



# ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Newsletter for the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

### EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

**First Reading:** Sirach 27: 4-7

**Psalm Response:** It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

**Second Reading:** The First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 15: 54-58

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia.

**Gospel:** Luke 6: 39-45

#### Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. A season of deeper prayer, fasting and alms giving. Mass on Ash Wednesday 5 March is at 10am and 7.30pm. There is also a Latin Mass at 12pm.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Those over 14 years of age abstain from meat and those aged 18-59 are called to keep a fast.

During Lent we can grow in faith and deepen our relationship with Our Lord.

There is something extra for every day of the week during Lent here at St Andrew:

Monday	Stations of the Cross	10.30am
Tuesday	Coffee Morning with a Film from	10.30am
Wednesday	Stations of the Cross after the Word and Communion service	
Thursday	Adoration and Rosary	from 9am
Friday	Adoration and Rosary	from 10.30am

#### Shrove Tuesday

We have a Tuesday Coffee morning during Lent followed by a film on the Catholic Faith. This is a relaxing and informal way to grow in our faith.

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:** Mary Bridgeman, Irena Lacka, Mary Jackson, Brian McGinty, John Wolfe, Jennifer Ansell and Anne Knox.

**Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration at The Friars, Aylesford:** On the day before Pentecost, **7 June 2025**, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, and celebration. This will be the centre-piece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will also be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral to The Friars (**2-6 June 2025**), with more details here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/pilgrimage2025>. **SEE THE POSTER IN THE PORCH.**

Masses and services for the week (1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> March), Feasts and Mass intentions.	
<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> <b>Reader: Pat</b>
<b>Sunday 2nd March</b> <b>EIGHTH SUNDAY (C)</b>	10am Mass <i>Fred and Maureen Purton and Family</i> <b>Reader: Collette</b> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
<b>Monday 3rd March</b> Feria	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i>
<b>Tuesday 4th March</b> St Casimir	10am Mass <i>Allen Davis RIP (Sheila's husband)</i>
<b>Wednesday 5th March</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	10am Mass <i>Mike MacKenzie RIP</i> 12 midday Latin Mass 7.30 pm Mass <i>Liz and David: Living and Dead</i>
<b>Thursday 6th March</b> Feria	9am – 10am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i>
<b>Friday 7th March</b> Feria	10am Mass <i>Jack and Friends (Christine)</i> 10.30 – 11am Adoration <b>2pm World Day of Prayer Service</b>
<b>Saturday 8th March</b> Feria	<b>No public Mass am</b> 6pm Vigil Mass <i>MJ Masters RIP</i> <b>Reader: James</b>
<b>Sunday 9th March</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b>	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> <b>Reader: Brian</b> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
<b>No flowers during Lent</b>	
<b>Church Cleaning 8<sup>th</sup> March: Jane and Liz D</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 **this 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.

#### **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

**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](mailto:kairosforumevents@gmail.com) or visit here for more details: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxj7s99>.

**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

**Parish Magazine** This publication is now an ecumenical publication with contributions from the Catholic, Baptist and Church of England denominations. **Please purchase this month's copy, only £1, and leave your donation in the wall safe.**

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**IS THIS COMING FRIDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025, at 2 PM**

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR THIS LOVELY SERVICE AND FOR REFRESHMENTS  
AFTERWARDS, IN THE PARISH CENTRE.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

### **St Andrew's Social Committee invites you to a**

**FISH, CHIPS & QUIZ NIGHT** on Friday 4 April at 7pm  
in the Parish Centre  
**£15 per head (payable by 28 March)**  
to include fish 'n' chips (with 2 alternative meal options)

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINK!**

6 - 8 people per table. Either sign-up as a team or just add your name to a table.

QUIZ MASTER - BRYAN MASTERS  
The evening will include a raffle

**Funds raised will go to St Andrew's Church maintenance**

**Sign up sheets in church porch, or email [greendavidjeffrey@gmail.com](mailto:greendavidjeffrey@gmail.com) or call 07727 607458**