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Newsletter for the week commencing 19th January 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Entrance Antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalms 90 Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the people.

Second Reading: the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12: 4-11

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners

Called to Bear Fruit

Below you find details of an important initiative from our diocese. I encourage you to take part.

Help Shape the Future of Our Archdiocese

The Archbishop invites you to play a vital role in shaping the future of our Archdiocese. In today's pastoral letter, he encourages everyone to reflect on the themes in the *Called to Bear Fruit* booklet and participate in small group discussions over the coming weeks. Here's how you can get involved:

- **Form a group:** Gather 4–12 people.
- **Choose your schedule:** Discuss all six themes across six sessions or combine them into fewer meetings—whatever works best for you.
- **Share your insights:** Submit your group's reflections via our online form or as a typed hard copy.

The more people who take part, the richer our understanding of the needs of our archdiocese will be. Let's work together to shape our future! Thank you for your involvement.

Fr Behr

Your Prayers are asked for:

Recently deceased: Betty Murphy RIP

Those ill or infirm: Michael Payne, Brian Lawrence, Roger Styles, Mary Basher, Paul Rumball, Paul Lane, Mara McDermot, June Munton, Ailish Cantwell (Jones), 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: William Syer, Douglas Fowler, Adela de Heveningham, Michael Vickers, Margaret Lewis, Colin Morrison, Arthur Wood, Nora Crouzet, May Scroope, Archibald Donald, Walter Wybourne and Patrick Byrne.

Masses and services for the week (18th – 25th January), Feasts and Mass intentions.

Saturday 18th January The Blessed Virgin Mary	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	Reader: Pat
Sunday 19th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)	10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	Reader: Collette
Monday 20th January St Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St Sebastian, Martyr	10am Mass <i>The Intentions of Jesus and Mary</i>	

Tuesday 21st January St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	10am Mass <i>Mr and Mrs Horrocks 70th Anniversary</i>
Wednesday 22nd January St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr	10am Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday 23rd January Feria	9am – 10am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 24th January St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	10am Mass <i>In Thanksgiving (Margaret)</i> 10.30 – 11am Adoration
Saturday 25th January The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Wendy and Family (Jackie)</i> Reader: James
Sunday 26th January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Brian 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Flowers for 25th January - Pat	

The Angelus

The Angelus is a beautiful traditional Catholic prayer. We will pray the Angelus before Mass during Christmastide. If you would like to learn more about the history of this devotion please visit <https://www.goodcatholic.com/the-angelus-prayer-its-history-meaning-and-graces/>

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 on Sunday, February 2nd.

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

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.

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>.

Catechetical Institute. Thanks to the generosity of the [Archbishop's Appeal](#) and the Franciscan University, every parishioner, catechist, parent and teacher in our schools and parishes will now have **free access** to over 120 high-quality workshops from the Catechetical Institute. Each parish features on the [Franciscan platform\(https://franciscanathome.com/southwark\)](https://franciscanathome.com/southwark). It's simple to sign-up, with a short video on the Agency page (<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>) to guide you through. This offering is free to everyone until September 2025.

Building a Better Marriage (BABM) – Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

To celebrate Jubilee 2025 a one day Building a Better Marriage opportunity will be held in the following 9 Southwark deaneries during 2025.

The day starts at 9.30am and finishes at 4.30pm and is free to attend. The day will be open to other deaneries in 2026 who have not experienced the event

To join one of these day's please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

25 January - St Stephen Church, Welling

1 February - Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs

15 March - Our Lady Queen of Peace, East Sheen

12 April – St Mary Church, Croydon West

28 June – St Raphael Church, Kingston Upon Thames

5 July - St Thomas More, Dulwich

13 September – Southwark Cathedral, London

4 October – Holy Cross, Catford

1 November – St James the Great, Petts Wood

Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ retreat for the bereaved - Aylesford Priory 21-23 March 2025 and 10-12 Oct 2025

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas

Development: 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. All welcome. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

Baby Basics

We now have an official collection box and thanks so much everyone for their generosity

Food Bank

Regrettably. The need for this collection continues and again many thanks to all the generous donors

Christmastide Reflective Services – Women of the Nativity – 9am – followed by light breakfast

The last service will be: Saturday 1st February – Anna's story – St John, the Baptist, Wittersham

Christian Meditation

This will re-start on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 6pm (45 minutes) and for the foreseeable future will be in the family room at Saint Andrew's, because of the Saint Mildred's refurbishment

Christian Unity Week 2025

This year this begins on **Saturday January 18th**. We will be having our usual Christian Breakfast in Saint Mildred's Church Hall, followed by our Annual Service. A service booklet with prayers/readings for the week will be provided at the breakfast.

Title for 2025: Do you believe this?

For 2025, materials were prepared by the ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy.

As we celebrate 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the worship service has at its heart, the Nicene Creed. Reflecting this, the scripture readings for this year focus on belief.

We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?"

Parish Magazine

This publication is now an ecumenical publication with contributions from the Catholic, Baptist and Church of England denominations. Please purchase a copy and leave your donation in the wall safe.

Lent 2025

Yes, it is coming. Churches Together in Tenterden are planning the following; Pancake Praise, Stations of the Cross, a Study Course, Discovering Faith through Craft, Good Friday Witness Service and a Dawn Service on Easter Sunday morning. More details to follow.

Memorial Mass for Father/Bishop John Hine

Our Deanery, Maidstone, will be holding a Memorial Requiem Mass on Wednesday 22nd January at 12 Midday at St Peter's Bearsted. All parishioners are invited. Bearsted was a parish established by Father John and joined to the chapel at Harrietsham.

The World Day of Prayer (formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer)

In 2025, this will be on Friday, March 7th, 2025, and will be hosted by Saint Andrew's.

The material has been compiled by the women of the Cook Islands.

Pat Sargent is organising the service and urgently needs volunteers (contact details at the top of the newsletter!)

The collection for the **White Flower appeal** raised **£294.41**. Thank you.

Archbishop John Wilson has written a new book entitled **The Romero Rosary**. With introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero and the rosary, this beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (*Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory*) and the **NEW Romero Mysteries** (*Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace*) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at www.paulineuk.org. The Archbishops warmly invites everyone to the book launch on **Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 6.00 for 6.30pm at Amigo Hall, adjacent St George's Cathedral, Southwark, South London. SE1 7HY.**

