**Newsletter for the week commencing 4th August 2024**

**Eighteenth Sunday (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.**

**First Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15**

**Psalm 77 Response: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

**Second Reading:  The letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24**

**Acclamation:  Alleluia, alleluia! Man does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  Alleluia!**

**Gospel: John 6: 24-35**

**Communion antiphon:  I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

During the next four Sundays we continue with the reading of selections from the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel.  This weekend after last week’s Gospel passage on the miracle of the  ‘Feeding of the Five Thousand’ Jesus reveals himself as the ‘Bread of Life’.

‘I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me will never be hungry;

he who believes in me will never thirst.’

Belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is integral to our Catholic faith. Everything we do when we are at Mass points to the mystery of the Real Presence. When we enter the church, the sanctuary lamp reminds us to genuflect in adoration before Our Lord who waits for us with great love.

After we have prepared ourselves for Holy Communion with special prayers, we approach the altar with great reverence and humility, astonished at the greatness of Our Lord’s love. After Holy Communion we return to our place and kneel in silent adoration. Thanksgiving after Holy Communion is a special moment to pray for ourselves and those dear to us.  This is a time of great intimacy with Jesus and we should not be distracted by other members of the congregation.

There are some traditional prayers to be said after receiving Holy Communion.  The ‘*Anima Christi*’ also know as ‘Soul of Christ’ is one of the most beautiful prayers in our Catholic tradition.

*“Soul of Christ, sanctify me.*

*Body of Christ, save me.*

*Blood of Christ, inebriate me.*

*Water from the side of Christ, wash me.*

*Passion of Christ, strengthen me.*

*O Good Jesus, hear me.*

*Within your wounds hide me.*

*Permit me not to be separated from you.*

*From the wicked foe, defend me.*

*At the hour of my death, call me*

*and bid me come to you*

*That with your saints I may praise you*

*For ever and ever. Amen”.*

**Fr Behr**

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Recently deceased:**

**Those ill or infirm:** Paul Rumball,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**: Anne Morton, Joseph Corcoran, Sylvia Ulph, Ronald Carey, Linda Wolff and David Collard.

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| **This week’s services (4th – 10th  August), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** | |
| **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 |
| **Monday 5th August**  Feria | 10.00 am Mass *Donor’s Intention* |
| **Tuesday 6th August**  The Transfiguration of the Lord | 10.00 am Mass *Ivor Nichols RIP* |
| **Wednesday 7th August**  St Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs | 10.00 am Service of Word and Communion |
| **Thursday 8th August**  St Dominic, Priest | **No Mass** |
| **Friday 9th August**  St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr | 10.00 am Mass *Donor’s Intention*  10.30 – 11.30 am Adoration |
| **Saturday 10th August**  St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr | No public Mass am  10.30 -11.00 am Confession  6.00 pm Vigil Mass *Kathleen Vernon Wellbeing***Reader: Pat** |
| **Sunday 11th August**  **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY (B)** | 10.00 am Mass *People of the Parish*         **Reader: Suzanne**  12.00 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| **Flowers: for Saturday 10th /Sunday 11th August – Kathy** | |

**Confession**Fr Behr is available for Confession every Saturday from 10.30am - 11am. He is also happy to visit those who are not able to come to church.

**Children’s Litury.**

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.**

The **Divine Mercy** Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday 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.

August is devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**Liturgical Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham**.

The Dicastery for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments has agreed to the request of the Bishops’ Conference to raise the Obligatory Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham to a Feast in England and Wales.

Over the weekend of 14 and 15 September 2024, the Bishops of England & Wales are

inviting all parishes to have a period of Exposition to coincide with the Adoremus

Eucharistic Congress. The purpose is to unite all the faithful around the Eucharist with renewed and deepened devotion.  We prepare for the Jubilee Year 2025.

World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees Sunday 29 September 2024 - The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has published a video presentation of this year’s World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees.

<https://www.humandevelopment.va/en/news/2024/giornata-mondiale-migrante-e-rifugiato-2024-tema-messaggio-papa.html>

**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.

**Churches Together in Tenterden**

The Epistle reading at last week’s Mass from the Letter of Saint Paul to the people of Ephesus reads “you were all called into one and the same hope”. Cardinal Nicholls and Archbishop Welby, joint chairs of Churches Together in England constantly urge us Christians to rejoice in so much that we hope for in common. In Tenterden, amongst a number of initiatives, the churches hold two types of regular events, designed so we can meet together and get to know our fellow Christians:

1. **Joint Sunday evening worship**, on the last Sunday of each month, 1 denomination offers to host an evening act of worship followed by refreshments. The Worship is in that denomination’s “house-style”, so we can learn and appreciate how our fellow Christians worship. The next 4 evenings are:
   1. Sunday 25th August at 6.00 pm, hosted by the Church of England at Smallhythe Church during the flower festival
   2. Sunday 29th September at 6.00 pm, hosted by the Catholic Church in Saint Andrew’s
   3. Sunday 27th October at 4.00 pm, hosted by the Baptist Church in Zion Church
   4. Sunday 24th November at 4.00 pm, hosted by the Church on the Weald in Tenterden Junior School
2. **Christian Breakfasts,** these are held every other month at 08:30 am in 3 different venues, Zion Church, Saint Andrew’s Parish Centre and Saint Mildred’s Church Hall. You are assured of a full English Breakfast (gluten and vegetarian options available) and an inspiring talk for £10. The last two for this year are:
   1. September 14th Mike Rose (husband of Sue Rose, the rector of Woodchurch, High Halden and Bethersden). He is a clergy man, ex-Navy. His talk is entitled "The road from Amsterdam" and it will be in Zion church.
   2. November 23rd Claire Watson talking about the work of the Street Pastors in Ashford and that will be in Saint Mildred's Church Hall.

**Ride & Stride (Friends of Kent Churches): Saturday 14th September 2024, 10.00 am – 6.00 pm**

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).

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