



# ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Newsletter for the week commencing 16th February 2025

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

**Entrance Antiphon:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**First Reading:** Prophet Jeremiah 17:5-8

**Psalm Response:** Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

**Second Reading:** The First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.

**Gospel:** Luke 6: 17, 20-26

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:** Peter Murphy, Kathleen Ross-Taylor, Anthony Burke, Ann Thomas, Vincent Burns, Geraldine Walsh, Joan Bidwell, Alice Jobson, Norman Finch, Dennis Hobday, Frank O'Neill, Eileen Brandon, Raymond Carroll, Betty Manning and Maureen McGarry.

Masses and services for the week (15th – 22nd February), Feasts and Mass intentions.

Feria <b>Saturday 15th February</b> Feria	<b>No public Mass am</b> 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Private Intention</i> <b>Reader: Peter</b>
<b>Sunday 16th February</b> <b>SIXTH SUNDAY (C)</b>	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass <b>Reader: Suzanne</b>
<b>Monday 17th February</b> Feria	10am Mass <i>Intentions of Jesus and Mary</i>
<b>Tuesday 18th February</b> Feria	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i>
<b>Wednesday 19th February</b> Feria	<b>NO Service of the Word and Communion</b>
<b>Thursday 20th February</b> Feria	9am – 10am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Martin Cummins RIP</i>
<b>Friday 21st February</b> St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	10am Mass <i>Mneme and Family (Christine)</i> 10.30 – 11am Adoration
<b>Saturday 22nd February</b> The Chair of St Peter the Apostle	<b>No public Mass am</b> 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>Reader: Lorraine</b>
<b>Sunday 23rd February</b> <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY (C)</b>	10am Mass <i>Peggy Geary RIP</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass <b>Reader: Frances or Brian</b>
<b>Flowers for 22nd/23rd February – Kathy</b>	
<b>Cleaning for 22nd/23rd February – Wendy and Christine.</b>	

Saturday People of the Parish

## Newsletter for the week commencing 23rd February 2025

### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

**Entrance Antiphon:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Edmund Staples, Charles & Nellie Lawrence, Clifford Crofton, Marjorie Frain, Delia Pearson, Pat Baker and Jim Maloney

Masses and services for the week (23rd February – 1st March), Feasts and Mass intentions.	
<b>Saturday 22nd February</b> The Chair of St Peter the Apostle	<b>No public Mass am</b> 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> <span style="float: right;"><b>Reader: Lorraine</b></span>
<b>Sunday 23rd February</b> <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY (C)</b>	10am Mass <i>Peggy Geary RIP</i> <span style="float: right;"><b>Reader: Frances or Brian</b></span> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
<b>Monday 24 February</b> Feria	<b>NO Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 25th February</b> St Ethelbert, King	<b>NO Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 26th February</b> Feria	10am Service of the Word and Communion
<b>Thursday 27th February</b> Feria	9am – 10am Adoration 10am Mass <i>For Priests</i>
<b>Friday 28th February</b> Feria	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i> 10.30 – 11am Adoration
<b>Saturday 1st March</b> St David, Bishop – Patron of Wales	<b>No public Mass am</b> 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> <span style="float: right;"><b>Reader: Pat</b></span>
<b>Sunday 2nd March</b> <b>EIGHTH SUNDAY (C)</b>	10am Mass <i>Fred and Maureen Purton and Family</i> <span style="float: right;"><b>Reader: Collette</b></span> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
<b>Flowers for 1st/2nd March Pat</b>	

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

#### 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

## Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners

### Clergy Support Fund Second Collection

Message from the diocese.

Next weekend we will be holding the Clergy Support Fund second collection. The Clergy Support Fund enables the Archdiocese of Southwark to care for priests in their retirement, old age, and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His People.

A donation to this fund will ensure a dignified retirement for all of our priests. I kindly ask you to continue praying for our sick and elderly priests, and consider donating to this worthy fund.

The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have one for parishes.

You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF) or scan QR code.

You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available today at the back of Church. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers.

Fr Behr

### Notices

***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 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 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.

#### **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](mailto: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>.

#### **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 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](http://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.