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Newsletter for the week commencing 6th October 2024

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY (B)

Entrance antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading: Genesis 2: 18-24

Psalm 127 Response May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Second Reading: The letter to the Hebrews 2: 9-11

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16

Communion antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has often mentioned the need for a deeper commitment to prayer in these challenging times we live in. With the escalating situation in the Middle East this is even more urgent.

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem has asked for a Day of Prayer and Fasting on Monday 7 October to pray for peace in the Middle East.

“Therefore, I invite you to a day of prayer, fasting and penance on October 7 next, a date that has become symbolic of the drama we are experiencing. The month of October is also the Marian month and on October 7 we celebrate the memory of Mary Queen of the Rosary.”

Every Monday in October we will pray the Holy Rosary directly after the 10am Mass.

There will also be an opportunity to pray the Rosary before the 6pm Saturday evening Mass during October. Please come along at 5.25pm if you would like to take part in this wonderful prayer.

Fr Behr

Your Prayers are asked for:

Recently deceased: Sally Setchell RIP

Those ill or infirm: Bishop John Hine, Roger Styles, Mary Basher, Paul Rumball, Paul Lane, Mara McDermot, June Munton, Ailish Cantwell (Jones), Sylwia Dorosz, 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: Agnes Mary Nolan, Mary McHugh, Anne Wickham, Arthur McMullen, John Lorimar, Kenneth Stacey, Freddie Ryan, Fred Paynter, Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy, James Pillans, Andrew and Michael Steapp.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sally Setchell RIP and for the comfort of her family. The funeral Mass is on Monday 7 October at 11am.

Masses and services for the week (5th to 12th OCTOBER), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.	
Saturday 5th October St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin	No public Mass am 10.30 -11am Confession 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: James
Sunday 6th October TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY (B)	10am Mass <i>Sharp Family</i> Reader: Brian 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Monday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary	11am Funeral Mass for Sally Setchell RIP
Tuesday 8th October Feria	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i>
Wednesday 9th October St John Henry Newman, Priest	10am Service of Word and Communion

Thursday 10th October St Paulinus of York, Bishop	9am-10am Adoration 10 Mass <i>Marie and Family</i>
Friday 11th October St John XXIII, Pope	10am Mass <i>Tracy, Edward and Mark</i> 10.30 – 11.30am Adoration
Saturday 12th October St Wilfred, Bishop	No public Mass am 10.30 -11am Confession 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Liz
Sunday 13th October TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY (B)	10am Mass <i>Varghese Thomas RIP</i> Reader: Frances 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Flowers: for Saturday 12th /13th October - Hilary	

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, November 3rd

Youth Retreat The next Diocesan Youth Retreat for 13–17-year-olds will be on Saturday 12 October at St. John Fisher School, City Way, Rochester, ME1 2AE. The day will be delivered by the Dominicans on the theme of "Prayer". Don't miss out! Group leaders and parents, book at tinyurl.com/retreat12oct.

CATHOLIC HERALD MAGAZINE - Loved by Chesterton, Waugh, and Tolkien, the Catholic Herald Magazine has been a bold and influential voice in the Church since 1888, standing up for traditional Catholic culture and values. The Herald magazine contains book and art reviews, contributions from the best Catholic columnists, features and interviews, as well as news from throughout the Church.

If you are interested in subscribing please visit <https://catholicherald.co.uk/purchase-a-subscription/>

As you may know, the Jubilee Year of 2025 is set to begin on 24th December 2024 and will formally close on 6th January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope".

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12 October (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

AFTERNOON FOR READERS – To introduce the new translation for the Lectionary. To address questions such as: Why the change in translation? How is it different from the translation we're using now? What different sorts of translation are there? What does it mean in practice, for readers? How is the Lectionary arranged? Also, an opportunity to reflect on some broader questions: The Word of God in the life of the Church. How we understand the Old Testament in the light of our faith in Christ. Led by Bishop Paul Hendricks.

VENUE: Church hall of St. Thomas of Canterbury, 59 Burgate, Canterbury, Kent. CT1 2HJ. **Saturday 2nd November**, 2pm to 4pm. The hall will be open from 1pm, for anyone who might like to come early and bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee available.

THE 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. Closing date for applicants this year is 4 November 2024.

Mini Retreat For Women Thursday 17th October 7.00 – 8.30 pm
St Simon Stock RC Church, Brookfield Road Ashford, TN23 4EU

This mini retreat is an evening of quiet and reflection. There will be two periods of guided prayer led by a priest from Opus Dei. Confessions, including spiritual advice, are available from 6.30 pm and during the evening.

Archdiocese of Southwark 2024 Annual Assembly hosted by the **Justice and Peace Commission** on **Saturday 12th October 2024** at St James the Great Catholic Church, Petts Wood BR5 1BJ.

Preceded by Mass at 10.00am **Principal Celebrant** Bishop Emeritus Patrick Lynch. **Registration 11am. Programme 11am to 4pm. Entitled: God Walks With His People:** in search for a solution to poverty both home and overseas. Everyone welcome. Entrance is free. Lunch provided. Donations appreciated. Email: jpcontact@rcaos.org.uk to reserve your place and for catering purposes.

The Archbishop's Certificate: The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course incorporating three in person study days for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. *"The course has given me a deeper knowledge and understanding about the Catholic faith, inspiring and enabling me to explain to others with quiet confidence what I firmly believe to be the truth."* The Archbishop's Certificate is in accord with Archbishop John Wilson's vision for a missionary archdiocese and is open to all who work towards this. The course will commence **on 12 October 2024** with an introductory zoom session and the first in person session will take place **on 19 October 2024** at St George's Cathedral. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>. If you have any questions please email archcert@aec.rcaos.org.uk

Father/Emeritus Bishop John Hine

Following his surgery, he has now been moved to Abbotsleigh Care Home in Staplehurst. Sister Anne suggests that he may find visitors very distressful, as his mental capacity has deteriorated very severely. However, on a practical note, and in addition to your prayers, you might like to be able to give her a lift to visit him on a regular basis. If you are willing to be on a list of potential car drivers, please let Jolyon know.

Baby Basics

Churches Together in Tenterden is co-ordinating local support for the Baby Basics initiative, which is being lead by the Church in the Weald.

Baby Basics is a volunteer-led project aiming to support new mothers and families who are struggling to meet the financial and practical burden of looking after a new baby.

Baby Basics provides much needed essentials and equipment to mothers and families who are unable to provide these items for themselves; including but not limited to teenage mums, people seeking asylum and women fleeing domestic abuse and trafficking.

Working with midwives, health visitors and other professional groups to provide support directly where it is most needed, Baby Basics volunteers lovingly collect, sort and package a 'Moses Basket' of clothing, toiletries and essential baby equipment as an attractive gift to new mothers.

The aim is to help these new mothers practically and generously, demonstrating the love of God through our care. God is at the centre of Baby Basics as we are inspired and motivated by His heart for everyone. Every day we continue – and every item we send out, is thanks to His kindness, grace and provision.

Our vision is based on Matthew 25:37-40:

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

If you are willing to source/make new or second hand baby clothes or have baby/new mother toiletries (Knitted goods very welcomed) , please pop them in the box in the porch.

Women of the Nativity

There will be a series of reflective services for the Advent/Christmas time on Saturday mornings. Please look out for the publicity material, which will be available shortly.

Town Ecumenical Carol Service

Wednesday 18th December at 7:30pm in Saint Mildred's Church

Community Carols

Open Air event on the afternoon of Friday 20th December. The venue is being finalised.

St. Andrew's Harvest Food Bank Festival.

On Saturday 26th and 27th of this month parishioners are invited to bring suitable food to leave in the special place provided in the church at the usual Masses. Unfortunately, we cannot accept fresh items as we do not have access to the necessary refrigeration so please concentrate on dry and canned goods such as meats, fish, soups and vegetables like baked beans, peas, kidney beans etc. Pastas and rice are also acceptable. Scour the shelves and see what you can find and surprise us!

All offerings will be taken to the Tenterden base in St. Mildred's before going on to Ashford for division into lots for distribution to the needy of Tenterden.

If you forget or are unable to bring any food there will be a collecting box for monetary donations (we cover all eventualities!)

Thank you all.

Christmas is closer than you think!

Every year Zion Baptist Church hosts the Christmas Tree Festival, and this year is no different.

The Festival will be held from 21st November to 24th November and the theme is "Nativity Journeys". The team who have decorated a tree for the last five years is unable to do it this year, so they are looking for some volunteers to decorate this year's tree.

The tree will be provided at the church and Frances has the stand.

If you are feeling creative and would like to have a go, please contact Suzanne Martin (Mrs Suzanne Martin (ZBC Christmas Tree Festival co-ordinator) Home Tel: 01580 766996 Mob: 07799 152230 e-mail: rogsuzmartin3@btinternet.com) or Frances Lawrence (01233732657 / f.lawrence999@btinternet.com).

Details – see the poster in the porch.

Please give it a try. We need you.