**Newsletter for the week commencing 25th August 2024**

**Twenty-first Sunday (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.**

**First Reading: Book of Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18.**

**Psalm 33 Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

**Second Reading:  The letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5: 21-32.**

**Acclamation:  Alleluia, alleluia! You are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.  Alleluia!**

**Gospel: John 6: 60-69.**

**Communion antiphon:  The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord, you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we have the final reading from the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel.

After witnessing and benefitting from the miracle of ‘the loaves and fishes’ and hearing our Lord’s teaching on eating his flesh and drinking his blood almost all the disciples walk away from Jesus.

“After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.”

Jesus turns to the twelve apostles and asks them if they are leaving as well.

Simon Peter answers on behalf of the Twelve.

“Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.”

We all have a decision to make.  Many people have left the Catholic faith for many different reasons. In a post-Christian society we have to make an intentional choice to follow Jesus. If we decide to follow Jesus and the teachings of the Church he founded we will be blessed beyond anything we can dare to hope for or imagine.

St Teresa of Calcutta wrote:

"Try to be Jesus' love, Jesus' compassion, Jesus' presence to each other and the poor you serve. Humility always is the root of zeal for souls and charity. We see that in Jesus on the Cross and in the Eucharist" (Letter, June 1990).

**Fr Behr.**

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Recently deceased:**

Those ill or infirm: Mary Basher, Paul Rumball, Paul Lane, 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**: Mary Roche, Duncan Bryant, Anne Williams (nee Cregan), Rosalie Robertson, Donald Hayesmore, Audrey Clark, Hester Rossiter, Kevin Thornton, Dorothy Taylor, Violet Bruce-Norton and Sir Frank McWilliams GBE.

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| **This week’s services (25th-31st August), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** | |
| **Saturday 24th August**  **St Bartholomew, Apostle** | No public Mass am  10.30 -11.00 am Confession  6.00 pm Vigil Mass People of the Paris Parish  Reader: James |
| **Sunday 25th August**  **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY (B)** | 10.00 am Mass Last Family and Paul Rumball  Reader: Pat  12.00 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Monday 26th August**  **Feria** | 10.00 am Mass Mary Basher Wellbeing |
| **Tuesday 27th August**  **St Monica** | **No Mass** |
| **Wednesday 28th August**  **St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church** | 10.00 am Service of Word and Communion |
| **Thursday 29th August**  **The Passion of St John the Baptist** | **No Mass** |
| **Friday 30th August**  **Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margeret Ward, Martyrs** | 10.00 am Mass Margaret and Frank Brownhill wedding anniversary  10.30 – 11.30 am Adoration |
| **Saturday 31st August**  **St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne** | No public Mass am  10.30 – 11.00 am Confession  6.00 pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish   Reader: Liz |
| **Sunday 1st September**  **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY (B)** | 10.00 am Mass In Reparation (Margaret)  Reader: Frances  12 .00 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| Flowers: for Saturday 31st  August /1st September- Hilary | |

**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 10.00 am 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 next Sunday 1st September.

August is devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**The Adoremus Eucharistic Congress.**

Over the weekend of 14 and 15 September 2024, the Bishops of England & Wales are inviting all parishes to have a period of Exposition to coincide with this congress. The purpose is to unite all the faithful around the Eucharist with renewed and deepened devotion as we prepare for the Jubilee Year 2025.

**World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees Sunday 29 September 2024.**

The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has published a video presentation of this year’s World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees.

<https://www.humandevelopment.va/en/news/2024/giornata-mondiale-migrante-e-rifugiato-2024-tema-messaggio-papa.html>

**Celebration of St Faustina Birthday.**

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding at celebration 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.

**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.

Last session: 28th August. The fruits of meditation.

Please just turn up or get in touch to find out more.

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**Churches Together in Tenterden.**

Joint Sunday evening worship, on the last Sunday of each month, 1 denomination offers to host an evening act of worship followed by refreshments. The Worship is in that denomination’s “house-style”, so we can learn and appreciate how our fellow Christians worship.

* Sunday 29th September at 6pm, hosted by the Catholic Church in Saint Andrew’s
* Sunday 27th October at 4pm, hosted by the Baptist Church in Zion Church
* Sunday 24th November at 4pm, hosted by the Church on the Weald in Tenterden Junior School

**Christian Breakfasts:**

You are assured of a full English Breakfast (gluten and vegetarian options available) and an inspiring talk for £10. The last two for this year are:

* September 14th Mike Rose (husband of Sue Rose, the rector of Woodchurch, High Halden and Bethersden). He is a clergy man, ex-Navy. His talk is entitled "The road from Amsterdam" and it will be in Zion church.
* November 23rd Claire Watson talking about the work of the Street Pastors in Ashford and that will be in Saint Mildred's Church Hall.

**Jill de Villiers – may she rest in peace.**

Passed away peacefully on 5th July 2024, aged 79 years, surrounded by her husband and two children.

Jill was a tireless champion for Christian Unity and a leading light in the annual World Day of Prayer (formerly Women’s World Day of Prayer)

A Service of Thanksgiving for Jill’s life is to be held at St. Mildred's Church, High Street, Tenterden, on Saturday 31st August 2024 at 2pm, followed by a reception afterwards in the church hall opposite. It was Jill’s wish that we wear cheerful rather than sombre clothes.

Please do not send flowers, but rather donations in memory of Jill, if wished, payable to one of her favourite charities, 'Oxfam' (for whom she worked tirelessly as a volunteer for many years) and 'Amnesty International UK’, may be sent c/o T.W. Fuggle & Son Funeral Directors, 20 Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6QU. Please mark cheques, “In memory of Jill”.

**Don’t forget Ride & Stride (Friends of Kent Churches): Sat 14 Sept 24, 10.00 am – 6.00 pm.**See the notice in the porch for all the details and om the first page of our on line!

**Jolyon**

**Jolyon Vickers**

**Rev. Deacon**