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Newsletter for the week commencing 26th January 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading: Nehemiah 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19 Response: Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

Second Reading: the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12: 12-30

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor; to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners,

A Message from Our Social Committee

Your St Andrew's Social Committee recently met for its first meeting of 2025. Here are the headlines from the meeting:

We were very grateful to receive so many donations of goods for the Advent Fair we ran at the beginning of December. Any donations that were not sold, or could not be included at the fair have been safely stored away and will feature in raffle prizes at our social events this year raising funds for the Parish. Thanks again for your support enabling us to raise just shy of £1000 for Cafod.

Our key objective is to run events that bring our Parish community together. We have now decided that we should build on this objective by extending invites to Parish social events to other Christian communities in Tenterden.

We agreed that whilst our priority will always be to bring people together socially, when raising money we will generally be looking to fund different Parish needs. However, where possible, at one event a year we will support another local charity. In this instance we will give members of the Parish the opportunity to select the most popular from a shortlist of three.

Events planned for 2025 - add these dates to your diary!

Friday 4 April - we are planning a Fish, Chip & Quiz night. Details to follow shortly.

In the summer we will run a very special event to mark the Retirement of Deacon Jolyon and celebrate his considerable contribution to St Andrews. Date to be confirmed shortly.

Saturday 15 November will see the return of our Advent Fair

Saturday 29 November we will host a 'Pot Luck Supper' to celebrate the feast day of St Andrew

And remember we are now having a Coffee Morning on the first and third Sunday of each month following 10am Mass. You will also be able to purchase from the Repository at some of our Coffee Mornings.

Fr Behr

Your Prayers are asked for:

Recently deceased: Betty Murphy RIP

Those ill or infirm: Michael Payne, Brian Lawrence, Roger Styles, Mary Basher, Paul Rumball, Paul Lane, Mara McDermot, June Munton, Ailish Cantwell (Jones), 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: Patrick Byrne, Cyril Read, Canon Charles Walker, Ron Roberts, Philip Charles Denis Wilkinson, Charles Priggy, Leslie and Edith Cave, Billy Benies, Kenneth Francis and Edwin Stephen Knott.

Masses and services for the week (26th January – 1st February), Feasts and Mass intentions.		
Saturday 25th January The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Wendy and Family (Jackie)</i>	Reader: James
Sunday 26th January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	Reader: Brian
Monday 27th January St Angela Merici, Virgin	10am Mass <i>Buckman Family</i>	
Tuesday 28th January St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i>	
Wednesday 29th January Feria	10am Service of the Word and Communion	
Thursday 30th January Feria	9am – 10am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Maurice Arts Wellbeing</i>	
Friday 31st January St John Bosco, Priest	10am Mass <i>Violette Raymond Wellbeing</i> 10.30 – 11am Adoration	
Saturday 1st February The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>In Reparation to the Sacred Heart</i>	Reader: Liz
Sunday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	Reader: Frances
Flowers for 1st February - Hilary		

The Angelus

The Angelus is a beautiful traditional Catholic prayer. We will pray the Angelus before Mass during 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/>

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, February 2nd.

Parish WhatsApp

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

Called to Bear Fruit

Below you will find details of an important initiative from our diocese. I encourage you to take part.

Help Shape the Future of Our Archdiocese

The Archbishop invites you to play a vital role in shaping the future of our Archdiocese. In today's pastoral letter, he encourages everyone to reflect on the themes in the *Called to Bear Fruit* booklet and participate in small group discussions over the coming weeks. Here's how you can get involved:

- **Form a group:** Gather 4–12 people.
- **Choose your schedule:** Discuss all six themes across six sessions or combine them into fewer meetings—whatever works best for you.
- **Share your insights:** Submit your group's reflections via our online form or as a typed hard copy.

The more people who take part, the richer our understanding of the needs of our archdiocese will be. Let's work together to shape our future! Thank you for your involvement.

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.

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.

Building a Better Marriage (BABM) – Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

To celebrate Jubilee 2025 a one day Building a Better Marriage opportunity will be held in the following 9 Southwark deaneries during 2025.

The day starts at 9.30am and finishes at 4.30pm and is free to attend. The day will be open to other deaneries in 2026 who have not experienced the event

To join one of these days please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

1 February - Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs

15 March - Our Lady Queen of Peace, East Sheen

12 April – St Mary Church, Croydon West

28 June – St Raphael Church, Kingston Upon Thames

5 July - St Thomas More, Dulwich

13 September – Southwark Cathedral, London

4 October – Holy Cross, Catford

1 November – St James the Great, Petts Wood

Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ retreat for the bereaved - Aylesford Priory 21-23 March 2025 and 10-12 Oct 2025

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development: 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. All welcome. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

Caritas Social Action Network is launching **Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction, an online course for staff and volunteers in parishes. The programme will be spread over five one-hour Zoom sessions on each Tuesday in March and on 01 April 2025.**

The course is aimed at parishioners who are not so familiar with Catholic Social Teaching, or who would welcome a refresh. We will also be hearing from CSAN members who work on the front line of poverty and exclusion, bringing our theoretical discussions to life.

The course fee is £95 for all five sessions, which includes a copy of Raymond Friel's book, *Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction for Schools, Parishes, and Charities*. To find out more information, or get in touch with course administrator, contact Bernadette, at bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk.

Assisted Suicide: what you need to know, and what you can do

All parishioners are invited to a special talk on Thursday 13th February at 7.30pm at St Michael's parish hall, Chatham. The speaker is Dr. Cajetan Skowronski, a specialist geriatric and palliative care doctor in the NHS, and national media commentator. He will discuss the serious dangers of the assisted suicide bill, healthcare realities, and what we can do. Educational literature available. Refreshments served. Car park on site. Chatham train station 30 seconds away.

Baby Basics

Thanks to everyone for their continued generosity in our official collection box.

Food Bank

Regrettably post-Christmas and New Year, the need for this collection continues and again many thanks to all the generous donors

Christmastide Reflective Services – Women of the Nativity – 9am – followed by light breakfast

The last service will be: Saturday 1st February – Anna’s story – St John, the Baptist, Wittersham

Christian Meditation

On the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm (45 minutes) and for the foreseeable future in Saint Andrew’s Church, because of the Saint Mildred’s refurbishment

The **World Day of Prayer** (formerly the Women’s World Day of Prayer)

In 2025, this will be on March 7th 2025 and will be hosted by Saint Andrew’s. The material has been compiled by the women of the Cook Islands. Pat Sargent urgently needs volunteers PLEASE

Parish Magazine

This publication is now an ecumenical publication with contributions from the Catholic, Baptist and Church of England denominations. Please purchase a copy and leave your donation in the wall safe.

Lent 2025

Yes, it is coming! Churches Together in Tenterden are planning the following; Pancake Praise, Stations of the Cross, a Study Course, Discovering Faith through Craft, Good Friday Witness Service and a Dawn Service on Easter Sunday morning. More details to follow.

Churches Together in Tenterden Evening Worship Together

Next service will be in the former Methodist Church, hosted by the Church in the Weald at 6pm on Sunday January 26th 2025.

Archbishop John Wilson has written a new book entitled **The Romero Rosary**. With introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero and the rosary, this beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (*Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory*) and the **NEW Romero Mysteries** (*Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace*) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at www.paulineuk.org. The Archbishops warmly invites everyone to the book launch on **Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 6.00 for 6.30pm** at **Amigo Hall, adjacent St George’s Cathedral**, Southwark, South London. SE1 7HY.