**Newsletter for the week commencing 16th June**

**Eleventh Sunday (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you: be my help.  Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 17: 22-24**

**Psalm 91 Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.**

**Second Reading:  The second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5: 6-10**

**Acclamation:  Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34**

**Communion antiphon:  There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

**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 this weekend of 15/16 June.

**Fr Behr**

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**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**: Bertha Sharp, Ann Mallett, Doris Bourne and Palas Blair-Drummond.

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| **This week’s services (16th – 22nd   June), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** | |
| **Saturday 15th June**  The Blessed Virgin Mary | No public Mass am  10.30 -11.00 am Confession  6.00 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 am Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Monday 17th June**  Feria | 10.00 am Mass *Private Intention (Grace)* |
| **Tuesday 18th June**  Feria | **No Mass** |
| **Wednesday 19th June**  St John Rigby, Martyr | 10.00 am Service of the Word and Holy Communion. |
| **Thursday 20th June**  St Alban, Martyr | 9.00 am-10.00 am Adoration  10.00 am Mass *Sarkis Family* |
| **Friday 21st June**  St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious | 10.00 am Mass *In honour of the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart*  10.30 – 11.30 am Adoration |
| **Saturday 22nd June**  St John Fisher, Bishop & St Thomas More, Martyrs | No public Mass am  10.30 -11.00 am Confession  6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Jacqueline Dyde (David)*   **Reader: Peter** |
| **Sunday 23rd June**  **TWELFTH SUNDAY (B)** | 10.00 am Mass *People of the Parish***Reader: Suzanne**  12.00 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Flowers: for Saturday 22nd / Sunday 23rd June: Hilary** | |

**There is a second collection for Day FOR LIFE this weekend.**

**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 Sunday 7th July.**

**General Election.**

*Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) are encouraging all Catholics to #RegisterToVote before 23:59 on the 18 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*](https://csan.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a029d059d36b4079752dc481b&id=e4fa985ceb&e=e3dcc95355)*.*

**Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre, £189. For aged 11-16.  29th July – 1st August 2024.**

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](mailto:Dartford@rcaos.org.uk), Tel:01322 220075.

**General Election.**

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

**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.**

Aylesfdord Priory has its 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/>.

**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>.

**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 -16th June 2024

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

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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>.

**And finally…**

Bishop Rose has had to pull out of the next breakfast, to be held at St Andrew’s on Saturday, 20th July, due to impending back surgery.  She will be replaced by our own local Jeanette, title to be finalised. Offers of help will be welcomed.