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## Newsletter for the week commencing 16th March 2025

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

**Entrance Antiphon:** Of you my heart has spoken: seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**First Reading:** Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

**Psalm 27 Response:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Second Reading:** The Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

**Acclamation:** Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him.' Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

**Gospel:** Luke 9: 28b - 36

#### Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners

#### Confession During Lent

Fr Ethelbert Ukpabi, parish priest of Sacred Heart Goudhurst, will be coming to hear confessions on Saturday 22 March. He will begin with a spiritual conference at 5pm and will be available for confession till 5.45pm.

He will also be celebrating Mass at 10am on Sunday morning.

"The good God knows everything, even before you confess it to him, he already knows that you will sin again and, nevertheless, he forgives you. How great is the love of our God that leads him even to voluntarily forget the future in order to forgive us!" The Cure d'Ars

Fr Behr

#### Your Prayers are asked for:

**Recently deceased:** Paul Rumball RIP; Robert Hyam RIP (Funeral Wednesday April 2nd at 12 Midday)

**Those ill or infirm:** Lady Wyn McWilliams, Michael Payne, Brian Lawrence, Roger Styles, Mary Basher, 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:** William Roche, Daniel Nesbitt, Thomas Blair, Geraldine Keating, Phyllis Broughton, Eileen Thompson, Julia Shipton and Canon Hopetown Currie.

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

<b>Saturday 15th March</b> Feria	<b>No public Mass am</b> 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	<b>Reader: Liz</b>
<b>Sunday 16th March</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b>	10am Mass <i>Basil Williams RIP</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	<b>Reader: Frances</b>
<b>Monday 17th March</b> St Patrick, Bishop & Patron of Ireland	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i> 10.30am Stations of the Cross	
<b>Tuesday 18th March</b> Feria	10am Mass <i>Donor's Intention</i> 10.30am Coffee Morning with a film	
<b>Wednesday 19th March</b> <b>ST. JOSEPH</b> , Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10am Service of the Word and Communion 10.30am Stations of the Cross	
<b>Thursday 20th March</b> Feria	9am – 10am Adoration and Rosary 10am Mass <i>Canon Hopetown Currie RIP Foundation Mass</i>	

<b>Friday 21st March</b> Feria	10am Mass <i>Holy Souls Most Forgotten</i> 10.30 – 11.30am Adoration and Rosary	
<b>Saturday 22nd March</b> Feria	<b>No public Mass am</b> 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Mr and Mrs Gormley RIP</i>	<b>Reader: Wendy</b>
<b>Sunday 23rd March</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b>	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	<b>Reader: Cathy</b>
<b>No flowers during Lent</b>		
<b>Cleaning: 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Liz and David Green</b>		

**Hope in Adoration.** As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John is encouraging people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and have their hopes “fulfilled by Christ”.

The campaign, Hope in Adoration, will share testimonies from parish priests and laity throughout the year on how Eucharistic Adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus. Resources will also be made available for free and there is a comprehensive list of times of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes across the Archdiocese. Find out more about the campaign at [rcaos.org.uk/hopeina](http://rcaos.org.uk/hopeina) We have two opportunities for Adoration in our parish. On Thursday mornings from 9am and on Friday mornings from 10.30am.

### Lent Devotions

During Lent we have the opportunity to 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

### Tuesday Coffee Morning

We have a Tuesday Coffee Morning during Lent, followed by a film on the Catholic faith. This is a relaxing and informative way to grow in our faith. Coffee from 10.30am.

**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 on Sunday, April 6th

### 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.

**Lifts for Events** As you will have seen, we have a **Quiz Night with a Fish n' Chips supper on Friday 4th April** and then over the weekend of 12th and 13th July, there's a celebration and thanksgiving for Jolyon's service as Deacon of St. Andrew's. If you would like to attend either, or both, of these events but need a lift - or if you know someone in this situation - please let a member of the Social Committee know, and we'll try to arrange a lift to the event/s. The list of Social Committee members is on the Social Committee notice board in the porch.

**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](mailto: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)(<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.

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

**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.**

**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**

**And finally, a message from Pat ...**

**A Big Thank You** to everyone who came and supported this year's **World Day of Prayer** last Friday.

The church was full of people wearing leis, looking so colourful for the service produced by women from the Cook Islands.

Most of the congregation joined us afterwards for refreshments and stayed for a good chat!

Everyone was very generous with their donations and together we raised over £230, a huge amount.

So again, **THANK YOU!**