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THIS IS PART ONE OF A DOUBLE EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER

Newsletter for the week commencing 12th April 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)

Please follow the readings and the Passion in Magnificat, from page 27

Father Behr writes:

On Thursday the Mass of the Lord's Supper is at 7.30pm. We need 10 brave volunteers for the foot washing.

The Good Friday Passion service is at 3pm which is very well attended so it's good to arrive early to make sure you get a seat.

We also have a Good Friday Witness at 10am gathering outside Zion Baptist church with Christians from our local area. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

The Easter Vigil begins at 8.30pm on Saturday as we have to wait till the sun starts to set. We gather in the car park for the blessing of fire.

On Easter Sunday we have an extra Mass at 8.30am followed by the 10am Mass with our choir. There is also a Latin Mass at 12pm.

Praying that you and your family will be greatly blessed this Easter.

Fr Behr

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: Frederick Collison, Eric Booth, Elizabeth Booth, Susanna Davis, John Keane, Catherine Beard, Gerald Salmon, Elizabeth Armstrong, Vera Ware (Hilda), Ellen Marren, Joan Carey (Foundation Mass), Bozena Cloutier Wonska (Chris Lacki's sister), Nellie Southcott and Elsie Brown.

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

Masses and services for the week (12th – 19th April), Feasts and Mass intentions.		
Saturday 12th April Feria	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	Reader: Pat and Wendy
Sunday 13th April PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)	10am Mass <i>Bridget Carmichael RIP</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	Reader: Collette and Rachel
Monday 14th April Monday of Holy Week	10am Mass <i>Holy Souls (Margaret)</i> 10.30am Stations of the Cross	
Tuesday 15th April	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i>	

Tuesday of Holy Week	10.30am Coffee Morning with a film
Wednesday 16th April Wednesday of Holy Week	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
Thursday 17th April MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ON MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.30pm Mass <i>For Priests</i> Readers: Liz and Pat Keeping vigil with Our Lord until 10pm
Friday 18th April FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	3pm GOOD FRIDAY PASSION OF THE LORD SERVICE Readers: Rachel and James 10am Good Friday Witness , 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.
Saturday 19th April THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT	No public Mass am 8.30pm EASTER VIGIL <i>Joan Carey RIP</i> Readers: James, Rachel, Pat and Kathy
Sunday 20th April EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	8.30am <i>Michael and Josie Payne Wellbeing</i> 10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Suzanne 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Flowers: 17th April: Altar of Repose – Hilary For Easter – all arrangers on 19th April	

Your Easter offering is your personal gift to your parish priest

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 is at 7.30pm with an opportunity to keep vigil with our Lord till 10pm.

Good Friday Passion of the Lord Service at 3pm.

Easter Vigil at 8.30pm.

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

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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 on 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.

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 retiring collection again at the Masses THIS weekend (12th/13th April), for the flowers that will make our church beautiful for the great celebration of Easter, for those who forgot last weekend and would like to contribute.

If you would like to help, please put together a flower vase or arrangement to decorate a windowsill.

Please let Pat know if you can help (sargentpat51@gmail.com or 01233 850963).

They need to be ready for the morning of Saturday, 19th April.

Thank you.

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 new born 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

Ashford Cineworld is showing **The Chosen: Last Supper 12A** **this Thurs. 10th April at 7.15pm on the IMAX screen; Fri. 11th April at 7.15pm; Sat. 12th April at 4.40pm; Sun. 13th April at 6.40pm.**

Showings on Fri. to Sun. are on a standard screen For details, the trailer and to book see **thechosentv.co.uk**

PART TWO OF A DOUBLE EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER

Newsletter for the week commencing 21st April 2025

Father Behr writes

Dear Parishioners

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 27 April at 3pm

To celebrate Divine Mercy during this Jubilee Year of Hope we have a special Holy Hour of prayer starting at 3pm.

There are many great promises attached to this devotion which has the full approval of the Church.

From St Faustina's Diary

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

There will be light refreshments after the Holy Hour.

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Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Deborah Burke, Bernard Grayner, John Stanley, Jack Holman, Eileen Rimmer, Marie Toke-Williams, Florence (Flo) Primarolo, Karen Vidler, Gwen Terrett, Catherine Town, and Patricia Walden.

Masses and services for the week (21st – 27th April), Feasts and Mass intentions.	
Monday 21st April Monday within the Octave of Easter	No Mass
Tuesday 22nd April Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	No Mass
Wednesday 23rd April Wednesday within the octave of Easter	10am Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday 24th April Thursday within the Octave of Easter	9am – 10am Adoration and Rosary 10am Mass <i>In Reparation (Margaret)</i>
Friday 25th April Friday within the Octave of Easter	10am Mass <i>Louise (Annie)</i>
Saturday 26th April Saturday within the Octave of Easter	No public Mass am 6pm Mass <i>Intentions of the Sacred Heart 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> Reader: Liz 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass

Flowers: for 27 April – Pat to tweak Easter flowers
Cleaning: 26th April: Rachel and Martin

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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.