**Newsletter for the week commencing 9th June**

**Tenth Sunday (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall, I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom shall I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.**

**First Reading: Genesis 3: 9-15**

**Psalm 129 Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

**Second Reading:  The second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 4: 13-5:1**

**Acclamation:  Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.  Alleluia!**

**Communion antiphon:  The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer: my God is my saving strength.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to Herve James and his team we now have a lovely family room for the parish.

The old parish room had become something of a storeroom over the years and was very much in need of refurbishment.

I hope you will agree that the work has been done to a high standard of workmanship.

This room is primarily for the use of parishioners, but we may also have the opportunity to rent out the space for small groups.

Lorraine will be able to use the room for children’s liturgy and I now have a suitable place to meet parishioners.

This is a great opportunity for parishioners who want to have a space to meet and study the Bible and pray together.

Do pop in and have a look next time you come to our church.

We are going to bless the room on Sunday 16th June after the 10.00 am Mass.

**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**: Joan Nicholson, Pauline Pratt, Yolande Urquhart, Margaret Martin-Sperry, Andree Norman-Taylor and Agnes Venables.

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 (8th – 15th June), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 8th June**The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary | No public Mass am10.30 -11.00 am Confession6.00pm Vigil Mass  Ron Basher RIP  **Reader: Liz** |
| **Sunday 9th June****Tenth Sunday (B)** | 10.00 am Mass People of the Parish        **Reader: Frances**12.00 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Monday 10th June**Feria | 10.00 am Mass Buckman Family. |
| **Tuesday 11th June**St Barnabas, Apostle | 10.00 am Mass Sandra Marshall RIP Anniversary (Louise’s Sister) |
| **Wednesday 12th June** Feria | 10.00 am Service of the Word and Holy Communion |
| **Thursday 13th June**St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church | 9.00 am -10.00 am Adoration10.00 am Mass Valerie Murray RIP |
| **Friday 14th June****Feria** | 10.00 am Mass Private Intention (Christine)10.30 – 11.30 am Adoration |
| **Saturday 15th June**The Blessed Virgin Mary | No public Mass am10.30 – 11.00 am Confession6.00 pm Vigil Mass Private Intention (Grace)   **Reader: Wendy** |
| **Sunday 16th June****Eleventh Sunday (B)** | 10.00 am Mass People of the Parish           **Reader: Kathy**12.00 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Flowers: for Saturday 15th / Sunday 16th June: Suzanne** |
| **Cleaners: for 15th/16th June: Christine & Wendy** |

**Confession Liturgy.**

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.** 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 Sunday, July 7th.**

**General Election.**

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) are encouraging all Catholics to #RegisterToVote before 23:59 on the 18th June 2024 in preparation for the General Election. CSAN have launched a number of resources to help Catholics inform their conscience and navigate the political landscape at this time, find more at [www.csan.org.uk/general-election-2024](http://www.csan.org.uk/general-election-2024).

The Bishops of England and Wales have provided some guidance on the upcoming General Election on July 4.  You can read the full document here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24>.

 **Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre.**

Summertime 2024: 29th July – 1stAugust, £189. For aged 11-16. We commend this excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. In an event that has now gone on for more than 20 years, it is a few days for deepening one’s catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. For more details of how to get to the venue, with a coach laid on at St. Anselm’s Dartford, see your parish priest for a form, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St, Stephen, Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel:01322 220075.

**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/>

**Archdiocese 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.**

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%2BOn/Events/Summer%20Fayre/)

**Assisted Suicide.**

Our Archbishop, John Wilson, has issued a pastoral message on assisted suicide. The 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.”  For more details see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/archbishop-wilson-every-human-life-is-to-be-cherished/>.

**International Exhibition.**

“The Eucharistic Miracles of the World.” Designed & created by Blessed Carlo Acutis 25th May to 30th June 2024 at 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 be a second collection for the Day for Life on the weekend of 15/16 June.**

**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.

For more information phone or text: 07887 296983 or 07973 380443

Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

Website: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/)

Complete confidentiality assured.

**SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election.**

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates.

Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/campaign-with-us/a-year-of-encounter-call-for-action-with-your-parish-at-the-general-election) or [svp.org.uk/encounter](https://svp.org.uk/encounter) for more information.

Below is our prayer for this initiative. With our prayers and thanks, Sarah and Celeste

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**A prayer**

Mary, model of encounter,
you heard God’s call.
Teach us to listen deeply
in our polarised world.

Mary, woman of courage,
you sang joyfully of God’s justice.
Inspire us to challenge inequality
and call for fulness of life for all.

Mary, seeker of sanctuary,
you fled violence and persecution.
Be with us as we seek peace
and respect for human dignity.

Mary, mother of community,
you joined the disciples at Pentecost.
Pray that the Spirit will empower us
as we act together for the common good.

Amen.

**Together for the Common Good Podcast Launched.**

Together for the Common Good have launched a new podcast series exploring the common good as a catalyst to spiritual and civic renewal.

Speakers, ranging from Lord Glasman to Sr Helen Alford, draw on the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching to show in practical ways how common good thinking opens up pathways to hope. These talks address the big questions of our time - economy, work, nature, social peace, civic life, what it means to be human - and much more. You can find the Together for the Common Good Podcast on [Substack](https://t4cg.substack.com/), [Apple Podcasts](https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/together-for-the-common-good-podcast/id1733261245), [Spotify](https://open.spotify.com/episode/11I9O1tBVJe1K4O0gPJnM0), or wherever you normally listen to your podcasts.  All are free to download and are offered in this General Election year as a stimulus for reflection and conversation. Find out more at<https://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/t4cg-podcast>.