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## **Newsletter for the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 43: 16-23

**Psalms 126 Response:** What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

**Second Reading:** The Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3: 8-14

**Acclamation:** Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God

**Gospel:** John 8: 1-11

Dear Parishioners

### **Brian Lawrence – An appreciation of a life well-lived**

When Suzanne and I moved to Tenterden in 1994, we joined Saint Andrew's Church, then under the pastoral care of the late Father John Hagreen. We were impressed with the standard of music and singing and were introduced to Brian Lawrence with his fine baritone voice. Aside from his contribution to the musical life of the parish, he also co-ordinated the Church cleaning and assisted actively at Social events, his international suppers being a highlight. He also wrote the weekly bidding prayers and the Newsletter, always ending it with one of his famous jokes. In the background, he was very supportive of the Christian message and an active and practical ecumenist, singing in other denomination's Churches for services and participating actively in Churches Together in Tenterden events. A treasured memory for me is Brian and I singing the "Salve Regina" unaccompanied in a chapel in the Lavedan valley, south of Saint Savin and Lourdes. We shared our love of allotment gardening and would often compare notes and I am aware he was also a very active member of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) I would very much like to repeat my condolences to his widow Frances and their sons Marcus, Adam and Luke. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Deacon Jolyon

### **Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Recently deceased:** Brian Lawrence RIP, Ann Marie Homberger RIP

**Those ill or infirm:** Lady Wyn McWilliams, Michael Payne, Roger Styles, Mary Basher, 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:** John Witham, Fiona Dodsworth, Andrew Lacki, Ellen Lawrence, Ethel Klemen, Edgar Beard, Florence Amor, Eric Beresford, Mary Goulding and Frederick Collison.

Masses and services for the week (30th March – 5th April), Feasts and Mass intentions.

<b>Saturday 5th March</b> Feria	<b>No public Mass</b> am 6pm Vigil Mass 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Rocio RIP</i>	<b>Reader: Lorraine</b>
<b>Sunday 6th April</b> <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b>	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	<b>Reader: Rachel</b>
<b>Monday 7th April</b>	10am Mass <i>Mark and Family</i>	

Feria	10.30am Stations of the Cross	
<b>Tuesday 8th April</b> Feria	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i> 10.30am Coffee Morning with a film	
<b>Wednesday 9th April</b> Feria	10am Service of the Word and Communion 10.30am Stations of the Cross	
<b>Thursday 10th April</b> Feria	9am – 10am Adoration and Rosary 10am Mass <i>Private Intention (Margaret)</i>	
<b>Friday 11th April</b> Feria	10am Mass <i>Olive and Graham Prince RIP</i> 10.30 – 11.30am Adoration and Rosary	
<b>Saturday 12th April</b> Feria	<b>No public Mass</b> am 6pm Vigil Mass 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	<b>Reader: Pat and Wendy</b>
<b>Sunday 13th April</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)</b>	10am Mass <i>Bridget Carmichael RIP</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	<b>Reader: Collette and Rachel</b>
<b>Cleaning: 12th April - ALL – PRE-EASTER CLEAN</b>		

**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, April 6th**

**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.

**Tuesday Coffee Morning** We have a Tuesday Coffee morning during Lent followed by a film on the Catholic Faith. This is a relaxing and informal way to grow in our faith. Coffee from 10.30am.

### **Easter Flowers**

**There will be a second collection at the Masses THIS weekend (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> April), for the flowers that will make our church beautiful for the great celebration of Easter!**

### **PRE-EASTER CHURCH CLEAN: SATURDAY 12TH APRIL**

**Easter is rapidly approaching, and the cleaning team is hoping to get the church looking as fresh and sparkling as possible for the great feast. To that end, a pre-Easter clean is planned for Saturday 12th April, starting at 10:15am and with an expected finish time of c.12:30pm.**

**Help for part or all of this period would be most welcome.**

**Refreshments will be provided!**

**If you'd like more information, please speak to Rachel or Martin or email: [heinrichsmeier@btinternet.com](mailto:heinrichsmeier@btinternet.com).**

**Many thanks.**

**Hope in Adoration.** As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John is encouraging people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and have their hopes "fulfilled by Christ".

The campaign, Hope in Adoration, will share testimonies from parish priests and laity throughout the year on how Eucharistic Adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus. Resources will also be made available for free and there is a comprehensive list of times of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes across the Archdiocese. Find out more about the campaign at [rcaos.org.uk/hopeina](http://rcaos.org.uk/hopeina) We have two opportunities for Adoration in our parish. On Thursday mornings from 9am and on Friday mornings from 10.30am.

### **Holy Week**

It's always worth planning ahead. Holy Week is almost upon us.

Have you ever experienced the Easter Triduum? This Jubilee year could be a great opportunity.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday 17 April is at 7.30pm with an opportunity to keep vigil with our Lord till 10pm.

Good Friday Passion of the Lord Service 18 April at 3pm.

Easter Vigil Saturday 19 April at 8.30pm.

The Sacred Triduum is demanding but really worthwhile.

On Easter Sunday 20 April we have Mass at 8.30am and 10am.

We also have a Good Friday Witness at 10am gathering outside Zion Baptist church with Christians from our local area.

Let's make this a really special time for our parish during this Jubilee year in thanksgiving for all Our Lord has done for us.

### **Lent Devotions**

During Lent we have the opportunity to grow in faith and deepen our relationship with Our Lord. There is something extra for every day of the week during Lent here at St Andrew:

Monday	Stations of the Cross	10.30am
Tuesday	Coffee Morning with a Film from	10.30am
Wednesday	Stations of the Cross after the Word and Communion service	
Thursday	Adoration and Rosary	from 9am
Friday	Adoration and Rosary	from 10.30am

### **Donations for Baby Basics Tenterden**

We are so grateful for the many donations we have received. These help us put together amazing Bundles to be sent out to the families who need this kind of help. So we send a very big thank you to everyone who has given to us.

We are very limited in what we can actually put in our bundles and we would ask that any donations reflect this. At this time we are in particular need of the following:

Baby Shampoo

Hooded Towels

Nappy cream

Maternity Pads

Outfits for new borns (up to 1 month both boys and girls)

Cardigans for boys (please see note below regarding holes)

Nappies Size 1 & 2

Baby blankets (These can be knitted as one piece or in sections sewn together. - Moses basket blankets – size range from 70x70cm to 70x90cm. These blankets must NOT have any holes large enough for you to fit your little finger through. We cannot give any blanket to a baby that has holes in it as they can get their fingers caught in these holes and this poses a risk to them.)

We are no longer giving out any formula or baby bottles so we would ask that you no longer give us any of these. We always include a small gift for the Mum so any special toiletries would be appreciated.

We appreciate all the help and support we are receiving.

If you would like any further information regarding donations please email us at [babybasicstenterden@churchontheweald.com](mailto:babybasicstenterden@churchontheweald.com)

### **Invitation: Catholic Men's Group**

Catholic men of the parish are invited to come for Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Holy Hour with Rosary, and a talk by Fr Thomas Lynch on understanding the liturgies of Holy Week. Friday 11th April, 7-10pm, St Michael's parish, Chatham. Car park available. Train station next door. No cost to attend. Light refreshments provided. Meet likeminded men and grow closer to Christ and His Mother. Contact [MedwayCatholicMen@outlook.com](mailto:MedwayCatholicMen@outlook.com)

### **Earthquake Appeal**

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at [cafod.org.uk/myanmar](https://cafod.org.uk/myanmar) or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

### **Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage**

July 12th 2025, at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than the middle of May, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact Carole at [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk). As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Maidstone, Dover

The Secular Clergy Common Fund ('Big M') is looking to appoint a new CEO. It makes grants to our sick and retired priests and looks after two Catholic cemeteries in London. The role is 0.6FTE and offers flexible working and a salary of £50k-£60k pro rata. For further details contact Angela Rowe [secretary@secularclergy.org.uk](mailto:secretary@secularclergy.org.uk) Closing date **28th April 2025**.

**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](mailto: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>). 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.