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Newsletter for the week commencing 11th May 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13: 14, 43b-52

Psalms 100(99) Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: The Book of Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 10: 27-30

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners,

"Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, 69, has been elected the 267th pope of the Roman Catholic Church. He has taken the papal name of Pope Leo XIV. He is the first pope from the United States." To read more of this article visit <https://thecatholicherald.com/pope-leo-xiv-first-pontiff-from-united-states/> Let us be united in prayer for our Holy Father Pope Leo.

Safeguarding Sunday 2025. Sunday 18 May is Safeguarding Sunday and Archbishop John has issued a pastoral letter. In his letter, Archbishop John said "Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. Each of us — clergy, volunteers, parents, parishioners — is called to remain vigilant, informed, and committed to the well-being of every member of our community". You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday, including accessing the full pastoral letter, at rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25 or via the QR code.

Fr Behr

Your Prayers are asked for:

Recently deceased: Pope Francis RIP; Brian Lawrence RIP; Ann Marie Homberger RIP

Those ill or infirm: Sophie, 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: Alfred Kettle, Richard Brennan, Jim Newman, John Smith, Sarah Norris, Eleanore Lynes, Jane Goodman, Sophie Larson, Adrian Wyles, Jennifer Jorden (wife of Noel) and Doris Woodman.

Masses and services for the week (11 th – 17 th May), Feasts and Mass intentions.		
Saturday 10th May St John de Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	Reader: Pat
Sunday 11th May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)	10am Mass <i>Brian Lawrence RIP (Fred and Maureen)</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	Reader: Suzanne
Monday 12th May Sts Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs	10am Mass <i>Ann McDermott Intentions</i>	
Tuesday 13th May	10am Mass <i>For Priests</i>	

Our Lady of Fatima	
Wednesday 14th May St Matthias, Apostle	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i>
Thursday 15th May St John Stone, Priest & Martyr	No Mass or Adoration today
Friday 16th May St Simon Stock, Priest	10am Mass <i>Private Intention</i> 10.30 – 11.30am Adoration
Saturday 17th May Feria	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Michael and Jose Payne Wellbeing</i> Reader: Lorraine
Sunday 18th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: James 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Flowers: for 18th 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 Sunday, June 1st

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.

This weekend we have a Collection for the Priests Training Fund.

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. In the Archdiocese of Southwark, we are blessed to have men answering the call to the Priesthood and Diaconate and choosing to dedicate their lives to Christ and His people.

Your donation to the Priest Training Fund will support the work of the Archdiocese of Southwark's Vocations team, so they can encourage and inspire those who hear God's calling. Your donations will also support the seminary fees and living costs of our Seminarians and those in formation for the Diaconate.

First Holy Communion Mass Sunday 18 May 10am. Please pray for the children and their families.

Advent Fair Saturday 15th November 2025: Calling all Craftworkers!

We're still deep in the joy of Eastertide, so why a note about the Advent Fair? Well, this is to remind all those who might like to make something for the CRAFT STALL/S at this year's Advent Fair. So whether your talent is quilting, knitting or other needlework; wood-turning or candle making; leatherworking or jewellery-making; ceramics or basket-weaving; or any one of a multitude of other crafts, why not consider putting your talents to the service of the parish community by making something to raise money at this year's Fair?

Figures for recent 2nd collections:

St. George's Cathedral = £197.41

MSP mission = £585.85.

Thank you

Take part in a spiritual "Pilgrimage to Pentecost" at our Tuesday Coffee Morning from 13th May

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/>

Diocesan Jubilee Celebrations

7th June 2025 10am - 5pm

The Friars, Aylesford

A day of joy for the whole Archdiocese!

Archbishop John is inviting all of us to the Southwark Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June 2025. It promises to be a great day.

Fun for families - Saints Treasure Trail for kids of all ages, Children's Rosary, pre-bookable KS1-4 ministry sessions. Nourishment for the soul - Adoration, Rosary Way for groups and families, Confessions, Veneration of Relics,

CAFOD icon, Carlo Acutis Exhibition Food for thought - talks, book and other stalls, Diocesan History Exhibition. Refreshment for the body - music stages, picnics, BBQ and refreshments
Closing Mass - Archbishop John Wilson presiding, music led by Diocesan Choir and much, much more! If you would like to go but need a lift please put your name and number on the sheet in the porch. If you are willing to gift a lift please let me know. Fr Behr

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

Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis visiting St George's Cathedral - 26-29 June. St George's Cathedral will be visited by a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. On Thursday 26 June, an evening of **adoration** and **veneration** of the relic for young adults is taking place. On Friday 27 June, Archbishop John will preside at the **6pm Solemn Mass** of the Sacred Heart, which will include the veneration of the relic. On Saturday 28 June, there will be a “**morning with Carlo Acutis**”, which will include Mass, adoration, rosary and a talk on the relic. An **exhibition** will also be on display at the Cathedral from 19 June to 7 July. Visit: stgeorgescathedral.org.uk for more information.