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Newsletter for the week commencing 1st June 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken; Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60

Psalm 97(96) Response The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Second Reading: The Book of Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come for you; and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Communion Antiphon: Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners,

Why did Cardinal Robert Prevost choose the name Leo when he was elected as the successor of St Peter ? This is what Pope Leo XIV said.

“Sensing myself called to continue in this same path, I chose to take the name Leo XIV. There are different reasons for this, but mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic Encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers to everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defence of human dignity, justice and labour”.

Let us pray for Our Holy Father. Would you consider making a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration to pray for Pope Leo? If so join me on Friday 6 June at 10.30am for Rosary and Adoration.

There will be a special collection on Pentecost weekend 7/8 June for all those who would like to contribute towards a gift for Jolyon.

Fr Behr

Your Prayers are asked for:

Recently deceased: Andrew Czaykowski 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: Henry Balkham, Dorothy Stewart, Desmond Collins, Paul Lamonte, Annie Smith, Matthew Murphy, Colin Dolman, Agnes Cosens, Fanny Porter, Micheline Orde, Barbara O'Brien, Ron Basher and Eileen Nolan.

The Requiem Mass (TLM) for Andrew Czaykowski RIP is on Monday 2 June at 2.30pm here at St Andrew.

Masses and services for the week (31st May – 7th June), Feasts and Mass intentions.		
Saturday 31st May The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	Reader: Rachel
Sunday 1st June SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)	10am Mass <i>Sylwia and Family in Thanksgiving</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	Reader: Pat
Monday 2nd June STs Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs	10am Mass <i>Marie O'Sullivan Wellbeing</i> 2.30pm Funeral Mass (TLM) of Andrew Czakowski RIP	
Tuesday 3rd June St Charles & Companions, Martyrs	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i>	
Wednesday 4th June Feria	No Service	
Thursday 5th June St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr	9am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Annie Holdstock RIP and Hilla Bay RIP</i>	
Friday 6th June St Norbert, Bishop, St Luke Kirby, Priest & Martyr	10am Mass <i>Mary Murphy RIP</i> Adoration 10.30 – 11am	
Saturday 7th June Feria	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	Reader: James
Sunday 8th June PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)	10am Mass <i>Canon John O'Toole RIP</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	Reader: Frances
Flowers: for 8th June - Hilary		
Cleaning – 7th June: Jane with Rachel and/or Martin		

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, 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 with Fr Behr.

Our **Tuesday Coffee Morning** gatherings

will be exploring a spiritual "Pilgrimage to Pentecost" starting with coffee at 10.30am.

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-](https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/news/pilgrimage-to-pentecost-course-a-huge-hit/)

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Diocesan Jubilee Celebrations: NEXT SATURDAY, 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.

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

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

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.webelievefestival.com

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.

Evangelium 2025 conference - 15-17 August. A conference on Catholic faith, life and culture to help make faithful young Catholic adults effective for Mission. Over the years, hundreds have ignited their faith through Evangelium. Guest speakers include Fr Marcus Holden and Fr Marcus Wharton. Book and more details: saintant.com/product/evangelium-2025 & [poster here](#).

Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

Maidstone Deanery Confirmation Programme 2025

Applications are invited from School age young people in **Year 9 or above**, to join our 2025 Deanery Confirmation programme, who live in the parishes of Maidstone Deanery (St Francis', Maidstone/ St Peter's, Bearsted/ Holy Family, Park Wood, /St Thomas More, West Malling/ St Theodore's Cranbrook/ St Andrew's, Tenterden / Sacred Heart, Goudhurst).

The programme will run on mainly Sunday evenings at St Francis' Church, Maidstone, beginning in June, a break throughout the summer holiday, continuing through September - October, with the **Confirmation Mass scheduled for Saturday 25th October, 2pm.** (Venue TBC)

Applicants must be Catholics, who have made their First Holy Communion.

Applications must come from the candidate themselves.

Applicants will commit to attending all of the sessions.

Applicants must also be willing to participate fully in all aspects of the programme.

To request an application form, which also gives details of dates and times of sessions, please email: confirmation@stfrancisparish.org.uk

The closing date for applications is **Monday 9th JUNE 2025**

Any other questions can be raised either through this dedicated confirmation mailbox, or by contacting Deacon Ian.

Day for Life

Every year the Church in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year it will be celebrated on 15th June, Trinity Sunday. Ahead of the Day for Life, we invite the faithful in all three conferences to join in prayer through the Novena for Life. This will run up to the Feast of the Visitation, between the 23rd and the 31st of May. Prayers for each day can be found on the Day for Life page of the [Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website](#). On the website you can also find a special message from the bishops and more prayers and resources.

On 15th June we also ask parishes to hold a second collection for the Day for Life Fund. Every year the fund allocates over £200,000 in grants to organisations which promote respect for life in various ways. Donations can be also made online via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website, where you will find out more information about Day for Life.

Walk the Augustine Camino for Mary's Meals

Monday 1st September – Sunday 8th September 2025

Join us for the whole pilgrimage or walk with us for a day

During this Jubilee Year we would be delighted if you joined us as Pilgrims of Hope on some or all of the Augustine Camino, starting at Rochester Cathedral, finishing at the Shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. The pilgrimage will take us to four of the designated Jubilee churches and shrines in Southwark Archdiocese:

- The Friars, Aylesford
- St Jude's Shrine, Faversham
- St Thomas of Canterbury, Canterbury
- St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate

To book your place on the pilgrimage, or to ask any questions about it, please contact Roy Peachey, the Mary's Meals Supporter Engagement Officer for Kent, Surrey, Sussex and South London, on roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk or [07593 447297](tel:07593447297).