of our parish, I would like to thank Sylwia Dorosz for the many years she has been our parish treasurer.  Sylwia has been so generous with her time which she has given freely to our parish and has helped our parish with our financial records and accounting.

If you have bookkeeping or accountancy skills, or know someone who does, the parish needs you!

Please speak to Father Behr after Mass or get in touch.

**Parish Social for St 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 down so we have an idea of numbers attending. Looking forward to seeing you.

**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.

**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:**Deborah Burke, Bernard Grayner, John Stanley, Jack Holman, Eileen Rimmer, Margaret Toke-Nicholls, Florence Primarolo, Karen Vidler, Gwen Terrett, Catherine Town, Patricia Walden and Catherine Dowding.

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| **This week’s services (20th – 27th April), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 20th April**Feria | No public Mass am10.30 -11.00 am Confession6.00 pm Vigil Mass*John and Josephine Debono RIP***Reader: James** |
| **Sunday 21st April****FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)** | 10.00 am Mass   *People of the Parish***Reader: Brian**12.00 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Monday 22nd April**Feria | 10.00 am Mass  *Priest and Religious Vocations* |
| **Tuesday 23rd April****Saint George, Martyr & Patron of England** | 10.00 am Mass  *Edward and Family* |
| **Wednesday 24th April**St Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr | 10.00 am Service of the Word and Holy Communion |
| **Thursday 25th April**St Mark, Evangelist | 9.00 am-10.00 am Adoration10.00 am Mass *For Priests* |
| **Friday 26th April**Feria | 10.00 am Mass  *Holy Souls (Margaret)*10.30 – 11.30 am Adoration |
| **Saturday 27th April**Feria | No public Mass am10.30 -11.00 am Confession6.00 pm Vigil Mass*People of the Parish*     **Reader: Liz** |
| **Sunday 28th April****FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)** | 10.00 am Mass *Terry Campbell RIP***Reader: Rachel**12.00 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Flowers: for 27th/28th April - Suzanne** |

**Children'sLiterary**:

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 **Sunday, May 5th.**

**Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23rd to 30th August 2024:**

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Lourdes pilgrimage, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese. Details of this can be found on the Archdiocesan website: [rcaos.org.uk](http://rcaos.org.uk). Experience the unique spirituality of this Marian Shrine.

**Aylesford Priory:**

Summer Fayre on 23 June- for details see [thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Summer Fayre/](https://www.thefriars.org.uk/Whats%2BOn/Events/Summer%20Fayre/)

**Assisted Suicide:**

Our Archbishop, John Wilson, has issued a pastoral message on assisted suicide.  Archbishop writes “We are called to care for those who are suffering, not to bring about their death. We cannot approve of any form of euthanasia and assisted suicide. Rather, we need to support individuals, families, and those who work in healthcare, so that the fundamental value of life is not eroded.”  More details see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/archbishop-wilson-every-human-life-is-to-be-cherished/>

**Candlelight vigil**on Sat 27th April 7.30 pm, to remember those affected by the Abortion Act implemented on this date in 1968. Please join March for Life UK at Westminster Cathedral Plaza where there will be speeches from various Christian leaders, hymns and prayer.  Candles/posters will be supplied. For more info contactinfo@marchforlife.co.uk.

**The Old Schoolhouse Larder NEEDS YOUR SKILLS!**
This small charity helps struggling local families, many of whom have no access to foodbanks, by providing top-up groceries, plus fresh fruit and veg. The charity's survival is now under threat: it needs a Treasurer.
The key tasks are keeping careful records of incomings and outgoings and submitting timely reports to the Charity Commission. Main requirements are organizational and basic numeracy skills. Accounting experience would be a bonus. If you are interested in using your talents to help this charity continue its work - or know someone who could help - please contact Emma Isworth on 07919381827 or by email on e.isworth57@gmail.com.

**Churches Together in Tenterden – Christian Breakfasts:**

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 |