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

**Sixteenth Sunday (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6.**

**Psalm 22 Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Second Reading:  The letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 2: 13-18.**

**Acclamation:  Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.  Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34.**

**Communion antiphon:  Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.  If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

On Thursday we celebrate the feast of St James the Apostle. St James was the brother of St John and son of Zebedee. The brothers were described by our Lord as ‘Sons of Thunder’ due to their zeal.

St James was martyred under the orders of King Agrippa in 44AD. He was beheaded and his martyrdom is recorded in the twelfth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.  He is particularly venerated in Spain at the famous shrine of Santiago de Compostela where the great thurible is used on his feast day.  Have you ever been on the Camino de Compostela?

Visit here to see the giant thurible being swung.  It really is quite amazing.

[https://youtu.be/FaFqodavn0I?](https://youtu.be/FaFqodavn0I?feature=shared).

**Fr Behr**

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**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**: Denis Frain, Frank Edgeley, Allen Davis, Janet Chisholm, John Martin Hatherly, Charles Gregory Francis Munton, Gilbert Rahr, Derek Carpenter. Susan Rahr and Michael McDermott.

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| **This week’s services (20th – 27th July), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 20th July**St Appolinaris, Bishop & Martyr | No public Mass am10.30 -11.00 am Confession6.00 pm Vigil Mass*Mary Cowley RIP*      **Reader: Liz** |
| **Sunday 21st July****SIXTEENTH SUNDAY (B)** | 10.00 am Mass*People of the Parish*              **Reader: Frances**12.00 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Monday 22nd July**St Mary Magdalene | 10.00 am Mass *Allen Davis RIP (Anniversary)* |
| **Tuesday 23rd July**St Bridget, Religious | 10.00 am Mass *Eva Osborne RIP* |
| **Wednesday 24th July**Feria | 10.00 am Service of Word and Communion |
| **Thursday 25th July**St James, Apostle | 9.00 am-10.00 am Adoration10.00 am Mass *Tracey, Edward and David* |
| **Friday 26th July**Sts Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 10.00 am Mass *Sue Sparks Wellbeing*10.30 – 11.30 am Adoration |
| **Saturday 27th July**The Blessed Virgin Mary | No public Mass am10.30 -11.00 am Confession6.00 pm Vigil Mas *In Reparation***Reader: Peter** |
| **Sunday 28th July****SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (B)** | 10.30 am Mass *People of the Parish*       **Reader: Kathy**12.00 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Flowers: for Saturday 27th / Sunday 28th July: Suzanne** |
| **Cleaning for 27th/28th July – Brian and Frances** |

**Confession.**

Fr Behr is available for Confession every Saturday from 10.30 am – 11.00 am. 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 is 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, 1st September.**

**Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre.**

Summertime 2024:29th July – 1st August, £189. For aged 11-16. We commend this excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. In an event that has now gone on for more than 20 years, it is a few days for deepening one’s catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. For more details of how to get to the venue, with a coach laid on at St. Anselm’s Dartford, see your parish priest for a form, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St Stephen, Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel:01322 220075.

**A pastoral reflection on gender.**

The English and Welsh bishops have issued a document, which is worth reading and passing on to those who have questions about the issues.  [**https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-issue-pastoral-reflection-on-gender/**](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-issue-pastoral-reflection-on-gender/)

**The Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.**

This will take place on Sunday 28th July and is themed “*Do not cast me off in my old age”,*(cf. Psalm 71:9).

**Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, Walsingham, Saturday 3 August 2024.**

This marks the 40th anniversary of this pilgrimage to Walsingham. This year, it will be led by Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton. Forty years-ago, only one coach departed from London; today, coaches travel to Walsingham from many parts of England, with pilgrims numbering between 800 to 1,400 each year.  Those unable to travel to Walsingham can join the pilgrimage online via this link: [youtube.com/c/WalsinghamCatholicTV](http://youtube.com/c/WalsinghamCatholicTV)

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina at Aylesford Priory,**Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10.00 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day 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.

**Ride & Stride (Friends of Kent Churches): Saturday 14th September 2024, 10am - 6pm.**

It's that Ride & Stride time of year again! By taking part in the annual Ride & Stride you can:

* keep fit;
* visit some of Tenterden's and Kent's beautiful churches on foot or by bicycle;
* Support St. Andrew’s: the money you raise is divided equally between the church of your choice and the Friends of Kent Churches

You can ride and stride alone or plan a route with friends and family. You can cover the churches of a single town, like Tenterden, or go further afield. You can walk or ride for an hour or devote a day to it. Every little counts!

Sponsorship forms and list of participating churches are available for download at the Friends of Kent Churches website at <https://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk/>.

We shall also need kind volunteers to greet riders and striders and sign their forms.

If you can spare just one an hour on Saturday 14th September, please sign the form at the back of the church (and include your contact number please).

**Introduction to Christian Meditation.**

These sessions have been running for over a year now on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings in Saint Mildred’s Church. During their enforced closure in 2025, these will transfer to the family room at Saint Andrew’s. However, during August this year, a series of introductory sessions is being run. These will be an opportunity for people interested in Christian Meditation to experience it within a small group, to learn about its origins and to discover its relevance as a form of contemplative prayer for the modern world.

You do not need to come to all the sessions, as each one stands alone and will give you a flavour of what Christian Meditation is about. Please just turn up or get in touch to find out more. Sharon Francis 07527 369403. revsharon.francis@outlook.com, or website [https://wccm.org](https://wccm.org/).

7th August           What is Christian Meditation?

14th August         The roots of Christian Meditation

21st August         Leaving self behind

28th August         The fruits of meditation

**(Emeritus Bishop) Father John Hine – an update.**

At his own request, Father John Hine has decided to make his current respite care venue, his new permanent home. He can be reached at: Most Reverend John Hine, Saint Claire’s Care Home, Ditchling Road, Ditchling Common, Burgess Hill, RH15 0GU. It would be wise to telephone, if you are planning to visit. 01444 873730. Sister Anne asks that if you do visit that you remind him of your name and where you come from, as his memory is failing him.

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