**Newsletter for the week commencing 28th April 2024**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9: 26-41**

**Psalm 21 Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

**Second Reading:  St John 3: 18-24**

**Acclamation:  Alleluia, alleluia!  Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.    Alleluia!**

**Gospel:  John 15: 1-8**

**Communion antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

During the month of May we have a wonderful opportunity to grow in our devotion and love for Our Lady. On Sunday 5 May we will have a procession with the crowning of the statue of our Lady.

During May on Tuesday morning there will be a film or presentation on various aspects of devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

We will pray the Rosary on Monday morning after Mass as well the other usual times.

Do take this opportunity to come and pray.

**“Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.” Maximillian Kolbe.**

 **Fr Behr**

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently predeceased;**

**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:**Ellen Shanahan, Alfonsa Macapinlac Moodie, Bertha Parsons, John Parrock, Mary Hodges, Inez Wood, Alonzo Nugent, Fr John Hagreen and Ninette Purcell.

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| **This week’s services (17th April – 4th May), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 27th April**Feria | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass*People of theParish***Reader: Liz** |
| **Sunday 28th April****FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)** | 10am Mass *Terry Campbell RIP*    **Reader: Frances**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Monday 29th April****St Catherine of Sienna, Virgin & Doctor of the Church** | 10am Mass *Sophia Wellbeing* |
| **Tuesday 30th April****St Pius V, Pope** | 10am Mass  *Donor’s  Intention* |
| **Wednesday 1st May****St Joseph the Worker** | 10am Mass  *Mark & Family* |
| **Thursday 2nd May****St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church** | 9am-10am Adoration10am Mass *Archbishop John and all Priests* |
| **Friday 3rd May****Sts Philip & James, Apostles** | 10am Mass *Caly Raymond Wellbeing*10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 4th May****The English Martyrs** | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass*P*eople of the Parish**Reader: Wendy** |
| **Sunday 5th May****SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)** | 10am Mass  *Liz and Wayne and Family***Reader: Kathy**12Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Flowers: for 4th May - Breeda** |
| **Cleaners: for 4th/5th May – Brian & Frances** |

**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 Litergy:**

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**.**

**Parish Treasurer:**

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 me after Mass or get in touch. Fr Behr.

**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 7.30pm**:

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 contact info@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.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage:**

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23rd to 30th August 2024. Details of this can be found on the Archdiocesan website: [rcaos.org.uk](http://rcaos.org.uk). Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.

**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/)

**A Year of Encounter:**

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [**cafod.org.uk/encounter**](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter)for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.

**Cafod Appeal for Sudan:**

As violence persists into its second year, the humanitarian situation deteriorates rapidly, with 25 million Sudanese in need of immediate assistance. Famine looms ominously, threatening to become the worst crisis in living memory.” Telley Sadia, CAFOD’s Country Representative for Sudan. To donate visit the website

<https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal>

**St. George’s Cathedral Second Collection 28th April:**

For over half a century, St George’s Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George’s has been a beacon of light. Today, St George’s Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year, as well as serving a lively local parish community which proudly reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London. The Cathedral frequently hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations, as well as concerts and events for various Catholic charities. There is a rich musical tradition, maintaining a choir of boys and men, as well as a girls’ choir, both of which sing at Sunday Masses and on major feasts. In many respects, St George’s Cathedral serves as a spiritual home and ‘beehive’ for Catholic evangelisation and mission across the Archdiocese of Southwark. St George’s Cathedral is entirely reliant upon

the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. Thank you!

Donate Online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral)

Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504

Cash/Cheque – please use the St George’s Cathedral envelopes at back of church.

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London:**

Is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

**The Annual Mass for London Migrant Workers:**

In honour of St Joseph the Worker is on **Monday 6th May 2024** at **St George’s Cathedral, London SE1 6HR at 12.30pm.**  All are invited.  Please come early.  You are welcome to come in national dress if you would like to take part in the banner procession at 12.15pm.   The Mass is hosted by the three London Catholic Diocese, supported by the Justice and Peace Commissions and Ethnic Chaplaincies, Caritas Brentwood and London Citizens UK. in celebration of all the people who live, work and contribute to life across our city.

**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 13th 2024 at St George’s Cathedral:**

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than May 31st 2024**, providing the following details:  your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass.  Spaces are limited.  Email us at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Maidstone St Francis.

**Churches Together in Tenterden**

**- Christian Breakfast…**Christian Breakfast (in aid of Christian Aid) hosted by Saint Andrew's on Saturday 18th May

**- help and attendees needed**

 **…and Evening Worship** **Churches Together Evening Worship**

* this time it’s at the **Methodist Church this Sunday 28th at 6.00 pm.**