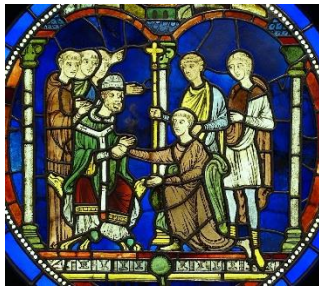


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## 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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| <b>Sat 20</b>   | <b>St Bernardine of Siena</b>                        |
| 6.30pm          | People of the Parish                                 |
| <b>Sun 21</b>   | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>               |
|                 | <b>Day of Prayer for World Communications</b>        |
| 9am             | Welfare of the Pittock Family<br>Kay Paterson RIP    |
| 11am            | Mike Abbott RIP                                      |
| <b>Mon 22</b>   | <b>St Rita of Cascia</b>                             |
| 12noon          | Divine Mercy                                         |
| <b>Tues 23</b>  | <b>Feria of Easter</b>                               |
| 9.30am          | Rickie Poppleton RIP                                 |
| <b>Wed 24</b>   | <b>Feria of Easter</b>                               |
| 9.30am          | Evelyn May Murphy RIP                                |
| <b>Thurs 25</b> | <b>St Bede the Venerable</b><br><b>NO MASS TODAY</b> |
| <b>Fri 26</b>   | <b>St Philip Neri</b>                                |
| 12noon          | David Morris RIP                                     |
| <b>Sat 27</b>   | <b>St Augustine of Canterbury</b>                    |
| 6.30pm          | Ints of Marjorie Doran (90 <sup>th</sup> birthday)   |
| <b>Sun 28</b>   | <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>                              |
| 9am             | Robert Maguire RIP                                   |
| 11am            | People of the Parish                                 |

## THE WORD OF GOD: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (A) p 322

1st Reading: Acts 1:12-14

Responsorial Psalm 26: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Jesus said: I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for May 2023: For Church movements and groups:** We pray that each day Church movements and groups may rediscover

their mission of evangelisation, placing their own charisms at the service of the world's needs.

**Sick & housebound parishioners:** please keep in your prayers Bill Thomson and all who have requested our prayers.

## Parish News

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Shirley Etheridge** (a Whitstable parishioner) who died in Deal hospital on Thursday 18 May, Ascension Day, and for her family.

**Congratulations to Marjorie Doran** who celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday 27 May 2023. A longstanding parishioner, Marjorie now lives in a nursing home near Dorking.

**Deal Area foodbank:** Sheila Ward, Project Coordinator for Deal, visited the parish recently. She writes: *Deal foodbank started operating in December 2012, a registered charity under the aegis of the Trussell Trust, the national Food Bank charity. We are a Christian based organisation, which exists to give food and support to all those in need, for whatever reason. Our aim is to meet immediate needs and to work with other organisations to enable a move away from reliance on charities towards greater independence. Last year, we fed over 3000 people, covering Deal, Sandwich and all the towns and villages in a wide area up to Canterbury. We operate 2 permanent food banks in Deal, and a mobile food bank van which reaches those not able to access the food banks. Demand for our help has risen 55% since September 2022, and continues to rise. Sheila will speak at the end of all Masses on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023. We hope to reinstate the foodbank collecting bin soon.*

**The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions** are leaving Deal in the near future. Their convent at Beech Court, 86 Rectory Road, is now on the market. The Sisters have contributed hugely to our parish, to St John's and to Deal over many years. They will be a great loss to the area. The Sisters are clearing out the property at the moment. They have some items of furniture (tables, chairs, etc) which they are happy to give free of charge. If interested, please contact Sr Kathleen to arrange a visit: 01304 784670.

**Refreshments after the 9 & 11 am Sunday Masses** are served in the Becket Centre. Please do join us for a cup of coffee.

**Mass Intentions** Please write down on an envelope the intention (for example, someone who has died) date & time preferred, contact name and number, and include any offering (Mass stipend) you wish to give. **If you know the dates of Masses you wish to request (even a few months in advance), please do not delay.**

**The new Parish Website** is now 'live': go to <https://stthomasdeal.org/> We are in the early stages of development and will add to it in the future. Grateful thanks to all for your help. We hope soon to add a link to the weekly newsletter.

## Parish Finances

**2022 Accounts:** it is very important that parishioners are kept informed of parish finances. It is your money and you should know how much income and expenditure we have. With this in mind, I hope to give the parish an overview of the **2022** accounts before the summer holidays.

**Gift Aid & Standing Orders:** There is now a supply of gift aid and standing order forms at the back of the church. In due course these will also be available for download from the parish website.

If you are not currently giving with gift aid and are a UK tax payer please consider signing a gift aid form. The government adds 25% of your gifts at no cost to you. Completed forms should be given to our gift aid co-ordinator Richard Pond, or leave it at the presbytery or you can email a scan to him at [dealgac@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dealgac@rcaos.org.uk). If you have any questions about gift aid please ask Richard (attends 9am Sunday Mass) or email him on that address.

The standing order forms can be used to instruct your bank to pay a regular amount to the parish. Please pass the completed form to your bank, either electronically or by hand. Standing orders will help to reduce the administrative burden on our volunteers especially when the NatWest branch in Deal is due to close soon.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE GIFT AID AND STANDING ORDER FORMS ARE ON THE SAME SHEET OF PAPER. PLEASE DETACH: GA FORM GOES TO THE PARISH & THE SO FORM DIRECTLY TO YOUR BANK. MANY THANKS.

## Diocesan & National News

**St Augustine's Week 2023** at the Shrine of St Augustine & National Pugin Centre, Ramsgate: Monday 22 May – Saturday 27 May 2023. Full details on poster in the porch. There is free parking on Royal Esplanade.

**Shrine of St Jude, Faversham - Saint Jude Summer Celebration** 27 May 2023: Praying with St Jude and the Apostles. 11am Devotions with Anointing; 1.30pm: Open Air Mass; 2.30pm: Procession to the Shrine. Please see poster in the porch.

**Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> August.** Message from Bishop Paul. *In Lourdes, those who are often marginalised are placed at the centre, and we who travel with them are blessed by their presence. I warmly invite you to join us. For details, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/southwark-ca> and poster in the porch.*

## Other

**COCO** is a UK based charity helping to promote the life chances of children in East Africa. *Working in partnership with local organisations, we develop community-owned and operated schools, which provide quality education in a sustainable way. Alongside supporting the development of schools, we support parents and caregivers to increase their income to be able to better meet the basic needs of their children by providing sustainable agriculture training and small loans.* To find out more, please go to [www.coco.org.uk](http://www.coco.org.uk)

**Did you know** that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that “Love – caritas – is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace.” For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to [cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns](http://cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns)

**Following the footsteps of the Saints: Called to action by our faith** - You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June for a short time exploring our faith, why we campaign & how you can help. The morning will include guest speakers & a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as [Live Simply](http://LiveSimply.org.uk), our unfair Food System and Liturgy resources. The morning will run from 10.30-1pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further information contact Sarah or Celeste [southwark@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwark@cafod.org.uk) for booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events>

### A Prayer for Peace & Justice

*O God of peace, who are peace itself, and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. Amen.*

### The Art of Communicating

**Today is World Communications Sunday.** The Church invites us to pray for all who work in the mass and social media. The journalists and communicators of the 21<sup>st</sup> century have an awesome responsibility – to speak the truth and to speak truth to power. In his Message for today, Pope Francis invokes the example of St Francis de Sales, the Bishop of Geneva in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century. St Francis de Sales reminds us that ‘we are what we communicate’. Pope Francis comments: ‘*May people who work in communications feel inspired by this saint of tenderness, seeking and telling the truth with courage and freedom and rejecting the temptation to use sensational and combative expressions.*’

Please keep in your prayers all examination candidates. A blessed week ahead, fr Brian

