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Newsletter for the week commencing 23rd March 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First Reading: Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15

Psalm 103 Response: The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

Second Reading: The First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God. Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners

Praying the Stations of the Cross has become a staple of our Catholic devotional life, particularly during the season of Lent.

On Sunday 30 March at 6pm Jolyon is leading a special Stations of the Cross for the evening ecumenical service at St Andrew. As we move nearer to Holy Week this opportunity to reflect on the Passion of Our Lord and to pray for our intentions is much needed.

I encourage you to come and take part. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

Confession During Lent

Fr Ethelbert Ukpabi, parish priest of Sacred Heart Goudhurst is not able to come this weekend. But there will still be an opportunity for Confession. We will begin with an Adoration at 5pm and I will be available for confession till 5.45pm.

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: Gertrude Julia Barclay, George Hyland, Peter Webbe-Wood, Elizabeth Trevor, Ann Clark and Sheila Newington.

Masses and services for the week (22nd – 29th March), Feasts and Mass intentions.

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| Saturday 22nd March Feria | No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Mr and Mrs Gormley RIP</i> Reader: Wendy |
| Sunday 23rd March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C) | 10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Cathy 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass |
| Monday 24th March Feria | 10am Mass <i>Gertrude Julia Barclay RIP</i> 10.30am Stations of the Cross |
| Tuesday 25th March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD | 10am Mass <i>In Reparation (Margaret)</i> 10.30am Coffee Morning with a film |
| Wednesday 26th March Feria | 10am Service of the Word and Communion 10.30am Stations of the Cross |
| Thursday 27th March | 9am – 10am Adoration and Rosary |

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| Feria | 10am Mass <i>For Priests</i> | |
| Friday 28th March Feria | 10am Mass <i>Edmondo Lista RIP</i> 10.30 – 11.30am Adoration and Rosary | |
| Saturday 29 March Feria | No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Intentions of the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart</i> Reader: Peter | |
| Sunday 30 March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C) LAETARE SUNDAY | 10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass | Reader: Suzanne |
| Flowers for 30th March (Laetare Sunday/Mothering Sunday) - Pat | | |

There is a second collection for Poor Parishes this weekend.

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.

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
We have two opportunities for Adoration in our parish. On Thursday mornings from 9am and on Friday mornings from 10.30am.

CHURCHES TOGETHER EVENING SERVICE 30th MARCH

On Sunday 30th March (in one week's time) St. Andrew's will be hosting the monthly Christian Churches Together evening service at 6pm. After these services, hospitality is offered to all who attend. If anyone can spare the time to bake a cake, biscuits or something savoury like cheese straws for these light refreshments, that would be marvellous. For more information please speak to Deacon Jolyon.

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:

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| 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 |

Reflections on Individual Stations of the Cross

Saturday 15th March at 9am - Stone Church - Jesus Accepts the Cross

Saturday 22nd March at 9am - Saint Andrew's - Jesus Falls

Saturday 29th March at 9am - Tenterden Church Hall - Jesus meets his Mother

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.

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.

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 or call 07727 607458

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>

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 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.

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.