**Newsletter for the week commencing 28th July 2024**

**Seventeenth Sunday (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

**First Reading: Second book of Kings 4: 42-44**

**Psalm 144 Response: You open wide your hand, O lord, and grant our desires.**

**Second Reading:  The letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4: 1-6**

**Acclamation:  Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.  Alleluia!**

**Gospel: John 6: 1-15**

**Communion antiphon:  Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

During the next five Sundays we will have a continuous reading of selections from the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel.

This chapter begins this Sunday with the ‘Feeding of the Five Thousand.’  Next Sunday we have the buildup to the astonishing moment where Our Lord reveals himself as the ‘Bread of Life’.

Belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is integral to our Catholic faith.  In response to many challenges in the 1960’s Pope St Paul VI wrote an important letter to all the faithful restating the timeless truth that Our Lord is really, truly and substantially present in the Eucharist under the appearance or form of bread and wine.  It is vital for us to deepen our faith in this mystery.

There are some special prayers to be said before receiving Holy Communion to prepare ourselves well for the grace of this wonderful sacrament. Perhaps you learnt some of these prayers when preparing for your first Holy Communion. Here is one example.

I most firmly believe, O Jesus, that in this holy Sacrament you are present truly and indeed; that here is your Body and Blood, your Soul and your Divinity. I believe that you, my Saviour, true God and true Man, are really here, with all your treasures; that here you communicate yourself to us, make us partakers of the fruit of your Passion, and give us a pledge of eternal life. I believe there cannot be a greater happiness than to receive you worthily, nor a greater misery than to receive you unworthily. All this I most steadfastly believe, because it is what you have taught us by your Church.

**Fr Behr**

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**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**: Bessie King, Lilliana Mortimer, Peter Taylor, Philomena Parker, Patricia O’Hea and Andrew Iglinski.

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| **This week’s services (27th July – 3rd August), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** | |
| **Saturday 27th July**  The Blessed Virgin Mary | No public Mass am  10.30 -11.00 am Confession  6.00 pm Vigil Mass *In Reparation***Reader: Peter** |
| **Sunday 28th July**  **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (B)** | 10.00 am Mass *People of the Parish*   **Reader: Kathy**  12.00 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Monday 29th July**  Sts Mary, Martha & Lazarus | 10.00 am Mass *In Gratitude for the Love of God* |
| **Tuesday 30th July**  St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church | 10.00 am Mass *Lucy Cziraki RIP* |
| **Wednesday 31st July**  St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest | 10.00 am Service of Word and Communion |
| **Thursday 1st August**  St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church | 9.00 am-10.00 am Adoration  10.00 am Mass *In Thanksgiving (Maureen Saunders)* |
| **Friday 2nd August**  Feria | 10.00 am Mass *Our Lord and Our Lady’s Intentions*  10.30 – 11.30 am Adoration |
| **Saturday 3rd August**  The Blessed Virgin Mary | No public Mass am  10.30 -11.00 am Confession  6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Mark, Edward and Tracey*  **Reader: Wendy** |
| **Sunday 4th August**  **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY (B)** | 10.00 am Mass *People of the Parish*   **Reader: Suzanne**  12.00 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Flowers: for Saturday 3rd/Sunday 4th August - Frances** | |

**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 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 1st September.**

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 28th July**.

Pope Francis has chosen to theme this year, ‘Do not cast me off in my old age’ (c.f. Ps 71:9). There are some additional resources here. <https://www.ukvocation.org/grandparentsday>

**A pastoral reflection on gender.**

The English and Welsh bishops have issued a document, 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/**](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-issue-pastoral-reflection-on-gender/)

**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 is holding 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.

**Ride & Stride (Friends of Kent Churches): Saturday 14th September 2024, 10am - 6pm**

It's that Ride & Stride time of year again! By taking part in the annual Ride & Stride you can:

* keep fit;
* visit some of Tenterden's and Kent's beautiful churches on foot or by bicycle;
* Support St. Andrew’s: the money you raise is divided equally between the church of your choice and the Friends of Kent Churches

You can ride and stride alone or plan a route with friends and family. You can cover the churches of a single town, like Tenterden, or go further afield. You can walk or ride for an hour or devote a day to it. Every little counts!

Sponsorship forms and list of participating churches are available for download at the Friends of Kent Churches website at <https://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk/>

We shall also need kind volunteers to greet riders and striders and sign their forms.

If you can spare just one an hour on Saturday 14th September, please sign the form at the back of the church (and include your contact number please).

**Introduction to Christian Meditation.**

These sessions have been running for over a year now on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings in Saint Mildred’s Church. During their enforced closure in 2025, these will transfer to the family room at Saint Andrew’s. However, during August this year, a series of introductory sessions is being run. These will be an opportunity for people interested in Christian Meditation to experience it within a small group, to learn about its origins and to discover its relevance as a form of contemplative prayer for the modern world.

7th August           What is Christian Meditation?

14th August         The roots of Christian Meditation

21st August         Leaving self behind

28th August         The fruits of meditation

You do not need to come to all the sessions, as each one stands alone and will give you a flavour of what Christian Meditation is about. Please just turn up or get in touch to find out more.

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**(Emeritus Bishop) Father John Hine – an update.**

At his own request, Father John Hine has decided to make his current respite care venue, his new permanent home. He can be reached at: Most Reverend John Hine, Saint Claire’s Care Home, Ditchling Road, Ditchling Common, Burgess Hill, RH15 0GU. It would be wise to telephone, if you are planning to visit. 01444 873730. Sister Anne asks that if you do visit that you remind him of your name and where you come from, as his memory is failing him.

**Second collection for Stella Maris**

 totalled £252.48