**Newsletter for the week commencing 26th May 2024**

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.**

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40**

**Psalm 32 Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**

**Second Reading:  the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8: 14-17**

**Acclamation:  Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!**

**Gospel:  Matthew 28: 16-20**

**Communion antiphon:  Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

**Heart of Jesus, aflame with love for us - have mercy on us.**

Let’s rediscover the great love our Lord Jesus has for us revealed in such a moving and accessible way in devotion to the Sacred Heart.

One of the great Catholic devotions is the Litany of the Sacred Heart. This devotion can be easily prayed in families and among friends. It is especially appropriate for the month of June which is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

These are just a few of the wonderful invocations in the Litany.

Heart of Jesus, aflame with love for us

Heart of Jesus, source of justice and love

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love

Heart of Jesus, worthy of all praise

Heart of Jesus, king and centre of all hearts

Heart of Jesus, treasure-house of wisdom and knowledge

Heart of Jesus, in whom there dwells the fullness of God

Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father is well pleased

Heart of Jesus, from whose fullness we have all received

Heart of Jesus, patient and full of mercy

Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness

Heart of Jesus, broken for our sins

We will pray this Litany as part of our preparation for Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning throughout the month of June.

As well as our own personal intentions it is also important to pray for those who do not know that God loves them, and for young people and children to grow in faith.

The full Litany of the Sacred Heart can be found by following this link.

<http://www.scborromeo.org/prayers/litanysh.pdf>

**Fr Behr**

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**

**Those ill or infirm:** PaulLane, 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**: Lawrence Appleton, Claire Kirschen and Elsie Hulse.

**Please keep in your prayers Anna, a friend of Andrew Butler (former organist for our Parish). Anna lives in Suffolk.  Her mental health is fragile, and a scan yesterday revealed that the child she was carrying had been dead for up to 2 weeks.**

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| **This week’s services (25thMay – 1st June)), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** | |
| **Saturday 25th May**  St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church | No public Mass am  10.30 -11.00 am Confession  6.00 pm Vigil Mass*People of the Parish***Reader: Pat** |
| **Sunday 26th May**  **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)** | 10.00 am Mass *Adoration of the Most Holy Trinity*  **Reader: Collette**  12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Monday 27th May**  St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop | 10.00 am Mass *Scranlon Family Wellbeing* |
| **Tuesday 28th May**Feria | 10.00 am Mass *Natalie Sarkis Wellbeing* |
| **Wednesday 29th May**St Paul VI, Pope | 10.00 am Service of the Word and Holy Communion |
| **Thursday 30th May**  **Feria** | 9.00 am-10.00 am Adoration  10.0 am Mass *In Reparation (Margaret)* |
| **Friday 31st May**  The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 10.00 am Mass *Maureen and Darren Scanlon*  10.30 – 11.30 am Adoration |
| **Saturday 1st June**  **St Justin, Martyr** | No public Mass am  10.30 -11.00 am Confession  6.00 pm Vigil Mass*Private Intention (Margaret)***Reader: James** |
| **Sunday 2nd June**  **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (B)** | 10.00 am Mass  *People of the Parish***Reader: Brian**  12.00 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Flowers: for 1st/2nd June – Pat** | |

**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 10.00 am 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 **next Sunday, June 2nd.**

**Maidstone Deanery Confirmation Programme 2024.**

Applications are invited from young people in **Year 9 or above,** to join our 2024 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 19th October, 3.00 pm.** (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](mailto:confirmation@stfrancisparish.org.uk)

***It is troubling to see how simple and convenient it has become for some to deny the existence of a human life as a solution to problems that can and must be solved for both the mother and her unborn child.”*** **Pope Francis: *25 Sep. 2020 - Speech to the United Nations***

**The Beauty of the Rosary.**

“If the rosary has dropped from your hands, another victim of the secularist tide, remember that as powerful as the tide of worldly secularisation may be, the world will always be in need of prayer and of Mary. And the more autonomous the world becomes with regard to God, the more compelled those who believe in God will feel to reconnect this world with God, and there is no chain more beautiful for joining the world with God than the chain of the holy rosary.” St Oscar Romero (Homily 8 October, 1978)

**Pastoral reflection on Gender.**

The English and Welsh bishops have issued a pastoral reflection on gender which is worth reading and passing on to those who have questions about the issues.  <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-issue-pastoral-reflection-on-gender/>

**Southwark Lourdes Pilgrimage.**

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23rd to 30th August 2024. Details of this can be found on the Archdiocesan website: [rcaos.org.uk](http://rcaos.org.uk). Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.

**Aylesford Priory.**

have their Summer Fayre on 23 June, for details see [thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Summer Fayre/](https://www.thefriars.org.uk/Whats+On/Events/Summer%20Fayre/)

**Assisted Suicide.**

Our Archbishop, John Wilson, has issued a pastoral message on assisted suicide.  Archbishop writes “We are called to care for those who are suffering, not to bring about their death. We cannot approve of any form of euthanasia and assisted suicide. Rather, we need to support individuals, families, and those who work in healthcare, so that the fundamental value of life is not eroded.”  More details see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/archbishop-wilson-every-human-life-is-to-be-cherished/>

**Rosary during May.**

During the month of May we have a wonderful opportunity to grow in our devotion and love for Our Lady.

During May we will pray the Holy Rosary on Monday after Mass and on Friday during Adoration.

On Tuesday mornings after Mass, we have refreshments followed by a film.

**What is the Alma Mater Fund?**

The Alma Mater Fund provides financial grants to pregnant students facing difficulties at universities across the UK, in order to support them in pursuing their academic and personal goals. Through the work of the initiative, the Alma Mater Fund coordinator can also direct students to further sources of support and advice.  To support this initiative, visit:<https://www.spuc.org.uk/alma-mater-fund>

**International Exhibition.**

“The Eucharistic Miracles of the World” designed & created by Blessed Carlo Acutis 25th May to 30th June 2024 St Augustine’s Church, Tunbridge Wells.

Carlo’s exhibition presents a selection of the main Eucharistic Miracles (about 136, collected in 166 panels 60x80, plasticised) which occurred over the centuries in various countries and are recognised by the Church. Through these panels you can “virtually visit” the places where the miracles happened.

<http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html>

**Day for Life.**

The focus this year will be opposition to assisted suicide – euphemistically called ‘assisted dying.’

With the intention of praying and advocating for the establishment of a culture of care at the end of life, the theme for the Day for Life is: *“The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.”*There will also be a *Day for Life Novena,*which will run from the 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation (31 May) and which will be available on the Bishop’ Conference website.

**The Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:**

This will take place on **Sunday 28th July**and is themed “*Do not cast me off in my old age”,*(cf. Psalm 71:9).

**A Lifeline for Marriage!**

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?  Has your marriage become stressed, unloving, cold?

Do you argue often?  Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking about it?  Do you want to try again?

The Retrouveille programme may be just what you need!

The next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City

14-16 June 2024

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**Tenterden Methodist Church (High Street).**

Notwithstanding formally closing last weekend, there will be an organ recital in the Methodist Church on their special War Memorial Organ at 3pm **this Sunday 26th May followed by refreshments (1 hour)**

**Sunday Evening Worship Together.**

**This Sunday 26th May at 6pm**, it is Saint Andrew's turn to lead the evening worship in Saint Andrew's.