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Newsletter for the week commencing 24th November 2024

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (B)

Entrance antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading: from the prophet Daniel 7: 13 -14

Psalms 92 Response: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Second Reading: the book of the Apocalypse 1: 5-8

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel: John 18: 33-37

Communion antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners

Important Notice From the Diocese

There is a concerning rise in scam emails targeting our parishioners. These emails impersonate the parish priest, often using a similar email name and masking the real email address. They typically request the recipient to purchase Amazon or other gift cards as gifts for the priest.

It is essential to emphasise to parishioners:

- Never to purchase gift cards as gifts for the parish priest, based on an email request, unless they have verified the request directly in person or through a trusted means.
- To double-check any suspicious email by directly contacting the parish office.
- To avoid sharing personal or financial information in response to unsolicited emails.

Fr Behr

Your Prayers are asked for:

Recently deceased: Emeritus Bishop/Fr. John Hine, RIP

Those ill or infirm: 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: Marguerite May, Jo Pendered, Irene Balkham, Jimmy Hodson, Christopher Crofton, Catherine Broughton, Theresa Maloney, John Leonard and David Daniels.

Bishop John Hine RIP

Father John died last Saturday. Please pray for the repose of his soul. Details of the funeral will follow soon.

Masses and services for the week (23rd – 30th November), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.	
Saturday 23rd November Feria	No public Mass am 10.30 -11am Confession 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Liz
Sunday 24th November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (B)	10am Mass <i>Gordon Reynolds RIP</i> Reader: Frances 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass

Monday 25th November St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr	10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Tuesday 26th November Feria	10am Mass <i>Peter Osborn RIP</i>
Wednesday 27th November Feria	10am Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 28th November Feria	9am – 10am Adoration 10am Mass <i>John and Maria Milton</i>
Friday 29th November Sts Cuthbert Mayne & Companions, Martyrs	10am Mass <i>Mr and Mrs Gormley RIP (Doreen)</i> 10.30 – 11am Adoration
Saturday 30th November ST ANDREW, APOSTLE	No public Mass am 10.30 -11am Confession 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Gertrude Barclay Foundation Mass</i> Reader: Wendy
Sunday 1st December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Suzanne 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Flowers: for Saturday 30th/Sunday 1st December - Frances	
Cleaners for 30th Nov/1st Dec – Christine & Wendy	

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 Sunday, December 1st

Message from Archbishop John expressing his personal thanks for all Bishop John did for our diocese.

Brothers and Sisters

It is with sadness that I write to inform you of the death of Bishop John Hine, who died peacefully this afternoon, fortified by the sacraments of the Church. Bishop John was surrounded by his beloved sister, Anne, and those who had been caring for him in his final days.

Bishop John Hine served the Church in Southwark with great dedication and humility throughout his life. Born on 26 July 1938 in Tunbridge Wells, he was educated at both Stonyhurst and Mayfield Colleges. After discerning his vocation to the priesthood, he commenced his studies at the Venerable English College in Rome, where he was ordained priest on 28 October 1962.

Over the years, Bishop John faithfully served the archdiocese in various pastoral and curial roles, gaining the respect and affection of those to whom he ministered. On 27 February 2001, he was ordained bishop, to serve as an Auxiliary Bishop for Southwark and appointed titular bishop of Beverley. His episcopal ministry focused particularly on the pastoral care of the Kent episcopal area, a responsibility he undertook with pastoral zeal and kindness.

Bishop Hine's warm pastoral character, deep spirituality, and wise leadership were appreciated greatly, and even in retirement, he continued to serve quietly but effectively, remaining a much-loved presence in our archdiocese.

I would like to thank especially Deacon Jolyon Vickers and his wife Suzanne for their exceptional care and devotion to Bishop Hine in recent years, along with Mgr Joe O'Connor.

Further details concerning Bishop John's funeral Mass will follow in due course; but in the meantime, I ask you to pray for the repose of Bishop John's soul at tomorrow's Sunday Masses. Please also remember his sister Anne in your prayers, as well as all those who mourn him. Let us give thanks for Bishop John's ministry and commend him to the mercy of our loving God.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Yours in Christ

+John

Congratulations to John Milton who has asked to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. He will be confirmed and make his first Holy Communion on Thursday 28 November at the 10am Mass. There will be a coffee morning after the Mass where we can welcome John, Maria and their family.

World Youth Sunday 2024

Sunday (24 November) is World Youth Sunday. The second collection will support youth work in the Archdiocese and beyond, especially the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a variety of activities for youth and young adults. For more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/scys1 or join the Southwark Catholic Youth network for regular updates at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork or via the QR code. Additional World Youth Sunday resources have been produced by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) at www.wys.cymfed.org.uk.

Holy Souls

The month of November is dedicated to praying for the dead.

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

New Lectionary: Monday 25 November

Jolyon and Fr Behr have arranged a short course on the new lectionary. It will be held after the 10am Mass and the same course will be repeated in the evening at 7pm in the family room.

It is important for all readers to attend. Also of general interest and open to all parishioners.

Parish WhatsApp

Our parish has a WhatsApp group. We will post parish events including social events, special occasions and requests for help in the parish as well as general parish news.

If you would like to join please get in touch. Fr Behr

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.

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.

Spirituality Commission Advent reflections. The Spirituality Commission will be sending daily reflections during Advent featuring Scripture, thoughts and prayers. You can sign-up to receive them directly into your inbox each morning here: tinyurl.com/adventreflections2024.

Praying the Mass with Archbishop John. Advent is a time people return to Mass, sometimes after many years - for others Mass is the cornerstone of their spiritual lives. To help people, wherever they are on their spiritual journey, connect more prayerfully with the Lord Jesus, Archbishop John has [recorded a message\(tinyurl.com/prayingthemass\)](http://tinyurl.com/prayingthemass) which guides us on how to pray through the Mass. Archbishop John said: ‘the Eucharist is at the very heart of the Mass, but also the Church. It is an invitation from the Lord Jesus to participate in His sacrifice’.

Word on Fire UK Bible Conference | February 2025

Join Bishop Robert Barron and thousands of other Catholics from across the UK for *Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible*. Come to the Excel Centre in East London this February to gain a deeper appreciation of the Bible and its relevance to the Church’s mission today.

Date: Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd February 2025

Location: Excel Centre, East London

Speakers Include: Bishop Robert Barron, N.T. Wright, Professor Tracey Rowland and more. For more information and to register, please visit: wordonfire.org/the-bible-event.

Disability Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome in 2025. Kairos Forum and Bishop Paul Hendricks are leading a Disability Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome in 2025. It is taking place on 26 April 2025 to 1 May. Mass will be celebrated every day, along with activities such as visiting the Holy Door and a meeting with the Holy Father in St Peter’s Square. Email Cristina Gangemi at: kairosforumevents@gmail.com or visit here for more details: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxj7s99>.

St George's Cathedral Carol Service - 12 December. Join Archbishop John and the St George's Cathedral Choir for a Carol Service at St George's Cathedral on Thursday 12 December at 7.30pm.

Baby Basics

Churches Together in Tenterden is co-ordinating local support for the Baby Basics initiative, which is being lead 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.

ST ANDREW'S ADVENT FAIR JUST ONE WEEK TO GO

St. Andrew's Day Social after Mass next Saturday evening
AND

The Advent Fair next Saturday evening before and after Mass
and from 11am – 2pm next Sunday morning

Stalls, workshops, Christmas cards for sale

Refreshments

An opportunity to chat!

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN

See the poster in the porch for all the details!

Donations are still welcome:

- for the Bottle Tombola: anything that's in a bottle – from whisky and wine to bubble bath or balsamic vinegar;
 - for the children's Lucky Dip: small wrapped new gifts;
 - your own baking or making for the food stall (cakes, biscuits, jams, chutneys, etc).

Please leave any Donations in the box in the porch after Mass OR bring to the Hall next Saturday, 30th November, after 3pm.

Please note:

This isn't a jumble sale or second-hand goods event: please **NO old clothes, bags, books, games, etc**. We'll look to do something of this sort next year

We hope we'll see you there next weekend.

Finally: if you know anyone without transport please one of the committee know after Mass and we'll see what we can arrange.