



**ST ANDREW'S
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Newsletter for the two weeks commencing 23rd August 2025

TWENTY-FIRST & TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners,

Parish AGM 7pm

On Friday 5 September we have our parish Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is a great opportunity to come together. The theme for our AGM is 'Behold the Lamb of God'.

Agenda for Parish AGM

Welcome and opening reflection.

Presentation from Parish Finance Committee

Presentation from Parish Social Committee

Update on new Stations of the Cross for our parish church.

Questions and Answers.

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 this weekend for the fish and chips.

Please put the date in your diary.

Fr Behr

Your Prayers are asked for: Colette Ortner RIP, Philippa Carter (Nick Carter's mother) RIP

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: Edith Cooper, Vera Gibson, Martin Saunders, Mary Roche, Duncan Bryant, Anne Williams (nee Cregan), Rosalie Robertson, Donald Hayesmore, Audrey Clark, Hester Rositer, Kevin Thornton, Dorothy Taylor, Violet Bruce-Norton, Sir Frank McWilliams, Mary Sheehan, Joseph Langley, Doris Diego, Barbara Winter, George Goodman and Ena Dowson.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Teresa Dyer who died recently. The funeral service will be on Friday 29 August at 11am.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Collette Ortner and the comfort of Charles and their family. The funeral Mass is at All Saints, Iden on 11 September at 11am.

Masses and services for the weeks (23rd August to 6th September), Feasts and Mass intentions.		
Saturday	23rd Feria	6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: James Flowers: Kathy
Sunday	24th TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY C	10am Mass <i>Anna Hunt & Family (Inez)</i> Reader: Frances 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Monday	25th Feria	10am Mass <i>Angela Bandyshe RIP</i>
Tuesday	26th Feria	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i>
Wednesday	27th St Monica	No Service
Thursday	28th St Augustine, Bishop & doctor of the Church	10am Mass <i>For Priests</i>
Friday	29th The Passion of St Joh the Baptist	9.30am Mass <i>Private Intention</i> 11am Funeral Service for Maria Teresa Dyer RIP
Saturday	30th Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs	6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Pat Flowers: Pat
Sunday	31st TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY C	10am Mass <i>World Peace (Inez)</i> Reader: Kathy

		12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Monday	1st September	10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Tuesday	2nd St Edmund Arrowsmith, Priest & Martyr	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i>
Wednesday	3rd St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i>
Thursday	4th St Cuthbert, Bishop	9am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday	5th Feria	10am Mass <i>Sophia Sarkis Wellbeing</i> 10.30 – 11.30am Adoration
Saturday	6th The Blessed Virgin Mary	6pm Vigil Mass <i>Jose and Michael Payne Wellbeing</i> Reader: Lorraine Flowers: Hilary
Sunday	7th TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY C	10am Mass) <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Collette 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass

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.

New Stations of the Cross

Following some really great meetings on Tuesday mornings we are now opening up our consultation on the new Stations of the Cross to everyone in the parish.

As you come into the church you will notice that there are boards with Stations of the Cross that are numbered 1-6. We have also put some pictures on the wall of the First Station of the Cross in the church. You can pick up a leaflet and make your preference known. You may think that more than one option would be suitable for our church so you put your choices in order of preference. If there is one that you think it not suitable for the church there is also space on the leaflet to indicate that.

I would like everyone to take part and discuss the pictures. The pictures and the board will be available throughout August.

Invitation: Catholic men and Christ the King

Catholic men of the parish are invited to a Eucharistic Holy Hour and guest talk on Christ the King and society, given by Rev. Dr. Thomas Crean OP (theologian, lecturer, author) on Friday 29 August. 7-8pm Holy Hour, 8-9.15pm refreshments, talk, discussion. St Michael's parish, Chatham. Train station next door. Car park available.

Contact: medwaycatholicmen@outlook.com

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/QOIuOdtCN34>

CAFOD: Response in Gaza

Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at cafod.org.uk. Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to [pray for peace](#) in the Middle East.

As Cardinal Pizzaballa (Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem) says, "Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there - crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble, and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering."

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.

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

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.

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).

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.

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 for further information.

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>