**Newsletter for the week commencing 23rd June 2024**

**Twelfth Sunday (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has appointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them forever.**

**First Reading: Job 3: 1; 8-11.**

**Psalm 106 Response: O give thanks to the Lord for his love endures forever.**

**Second Reading:  The second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5: 14-17.**

**Acclamation:  Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mark 4: 35-41.**

**Communion antiphon:  The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

Next Sunday 29th June is the Solemnity of St’s Peter and Paul.

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**There is a second collection for** **Peter’s Pence next weekend*.***

**Fr Behr**

**Your Prayers are asked for: Carmen Ines Antaki RIP; Eugene Hughes RIP; Jacqueline Dyde RIP.**

**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**: Kay Ockenden, Catherine Havre-Young, Stan Walczak, Lovemore Dzimati, Diana Wood, Peggy Russell, Dennis Tew, Hazel McQuirke and Patricia Privett.

Please pray for the repose of the soul **Carmen Ines Antaki RIP**.

We have been left a generous legacy of £2000 from the estate.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Eugene Hughes RIP**.

The funeral Mass is on **Tuesday 2 July at 2.15pm**.

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| **This week’s services (22nd - 30th June),****Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 22nd June**St John Fisher, Bishop & St Thomas More, Martyrs | No public Mass am10.30 – 11.00 am Confession6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Jacqueline Dyde RIP (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  |
| **Monday 24th June**The Nativity of St John the Baptist | 10.00 am Mass *Reece and Family* |
| **Tuesday 25th June**Feria | **No Mass.** |
| **Wednesday 26th June**St Thomas Garnet, Priest & Martyr | 10.00 am Service of the Word and Holy Communion. |
| **Thursday 27th June**St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church | 9.00 am-10.00 am Adoration10.00 am Mass *for Priests* |
| **Friday 28th June**St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr & Doctor of the Church | 10.00 am Mass *Jane McKinnon RIP & Family*10.30 – 11.30 am Adoration |
| **Saturday 29th June**The Blessed Virgin Mary | No public Mass am10.30 -11.00 am Confession6.00 pm Vigil Mass *People of the Parish* **Reader: Lorraine** |
| **Sunday 30th June** | 10.00 am Mass *Carmen Ines Antaki RIP*   **Reader: Rachel**12.00 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Flowers: for Saturday 29th / Sunday 30th June: Kathy** |

**The 2nd collection for, “ Day for life," raised £267.80.  Thanks to everyone who supported this.**

**Confession.**

Fr Behr is available for Confession every Saturday from 10.30 – 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 July 7th.**

***Want to know where your MP candidates stand on abortion? Contact your MP candidates today***

*Ask your local MP candidates to take the Both Lives Pledge. The pledge outlines three policy changes that are designed to increase protections for babies in the womb and stop pregnancy discrimination for women.*

***Take action:****Email your candidates today by visiting*[*righttolife.org.uk/bothlives*](http://righttolife.org.uk/takeaction)*before the General Election on****Thursday 4 July****.*

**Summertime 2024: 29th July – 1stAugust: Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre, £189.**

For those 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.

**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)*.*

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](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/).

 **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/>.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes.**

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.**

Summer Fayre **this Sunday 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.  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 14-16 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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(Working part-time: Monday, Wednesday & Friday)

**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>.

**Help still needed PLEASE – see Jolyon.**

1. To staff the Churches Together in Tenterden stall at the Spirit of Tenterden Festival **Saturday 6th July**
2. To help set up, attend and clear up for the Christian Breakfast hosted in Saint Andrew’s **Saturday 20th July**.