



**ST ANDREW'S**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Newsletter for the week commencing 27th July 2025**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**Entrance Antiphon:** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**First Reading:** The Book of Genesis 18: 20-32

**Psalm 138(137) Response:** On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

**Second Reading:** The letter of St Paul to the Colossians 2:12-14

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' . Alleluia.

**Gospel:** Luke 11: 1-13

**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 has been postponed to a later date.

August is a quiet time in our parish. Our next Tuesday Coffee morning will be on 2 September. We will continue to have Mass and Adoration on Friday morning from 10am.

We love having visitors to our parish. If you are staying in Tenterden or the surrounding villages visiting family or taking a break we look forward to welcoming you and your family.

**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:** Michael McDermott, Bessie King, Lilliana Mortimer, Peter Taylor, Philomena Parker and Patricia O'Hea.

<b>Masses and services for the week (27th July – 3rd August), Feasts and Mass intentions.</b>	
<b>Saturday 26th July</b> Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>No public Mass am</b> <b>6pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>Reader: Peter</b>
<b>Sunday 27th July</b> <b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (C)</b>	<b>10am Mass</b> <i>Last Family and Paul Rumball RIP</i> <b>Reader: Rachel</b> <b>12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass</b>
<b>Monday 28th July</b> Feria	<b>10am Mass</b> <i>Intentions of Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart</i>
<b>Tuesday 29th July</b> Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus	<b>10am Mass</b> <i>In thanksgiving (Beresford)</i>
<b>Wednesday 30th July</b> St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	<b>No Service</b>
<b>Thursday 31st July</b> St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	<b>9am Adoration</b> <b>10am Mass</b> <i>Donor's Intention</i>
<b>Friday 1st August</b> St Alphonsus of Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	<b>10am Mass</b> <i>Private Intention (Rafat Family)</i> <b>Adoration 10.30 – 11.30am</b>

<b>Saturday 2nd August</b> St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest	<b>No public Mass am</b> <b>6pm Vigil Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>Reader: Lorraine</b>
<b>Sunday 3rd August</b> <b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY (C)</b>	<b>10am Mass</b> <i>David and Liz Green 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</i> <b>12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass</b> <b>Reader: Frances</b>
<b>Flowers: for 2<sup>nd</sup> August - Pat</b>	

**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 7<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:heinrichsmeier@btinternet.com).

### The Church Cleaning Team

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

#### **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](mailto:paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk) or Canon

Perera [edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk)

***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***

Life Charity

#### **Compassion**

We can provide you with resources to support women and families experiencing pregnancy and baby loss, of whatever form.

<https://getinvolved.lifecharity.org.uk>

**Catechetical Institute.** Thanks to the generosity of the [Archbishop's Appeal](#) and the Franciscan University, every parishioner, catechist, parent and teacher in our schools and parishes will now have **free access** to over 120 high-quality workshops from the Catechetical Institute. Each parish features on the [Franciscan platform](#) (<https://franciscanathome.com/southwark>). It's simple to sign-up, with a short video on the Agency page (<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>) to guide you through. This offering is free to everyone until September 2025.

**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](https://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](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) +44 797 338 0443

#### **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](mailto:roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk) or 07593 447297.

**The Well: Evening of Eucharistic revival with Christopher West and Mike Mangione.** On 11 September from 6.30pm-9.30pm, St George's Cathedral is hosting a special evening of beauty, reflection and Eucharistic revival. The heart burns with a mysterious thirst; THE WELL is an invitation to quench that thirst. THE WELL engages the imagination and the

senses with live music by Mike Mangione and the dynamic presentation of Christopher West, for a revival like you've never experienced before. Tickets cost £21 and can be booked via [rcaos.org.uk/thewell2025](https://rcaos.org.uk/thewell2025).

**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.**

***Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies***

***The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit [aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs](https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs) for further information.***

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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>