



ST ANDREW'S
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Newsletter for the week commencing 20th July 2025

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: The Book of Genesis 18: 1-10a

Psalms 15 (14) Response: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Second Reading: The letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1: 24-28

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners,

Sunday Evening Prayer

Vespers on Sunday 27 July at 6pm

We are hosting the Churches Together evening service soon. A service of psalms, hymns and readings that lasts about half an hour followed by light refreshments.

Thanks to our parish Social Committee for all the hard work and dedication in making the events of last weekend so memorable and enjoyable. Many of those who attended commented on the great atmosphere and uplifting music.

Our parish relies on a team of incredible volunteers who give their time freely and generously to clean the church, help with parish finance, prepare for Mass and make our parish a beautiful place of welcome and worship.

Fr. Behr

Your Prayers are asked for:

Recently deceased:

Those ill or infirm: Sophie, Lady Wyn McWilliams, Michael Payne, Roger Styles, Mary Basher, Paul Lane, Mara McDermot, 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: Mary Cowley, Denis Frain, Frank Edgeley, Allen Davis, Janet Chisholm, John Martin Hatherly, Charles Gregory Francis Munton, Gilbert Rahr, Derek Carpenter and Susan Rahr.

Masses and services for the week (19th – 27th July), Feasts and Mass intentions.

Saturday 19th July The Blessed Virgin Mary	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: James
Sunday 20th July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY (C)	10am Mass <i>Gordon Reynolds RIP and Family</i> Reader: Kathy 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Monday 21st July St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church	10am Mass <i>Holy Souls of Priests (Margaret)</i>
Tuesday 22nd July St Mary Madgalene	10am Mass <i>Allen Davis RIP (Sheila's husband)</i>
Wednesday 23rd July St Bridget, Religious	No Service
Thursday 24th July St Sharbel Makhluof, Priest	9am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i>

Friday 25th July St James, Apostle	10am Mass <i>Private Intention (Margaret)</i> Adoration 10.30 – 11.30am
Saturday 26th July Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Peter
Sunday 27th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (C)	10am Mass <i>Last Family and Paul Rumball RIP</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass Reader: Rachel
Flowers: for 19th July - Kathy	
Cleaning: for 19th July – Rachel and Martin	

A Message from Jolyon

"Words are inadequate to express my thanks to you all from Suzanne and myself for the lovely retirement send-off events and the so generous gift. We are truly appreciative. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve Saint Andrew's for the last 31 years, culminating in me being your permanent Deacon for the last 14 years. With my kindest regards, thanks and prayers, Jolyon"

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, September 7th.

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. On Tuesday after Mass at 10.30am we have a coffee morning. We will be exploring the options for new Stations of the Cross for our parish church. This is a great way to come together and get involved in an important project for our parish. We are going to look at what is available and put some options together for our parish.

Parish AGM

On Friday 5 September we have our parish Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is a great opportunity to come together. Our Finance Committee will present an overview of the spending, and we can have plenty of time for reflecting on our parish.

David Green suggested we have fish and chips together from 6pm and then open the meeting for 7pm. There will be a sign-up sheet for the fish and chips nearer the time.

Please put the date in your diary. More details and agenda for the AGM will be available nearer the time.

Dirty Church?

As a result of departures of various kinds, there are now just six church cleaners (working in teams of two). With so few of us, we are unfortunately now only able to commit to cleaning the church every four weeks (instead of the current fortnightly rota). If there are more offers from volunteers over the next months, we can of course look to go back to more frequent cleaning. Perhaps you'd like to consider joining the cleaning team - and recruit a friend to do it with you?! We hope to hear from you!

Please contact Rachel or Martin Heinrichsmeier on heinrichsmeier@btinternet.com.

The Church Cleaning Team

Cleaning Rota – until end of 2025	
Cleaning Team	Official cleaning Weekend
Rachel and Martin	19 th July
Liz and David	16 th August
Frances and Isabella	13 th September
Rachel and Martin	11 th October
Liz and David	1 st November

Ride & Stride: Saturday 13th September 2025, 10am - 6pm: See Poster in the Porch

It's that Ride & Stride time of year again! By taking part in the annual Ride & Stride you can:

- keep fit;
- visit some of Tenterden's and Kent's beautiful churches on foot or by bicycle;

- Support St. Andrew's: the money you raise is divided equally between the church of your choice and the Friends of Kent Churches

You can ride and stride alone, or plan a route with friends and family. You can cover the churches of a single town, like Tenterden, or go further afield. You can walk or ride for an hour or devote a day to it. Every little counts!

Sponsorship forms and list of participating churches are available for download at the Friends of Kent Churches website at <https://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk/>

We shall also need kind volunteers to greet riders and striders and sign their forms.

If you can spare just one an hour on Saturday 13th September please sign the form in the Porch (and include your contact number please)

As members of the Synergy Network in Support of Young People affected by Serious Violence **Caritas** is Inviting all parishes to pray for young people and their families affected by serious violence. Below you will find a short reflection and two bidding prayers which can be used this weekend in your Sunday Mass and Newsletters. I have also included a link to a video clip by Archbishop John.

<https://youtu.be/QOluOdtCN34>

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

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

There are still a few places available on the pilgrimage, which Southwark makes to Lourdes from 22 to 29 August this year.

For information and booking, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>

There are a range of hotels available, though most Southwark pilgrims will be staying at the Hotel Eliseo.

Further information is available from Bishop Paul paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk or Canon

Perera edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk

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

**A life changing opportunity!
Do you desire to know Jesus more intimately?**

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy.

The course will commence on 18 October 2025 and the cost will be £400 per year. The full cost of the course, payable over 2 years is £800. In addition, registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

And finally...

A big thank you to Haydens Event Catering for the delicious food they provided for Jolyon's retirement celebrations. The costs were very reasonable at £8 per head for 100 people.

If you should need a fantastic spread for a special event they are worth contacting on

events@haydensinrye.co.uk / 07772 295931 / 108 High Street Rye TN31 7JE