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Newsletter for the week commencing 15th December 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

First Reading: from the prophet Zephaniah 3: 14-18

Second Reading: from the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 3: 10 -18

Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners

Notice from David Green Parish Social Committee

Hello everyone. Following 10am Mass on Sunday 15th, we will have a coffee morning with a few extras.....a Children's Lucky Dip and a Bottle Tombola. It'll also be your last opportunity to purchase some of Nuala's beautiful Christmas cards ahead of final posting dates. Please do come and join us and bring some change. The proceeds will all go towards The Tenterden Hub, who do so much to support our local community.

<https://tenterdensocialhub.org/services-at-the-hub/>

Katie Lam our MP for the Weald Constituency

I am grateful to our MP for voting against the Leadbeater Assisted Dying legislation. It takes courage and integrity to stand against the majority especially when the media is so full of propaganda. I have written to Katie Lam to thank her on behalf of our parish. If you have time to drop a quick email thanking Katie for her principled stance, I'm sure she will appreciate your gratitude and encouragement in this battle for respect for life.

Fr Behr

Your Prayers are asked for:

Recently deceased: Emeritus Bishop/Fr. John Hine, RIP

Those ill or infirm: Brian Lawrence, Roger Styles, Mary Basher, Paul Rumball, Paul Lane, 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: Norah Pillano, Bishop William Brown, Anthony Michael Whatley, Alan James Dorey, Margaret Mary Urquhart, Alex Karras, Norah Wrigley and Joan Gray.

Masses and services for the week (15th – 21st December),

Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.

Saturday 14th December St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church	No public Mass am 10.30 -11am Confession 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Lorraine
Sunday 15th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) Gaudete Sunday	10am Mass <i>Deceased Davis Family</i> Reader: Collette 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Monday 16th December Feria	10am Mass <i>Deceased Members of the Skilton Family</i>
Tuesday 17th December Feria	10am Special Mass for Fr John RIP
Wednesday 18th December Feria	10am Service of Word and Communion

Thursday 19th December Feria	9am – 10am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Rev James Sheahan RIP</i>
Friday 20th December Feria	10am Mass <i>John Milton Intentions</i> 10.30 – 11am Adoration
Saturday 21st December Feria	No public Mass am 10.30 -11am Confession 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Pat
Sunday 22nd December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)	10am Mass <i>Last Family and Paul Rumball</i> Reader: Brian 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass

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 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 on Sunday, January 5th

Our parish has a **WhatsApp group**. We will post parish events including social events, special occasions and requests for help in the parish as well as general parish news. If you would like to join please get in touch. Fr Behr

Special Mass for Bishop John Hine RIP

This Tuesday 17 December at 10am we have a special Mass for Fr John. Many parishioners will not have been able to attend the requiem in the cathedral so

This is an opportunity to come and pray for Fr John; to give thanks to God for his time as our parish priest and to share the blessings we have received through Fr John's ministry as our parish priest.

I've asked Jolyon to preach, and we will have refreshments after Mass.

Times for Holy Mass at Christmas:

Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24 December 6pm vigil Mass

Tuesday 24 December 9pm Mass with Choir and Carols

Christmas Day

Wednesday 25 December 8.30am

Wednesday 25 December 10am with Choir and Carols.

The Angelus

The Angelus is a beautiful traditional Catholic prayer. We will pray the Angelus before Mass during Advent and Christmastide. If you would like to learn more about the history of this devotion please

visit <https://www.goodcatholic.com/the-angelus-prayer-its-history-meaning-and-graces/>

As you may know, the **Jubilee Year of 2025** is set to begin on 24th December 2024 and will formally close on 6th January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany. The theme is "**Pilgrims of Hope**".

This Weekend we have a second collection for Christmas flowers. We all appreciate the beautiful flower arrangements we have in our church so please support this collection. Thank you.

Save the date: Archdiocesan Jubilee celebration - 7 June 2025. On Saturday 7 June 2025, there will be an Archdiocesan Jubilee celebration at Aylesford Priory. This event will also mark the 60th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Southwark. We will be sharing more details about this exciting event in due course.

Spirituality Commission Advent reflections. The Spirituality Commission will be sending daily reflections during Advent featuring Scripture, thoughts and prayers. You can sign-up to receive them directly into your inbox each morning here: tinyurl.com/adventreflections2024.

Praying the Mass with Archbishop John. Advent is a time people return to Mass, sometimes after many years - for others Mass is the cornerstone of their spiritual lives. To help people, wherever they are on their spiritual journey, connect more prayerfully with the Lord Jesus, Archbishop John has [recorded a message \(tinyurl.com/prayingthemass\)](https://tinyurl.com/prayingthemass) which guides us on how to pray through the

Mass. Archbishop John said: 'the Eucharist is at the very heart of the Mass, but also the Church. It is an invitation from the Lord Jesus to participate in His sacrifice'.

Word on Fire UK Bible Conference | February 2025

Join Bishop Robert Barron and thousands of other Catholics from across the UK for *Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible*. Come to the Excel Centre in East London this February to gain a deeper appreciation of the Bible and its relevance to the Church's mission today.

Date: Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd February 2025

Location: Excel Centre, East London

Speakers Include: Bishop Robert Barron, N.T. Wright, Professor Tracey Rowland and more. For more information and to register, please visit: wordonfire.org/the-bible-event.

Disability Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome in 2025. Kairos Forum and Bishop Paul Hendricks are leading a Disability Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome in 2025. It is taking place on 26 April 2025 to 1 May. Mass will be celebrated every day, along with activities such as visiting the Holy Door and a meeting with the Holy Father in St Peter's Square. Email Cristina Gangemi at: kairosforumevents@gmail.com or visit here for more details: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxj7s99>.

Catechetical Institute. Thanks to the generosity of the [Archbishop's Appeal](#) and the Franciscan University, every parishioner, catechist, parent and teacher in our schools and parishes will now have **free access** to over 120 high-quality workshops from the Catechetical Institute. Each parish features on the [Franciscan platform](#) (<https://franciscanathome.com/southwark>). It's simple to sign-up, with a short video on the Agency page (<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>) to guide you through. This offering is free to everyone until September 2025.