**Newsletter for the week commencing 5th May 2024**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: the Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

**First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10: 25-26,34-35,44-48**

**Psalm 97 Response:  The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

**Second Reading:  The first letter of St John 4: 7-10**

**Acclamation:  Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: ‘if anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him,’ Alleluia!**

**Gospel:  John 15: 9-17**

**Communion antiphon:  If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

On Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord In the Creed on Sunday, we profess:

**‘He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory**

**to judge the living and the dead**

**and his kingdom will have no end.’**

The Ascension of Our Lord reveals his glorious Kingship of the Universe.

Our Lord is the just judge of every person throughout all of human history.

The Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation and we have Mass at 10am and 7.30pm. There is also a Latin Mass at 12.00 Noon.

**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:**John Moriarty, Sue Maxwell-Scott, Claire Claydon, Nigel Collins, Dr Mary Hoogewers, Ninette Newling, Winifred Price, Marjorie Dumbleton, Alfred Kettle and Richard Brennan.

**Confession:**

Fr Behr is available for Confession every Saturday from 10.30 am – 11.00 am. 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 this Sunday, 5th May.**

**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/).

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| **This week’s services (4th – 12th May)), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** | |
| **Saturday 4th May**  **The English Martyrs** | No public Mass am  10.30 -11.00 am Confession  6pm Vigil Mass*People of the Parish*   **Reader: Wendy** |
| **Sunday 5th May**  **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)** | 10.00 am Mass *Liz and Wayne and Family*  **Reader: Kathy**  12.00 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Monday 6th May**  St John Paine, Priest & Martyr | 10.00 am Mass *In thanksgiving* |
| **Tuesday 7th May**  Feria | 10.00 am Mass *Donor’s Intention* |
| **Wednesday 8th May**  Feria | 10.00 am Service of the Word and Holy Communion |
| **Thursday 9th May**  **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (B) HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION** | 9.00 am-10.00 am Adoration  10.00 am Mass *Mary Phillips RIP and Family*  12.00 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  7.30 pm *People of the Parish* |
| **Friday 10th May**  **St John de Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church** | 10.00 am Mass *Tony Ramsden Healing*  10.30 – 11.30 am Adoration |
| **Saturday 11th May**  **Feria** | No public Mass am  10.30 -11.00 am Confession  6.00 pm Vigil Mass*Private Intention (Caterina)*  **Reader: Peter** |
| **Sunday 12th May**  **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)** | 10.00 am Mass *People of the Parish*  **Reader: Suzanne**  12.00 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Flowers: for 12th May - Frances** | |

**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/>

**CAFOD - A Year of Encounter:**

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [**cafod.org.uk/encounter**](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter)for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.

**CAFOD Appeal for Sudan:**

“As violence persists into its second year, the humanitarian situation deteriorates rapidly, with 25 million Sudanese in need of immediate assistance. Famine looms ominously, threatening to become the worst crisis in living memory.”

Telley Sadia, CAFOD’s Country Representative for Sudan. To donate visit the website: <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal>

**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 13th 2024 at St George’s Cathedral:**

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than May 31st 2024**, providing the following details:  your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass.  Spaces are limited. Email us at [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Maidstone St Francis.

**CANON LIAM GALLAGHER**celebrates 25 years a Priest on 12th June. Please pray for his vocation and service.

**May is the Month of Mary:**

During the month of May we have a wonderful opportunity to grow in our devotion and love for Our Lady. On Sunday 5 May we will have a procession with crowning of 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.

**Recent 2nd collections totals:**

Priest training fund £335.41    St. George's, Southwark £240.59     St. George’s Day social £105.00

**Churches Together in Tenterden – Christian Breakfast:**

Christian Breakfast (in aid of Christian Aid) hosted by **Saint Andrew's on Saturday 18th May** - help and attendees needed.