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Newsletter for the week commencing 9th February 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8

Psalm 138 Response: In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.

Second Reading: The First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 15: 1-11

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners,

Special Weekend Celebration in Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Deacon Jolyon Vickers

To show our appreciation for all Jolyon has done for our parish in his ministry of preaching, his care for the bereaved, the sick and the dying we are hosting two events over the weekend of 12/13 July.

We are also very grateful to Suzanne for all she has done in supporting Jolyon's ministry in our parish.

On Saturday 12 July there will be a service of thanksgiving at 2pm in our parish church with prayers, readings and hymns.

After the service there will be Afternoon Tea in our parish centre and garden.

All parishioners are invited to attend.

We are also inviting all of Jolyon and Suzanne's friends to attend. We hope friends from the local community and all our friends from other Christian communities will come and join us in the service and the celebration.

On Sunday 13 July Bishop Paul Hendricks is coming to celebrate our 10am Mass to express the gratitude of the Archbishop and all the diocese for Jolyon's generous response to the call to the Diaconate. After Mass there will be a parish coffee morning.

I hope to see many parishioners at both celebrations to show our appreciation of Jolyon and to ask God's blessings for him and Suzanne in his retirement.

Fr Behr

Your Prayers are asked for:

Recently deceased:

Those ill or infirm: Lady Wyn McWilliams, 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: David Lloyd-Thomas, Louise McLaughlin, Charles Broughton, Theresa Naish, Charles Lawrence, Alice Todd, Irene le Forestiere, Eva Lamden, Nighean Lloyd-Thomas, Vincent Lacki, Alfred Webber-Wood, Anita Cencio and Peter Murphy.

Masses and services for the week (9th – 16th February), Feasts and Mass intentions.		
Saturday 8th February Feria	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	Reader: Wendy
Sunday 9th February FIFTH SUNDAY (C)	10am Mass <i>Last Family and Paul Rumball RIP</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	Reader: Kathy
Monday 10th February St Scholastica, Virgin	10am Mass <i>Michael and Josie Payne Wellbeing</i>	
Tuesday 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i>	
Wednesday 12th February Feria	10am Service of the Word and Communion	
Thursday 13th February Feria	9am – 10am Adoration 10am Mass <i>In Reparation (Margaret)</i>	
Friday 14th February Sts Cyril, Monk, &Methodius, Bishop	10am Mass <i>Peter (Derek) Johnson RIP (Anniversary)</i> 10.30 – 11am Adoration	
Saturday 15th February Feria	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Private Intention</i>	Reader: Peter
Sunday 16th February SIXTH SUNDAY (C)	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	Reader: Suzanne
Flowers for 15th/16th February - Suzanne		

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 is **Sunday, March 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

Legacy

We have received a legacy of £2000 from the estate of the late Mike Mackenzie RIP. We are very grateful to Jill Mackenzie and will offer Holy Mass for Mike and all the family.

New Boiler and Radiators for the Presbytery

We have had to completely overhaul the heating system in the house. A new boiler and new radiators were installed last Saturday. The total cost came to £10,000.

The previous boiler and radiators were installed in the time the house was built in the 1980's and the system was very much in need of replacing.

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.

Saturday 15 November will see the return of our Advent Fair

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

Called to Bear Fruit

Below you finds 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 his recent 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.

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, Kent. 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.

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

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

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES: An exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles curated by Blessed Carlo Acutis will be displayed in St Thomas' RC Church, 12 Granville Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1ER from 1st February until 16th February 2025. The church will be open each day between 10 am. until 12 Noon, and 2 pm. until 4pm. Carlo Acutis, who died in 2006 at the age of 15, was beatified in 2020 and will be canonised on 27th April 2025 on Divine Mercy Sunday. A short 6 minute YouTube video may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z98LhwVGQN8> describing the first millennial Saint on the Path to Sainthood. All are welcome to visit this exhibition. For further information please contact Colleen Lockyer on 07768 453460.

The Search for Truth: Edith Stein, 14 – 16 March 2025

Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend exploring the life and teachings of Edith Stein, or St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and her indomitable search for truth that led her to the Catholic faith.

For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-truth-edith-stein/>

Songs of Praise at St George's Cathedral. St George's Cathedral is delighted to be working with Songs of Praise for their 2025 Easter Programme. If your parishioners would like to be a part of it, they can [apply for free tickets here](#), which will take place on Saturday 15 March 2025 from 1-4pm.

<https://lostintv.com/tv-show?id=1359>.

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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

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 held on **March 7th, at 2 pm**, and will be **hosted by Saint Andrew's**. The material has been compiled by the women of the Cook Islands. Pat Sargent asks you to put the date in your diary and to come along to support this beautiful and world-wide service.

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.

A Year of Hope: Introduction to the Jubilee Year

How can we respond to Pope Francis' call to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year? Find out by watching [this inspirational event](#) (find it and other Jubilee resources at cafod.org.uk/jubilee). Featuring Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, CAFOD Director Christine Allen and more. Discover how we can act in faith and in love as pilgrims of hope this Holy Year.