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Newsletter for the week commencing 27 April 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5: 12-16

Psalms 118(117) Response: Give praise to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures forever.

Second Reading: The Book of Revelation 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners

Holy Mass will be offered for Pope Francis on Tuesday morning 29 April at 10am followed by refreshments.

Next weekend we have a Mission Appeal from the Missionaries of St Paul (MSP).

Fr. Mark Odion MSP we be coming to offer Holy Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

There will be a second collection to support the work of the MSP.

To find out more please visit:

<https://www.mspfathers.co.uk>

Archbishop John: let Pope Francis' legacy be one of love. In a message to the Archdiocese, following the death of Pope Francis, Archbishop John Wilson called on us to imitate the Holy Father and be witnesses to the Gospel. The Archbishop said "let Pope Francis's legacy be a legacy of love" and called on us to be like the Holy Father by being "a witness to the Gospel, a witness to the love and mercy of Christ, and never be afraid to speak the truth of the Lord Jesus and his saving Gospel". You can watch or read the full message at rcaos.org.uk/legacyoflove.

Fr Behr

Your Prayers are asked for:

Recently deceased: Pope Francis RIP; 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: Catherine Dowding, Ellen Shanahan, Alfonsa Macapinlac Moodie, Bertha Parsons, John Parrock, Martha Hodges, Inez Wood, Alonso Nugent, Fr John Hagreen (former PP) and Ninette Purcell.

Funeral of Brian Lawrence at 11am on 1st May 2025

Masses and services for the week (26th April to 3rd May), Feasts and Mass intentions.		
Saturday 26th April Saturday within the Octave of Easter	No public Mass am 6pm Mass <i>Intentions of the Sacred and Immaculate Heart</i>	Reader: Peter
Sunday 27th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) Divine Mercy Sunday	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	Reader: Liz
Monday 28th April	10am Mass <i>Rocio RIP and Lolo RIP</i>	

St George, Martyr, Patron saint of England	
Tuesday 29th April St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church	10am Mass <i>Pope Francis RIP</i>
Wednesday 30th April Wednesday of Holy Week	10am Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday 1st May St Joseph the Worker	11am Funeral Mass for Brian Lawrence RIP
Friday 2nd May St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	10am Mass <i>Elizabeth and John Spencer RIP</i> 10.30 – 11.30am Adoration
Saturday 3rd May Sts Philip and James, Apostles	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Peter and Elizabeth Lonergan Anniversary</i> Reader: Wendy
Sunday 4th May THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Kathy 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Flowers: for 4th May - Pat	

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 **next** Sunday, May 4th

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.

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

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 newborn babies (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

Events planned for 2025 - add these dates to your diary!

Saturday 15 November will see the return of our Advent Fair

Saturday 29 November we will host a 'Pot Luck Supper' to celebrate the feast day of St Andrew

Take part in a spiritual "Pilgrimage to Pentecost"

Our Lady and the Apostles prepared together for the first Pentecost in prayer and reflection. Why not do the same this year, by taking part in the archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Pentecost course? Starts the Sunday after Easter, with daily Scripture reflections in a specially written course booklet, six weekly filmed talks pre-recorded at diocesan Jubilee shrines and churches and the closing Mass at the Jubilee. <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/news/pilgrimage-to-pentecost-course-a-huge-hit/>

Celebration Day at The Friars, Aylesford on the Saturday before Pentecost, 7 June 2025. Find out more about how to take part (at home, at a local Hub or on Zoom) using the QR code on the poster in the porch or by visiting aec.rcaos.org.uk/P2P.

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 We have two opportunities for Adoration in our parish. On Thursday mornings from 9am and on Friday mornings from 10.30am.

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. As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Maidstone, Dover

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 or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

We Believe. Celebrate the Jubilee at WeBelieve, a festival of Catholic Life gathering the Church to share the hope that we have in Christ. From 25th-28th July, join us for four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webeliefefestival.com

Recent collections: the Quiz Night raised £903.96, minus costs of £522.20 – total: £381.76. The flowers for Easter collections raised £348.72. Thank you for your generosity.

You are most welcome to join us for the Christian Aid Big Breakfast on Saturday 10th May 2025.

Venue: St Andrew's Parish Centre.

Time: 8.15 for an 8.30 start, finish at 10.00.

Enjoy a cooked breakfast and good fellowship and to hear from Liz Walker & The Churches Together A Team.

Please book your place by Wednesday 30th April at the latest so we can confirm numbers with our caterers.

If by chance you have to cancel your booking, please do so by Thursday 8th May otherwise we will be out of pocket as we will have to pay the caterer.

Cost £10 payable on the day.

It is Christian Aid Week from 11th to 17th May ,so there will an opportunity for you to donate to Christian Aid should you wish.

On behalf of the organising committee

Freddy Farias, Martin Giles, Jolyon Vickers, Lindsay Hammond, Rachel Heinrichsmeier