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Newsletter for the week commencing 3rd November 2024

Thirty-first Sunday (B)

Entrance antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

Psalm 17 Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: The letter to the Hebrews 7: 23-28

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34

Communion antiphon: Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me shall have life because of me, says the Lord.

Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners

Archbishop's Appeal

In this spirit of hope and community, the Archbishop's Appeal has been launched to invest faith, hope, love and charity into the following three areas of Archdiocesan mission and ministry:

- Youth and Evangelisation
- Our Faith in Action
- Clergy Care and Formation

For more details visit.

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/donate/archbishop-s-appeal/>

The second collection for the Archbishop's Appeal next weekend 9/10 November.

Fr Behr

Your Prayers are asked for:

Recently deceased: Basil Williams RIP

Those ill or infirm: Bishop John Hine, Roger Styles, 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: Norah Reed, Joan D'Arts, Bernadette O'Mally, Yvonne Smith, Jo Babicz and Ross Smith.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Basil Williams RIP and for the comfort of his wife Linda. The Funeral Mass is on Thursday 14 November at 11am.

Masses and services for the week (2nd – 9th November), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.	
Saturday 2nd November The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)	10am Mass <i>All Souls Fr Philip Dyson RIP</i> 10.30 -11am Confession 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Lorraine
Sunday 3rd November THIRTY-FIRST Sunday (B)	10am Mass <i>Holy Souls (Margaret)</i> Reader: Rachel 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Monday 4th November St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	10am Mass <i>John Dumbleton RIP</i>
Tuesday 5th November	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i>

Feria	
Wednesday 6th November Feria	10am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 7th November The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St George	9am-10am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Bob Nelson RIP</i>
Friday 8th November St Willibrord, Bishop	10am Mass <i>Michael and Josie Payne Wellbeing</i> 10.30 – 11am Adoration
Saturday 9th November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	No public Mass am 10.30 -11am Confession 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Private Intention (Beresford)</i> Reader: Pat
Sunday 10th November THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY (B)	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Collette 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Flowers: for Saturday 9th/10th November - Sandra	
Cleaning for 9th/10th November - Liz & David	

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 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 **this** Sunday, November 3rd

Holy Souls

The month of November is dedicated to praying for the dead and so we have **Blessing of Graves on Sunday 17**

November 3pm. If you have family or friends buried in Tenterden cemetery then we will have a prayer and blessing at each grave.

See this for powerful prayers for the Holy Souls.

<https://ewtn.co.uk/chpop-5-powerful-prayers-for-the-poor-souls-in-purgatory-every-catholic-should-know/>

As you may know, the Jubilee Year of 2025 is set to begin on 24th December 2024 and will formally close on 6th January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope".

Save the date: Archdiocesan Jubilee celebration - 7 June 2025. On Saturday 7 June 2025, there will be an Archdiocesan Jubilee celebration at Aylesford Priory. This event will also mark the 60th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Southwark. We will be sharing more details about this exciting event in due course.

CAFOD Emergency Appeal

Donate to the Middle East Humanitarian Appeal to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need.

Your donation will help local aid workers to give urgent, practical help to families in Lebanon and Gaza, the West Bank and Israel, and quickly respond to other emergencies around the world.

<https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/middle-east-humanitarian-appeal>

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED is running a campaign to raise interest in the plight of **Christians in Burkina Faso**- see [Aid to the Church in Need | BURKINA FASO: Church helping thousands of Christians forced into exile \(acnuk.org\)](#)

Join the symphony of prayer

The aim is simple: to encourage people from around the archdiocese to pray a decade of the Rosary for specified priests and parishes from their own deanery each day until Saturday 7 June 2025, Pentecost Saturday – the day on which Archbishop John will be inviting the archdiocese to come together at The Friars, Aylesford for a celebratory festival to mark the Jubilee and the sixtieth anniversary of Southwark becoming an archdiocese.

DEANERY REQUIEM MASS – The Annual Mass for remembering deceased clergy who have served in the Maidstone deanery shall be celebrated in the Chapel Choir of Aylesford Priory at 12pm Tuesday

12th November. All the clergy of the Deanery gather for the Mass but all, of course, are welcome to attend.

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), an agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales, together with **Safe in Faith**, hosts the **Domestic Abuse Alliance**, and we invite you to join us online on November 18th to discuss this national emergency and launch our call-to-action across the Catholic community in response to the Pope's call to 'act immediately, at all levels'.

Kindly share the invite with your parishioners and help us to raise awareness across the Catholic community.

You can view the agenda below for details and register for the webinar at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkdeqtrjguGtQo6idxRsMow3EuDE4jI72m#/registration>

Please consider signing the ACN Open Letter, and call on the Government to make persecuted Christians and other religious minorities a priority for taxpayer-funded UK aid

Father/Emeritus Bishop John Hine

Following his surgery, he has now been moved to Abbotsleigh Care Home in Staplehurst. Sister Anne suggests that he may find visitors very distressful, as his mental capacity has deteriorated very severely. However, on a practical note, and in addition to your prayers, you might like to be able to give her a lift to visit him on a regular basis. If you are willing to be on a list of potential car drivers, please let Jolyon know.

Baby Basics

Churches Together in Tenterden is co-ordinating local support for the Baby Basics initiative, which is being led by the Church in the Weald.

Baby Basics is a volunteer-led project aiming to support new mothers and families who are struggling to meet the financial and practical burden of looking after a new baby.

Baby Basics provides much needed essentials and equipment to mothers and families who are unable to provide these items for themselves; including but not limited to teenage mums, people seeking asylum and women fleeing domestic abuse and trafficking.

Working with midwives, health visitors and other professional groups to provide support directly where it is most needed, Baby Basics volunteers lovingly collect, sort and package a 'Moses Basket' of clothing, toiletries and essential baby equipment as an attractive gift to new mothers.

The aim is to help these new mothers practically and generously, demonstrating the love of God through our care. God is at the centre of Baby Basics as we are inspired and motivated by His heart for everyone. Every day we continue – and every item we send out, is thanks to His kindness, grace and provision.

Our vision is based on Matthew 25:37-40:

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

If you are willing to source/make new or second hand baby clothes or have baby/new mother toiletries (Knitted goods very welcomed), please pop them in the box in the porch.

Women of the Nativity

There will be a series of reflective services for the Advent/Christmas time on Saturday mornings. Please look out for the publicity material, which will be available shortly.

Town Ecumenical Carol Service

Wednesday 18th December at 7:30pm in Saint Mildred's Church

Community Carols

Open Air event on the afternoon of Friday 20th December. The venue is being finalised.

Parish News

Many of you may already be familiar with the monthly 'Parish News' that is produced by the Church of England in Tenterden, Rother and Oxney (TRO). From January this year, two parishioners from St. Andrew's, Rachel and Martin Heinrichsmeier, have been on the editorial team for this publication. The November edition of 'Parish News' will be their debut as editors!

Including people from other Christian churches in Tenterden is part of a vision of ecumenism and unity. As Lindsay Hammond and Jeanette Kennett, Rector and Vicar of TRO, write in their kind welcome to Rachel's and Martin's first edition: 'This shared work is just one symbol of the warm and friendly relationship between all the churches in our bit of God's kingdom.' It's a closeness that stems right back to the early days of post-reformation Catholicism in Tenterden: in 1913, the Catholic Missionary Society wanted to offer a week's mission to Catholics in Tenterden Town Hall. The town authorities feared anti-Catholic protests, but with the support of the Vicars of St. Mildred's and St. Michael's, the meetings went ahead (without disturbances).

A few copies of the November edition will be available to view (and purchase – cost £1) in the Porch when it is published from the end of October. If you would like to subscribe, please contact Anne Cheesman (01580 764976). As time goes on, more news from St. Andrew's will be included (for example, it's planned to include a brief history of St. Andrew's in a future edition); and St. Andrew's parishioners will also be able to contribute to the publication, thereby helping support the togetherness of Christians in Tenterden that is the antidote to the instinctual fear of 'the other'.