**Newsletter for the week commencing 7th July 2024**

**Fourteenth Sunday (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 2: 2-5**

**Psalm 122 Response: Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.**

**Second Reading:  The second letter of St Paul to Timothy 12: 7-10**

**Acclamation:  Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.  Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6**

**Communion antiphon:  Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

On Thursday we celebrate the Feast of St Benedict Co- patron saint of Europe.

During Our Holy Hour of Adoration at 9am we will pray for the renewal of the Catholic faith in Europe and in our own families.

There is so much practical wisdom contained in the famous Rule of St Benedict and it has influenced Christians for nearly 1500 years.

Here are a few examples:

·        Your way of acting should be different from the world's way.

·        If you notice something good in yourself, give credit to God, not yourself, but remain certain that the evil you commit is always your own and yours to acknowledge.

·        Guard your lips from harmful or deceptive speech.

·        Idleness is an enemy of the soul.

·        Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for He is going to say, “I came as a guest, and you received Me.

I have always enjoyed staying at Benedictine monasteries such as Quarr Abbey on the Isle of Wight and Pluscarden Abbey in Elgin, Scotland. Monasteries have a special atmosphere and are always worth a visit.

For more wisdom from the Rule of St Benedict you can see this article.

<https://aleteia.org/2016/07/11/10-helpful-quotes-from-st-benedict-of-norcia>

**Fr Behr**

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased: 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**: Catherine O’Driscoll, Dora Warwick, Ann Finch, Vincent Carty, Annie Wipp, Edward Duffy, John Lawrence, Hugh Broad, Alexander Porcherot and Gertrude Fisher.

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| **This week’s services (7th – 13th July),****Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 6th July**St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass *People of the Parish*    **Reader: James** |
| **Sunday 7th July****FOURTEENTH SUNDAY (B)** | 10am Mass   *Holy Souls (Margaret)*           **Reader: Kathy**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Monday 8th July**Feria | 10am Mass *Max & Florence Haddock* |
| **Tuesday 9th July**St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs | 10am Mass *Natalie Sarkis Wellbeing* |
| **Wednesday 10th July**Feria | 10am Service of the Word and Holy Communion |
| **Thursday 11th July**St Benedict, Abbot | 9am-10am Adoration10am Mass *For Priests* |
| **Friday 12th July**St John Jones, Priest & Martyr | 10am Mass *Alex & Jess Haddock*10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 13th July**St Mildred, Abbess | No public Mass am10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil Mass *People of the Parish*     **Reader: Pat** |
| **Sunday 14th July****FIFTEENTH SUNDAY (B) Sea Sunday** | 10am Mass    *David Colquhoun Wellbeing*               **Reader: Brian**    12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Flowers: for Saturday 13th / Sunday 14th July: Pat** |

**On Sunday 14 July at the 10am Mass Joseph Colquhoun will be baptised. Congratulations to Andrew, Jan, Isaac and Samuel. Please stay for refreshments after Mass and an opportunity to congratulate the Colquhoun family.**

**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, July 7th.**

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

Summertime 2024: 29th July – 1st August, £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/>

**The Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage.**

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads, 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.

**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).

**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>.

 **Sea Sunday.** This falls on 14th July this year, let us pray for seafarers, fishers, and the work of Stella Maris. Let us remember especially those seafarers who are sailing through conflict zones and those who have been abandoned in distant lands. To find out more about Sea Sunday, please visit: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday/>.

To donate to Stella Maris, please go to: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/donate/>.

**Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, Walsingham | Saturday 3 August 2024.**

This marks the 40th anniversary of this pilgrimage to Walsingham. This year, it will be led by Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton. Forty years-ago, only one coach departed from London; today, coaches travel to Walsingham from many parts of England, with pilgrims numbering between 800 to 1,400 each year.  Those unable to travel to Walsingham can join the pilgrimage online via this link: [youtube.com/c/WalsinghamCatholicTV](http://youtube.com/c/WalsinghamCatholicTV)

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London.**

 There is a Celebration of St Faustina at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10.00 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

**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!

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.

**Diaconal Day.**

On Sunday 14 July we are celebrating our first Archdiocesan Diaconal Day, during which we pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our Archdiocese as well as we pray for the new vocations to this ministry. If you are a man between 21 years to 58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love God and God's people, you are involved in services within your parish and community, you have tried many things and still feel drawn to a closer relationship with Christ and His Church you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon? If you require further information about the Permanent Diaconate, please speak to your Parish Priest, (the Parish Deacon, if there is one), or contact the Diaconate Formation Director via e-mail: ianblack@rcaos.org.uk.

**Tenterden Christian Breakfast.**

We are pleased to invite you to join us for Breakfast on **Saturday 20th July**. This Breakfast is open to all*.*

Time: **8.15 am for an 8.30 am start Finish at 10.00 am**.

Venue: **St Andrew's Parish Centre.**

Enjoy a cooked breakfast and good fellowship.

Bishop Rose is unable to join us as she due to have an operation.

However, we are absolutely delighted to welcome Jeanette Kennett as our guest speaker and look forward to hearing her.

**Please book your place by Friday 12th July** at the latest so we can confirm numbers with our caterers.

Please email Chris Cheesman to book your place: chris@thecheesmans.plus.com

Vegetarian and Gluten Free Options are available. **Cost £10 payable** on the day.

On behalf of the organising committee: Freddy Farias, Martin Giles, Jolyon Vickers, Lindsay Hammond