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Newsletter for the week commencing 30th March 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C) LAETARE SUNDAY

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading: the Book of Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12

Psalm 34 Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading: The Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 5: 17-21

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 15: 1-3, 11-32

Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners

Holy Week

It's always worth planning ahead. Holy Week will soon come around.

Have you ever experienced the Easter Triduum? This Jubilee year could be a great opportunity.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday 17 April is at 7.30pm with an opportunity to keep vigil with our Lord till 10pm.

Good Friday Passion of the Lord Service 18 April at 3pm.

Easter Vigil Saturday 19 April at 8.30pm.

The Sacred Triduum is demanding but really worthwhile.

On Easter Sunday 20 April we have Mass at 8.30am and 10am.

We also have a Good Friday Witness at 10am gathering outside Zion Baptist church with Christians from our local area.

Let's make this a really special time for our parish during this Jubilee year in thanksgiving for all Our Lord has done for us.

Fr Behr

Your Prayers are asked for:

Recently deceased: Brian Lawrence RIP, Robert Hyam RIP (Funeral Wednesday April 2nd at 12 Midday)

Those ill or infirm: Lady Wyn McWilliams, Michael Payne, 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: Don Woodman, Gladys Bennett, Angela Hill, Evelyn Mary Hargreaves, Raymond Ellis, John Hill, Kathleen Lawrence, Peter Schouten, Alex Hatch and Nora Mary McMahan.

Masses and services for the week (30th March – 5th April), Feasts and Mass intentions.

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> Reader: Suzanne 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Monday 31st March Feria	10am Mass <i>Rocio RIP</i> 10.30am Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 1st April Feria	10am Mass <i>Rocio RIP</i> 10.30am Coffee Morning with a film
Wednesday 2nd April Feria	10am Service of the Word and Communion 10.30am Stations of the Cross
Thursday 3rd April Feria	9am – 10am Adoration and Rosary 10am Mass <i>Dominika and Family</i>

Friday 4th April Feria	10am Mass <i>Pam Denton RIP</i> 10.30 – 11.30am Adoration and Rosary
Saturday 5th April Feria	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass 6pm Vigil Mass <i>Rocio RIP</i> Reader: Lorraine
Sunday 6th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)	10am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> Reader: Rachel 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass
Cleaning: 5th April - Isabella with Rachel /Martin	

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.

Tuesday Coffee Morning

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. Coffee 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.

PRE-EASTER CHURCH CLEAN: SATURDAY 12TH APRIL

Easter is rapidly approaching, and the cleaning team is hoping to get the church looking as fresh and sparkling as possible for the great feast. To that end, a pre-Easter clean is planned for Saturday 12th March, starting at 10:15am and with an expected finish time of c.12:30pm.

Help for part or all of this period would be most welcome.

Refreshments will be provided!

If you'd like more information, please speak to Rachel or Martin or email: heinrichsmeier@btinternet.com.

Many thanks.

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	

The **second collection** last weekend, for **poor parishes**, was **£256.71**. Thank you.

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>

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 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>). 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.