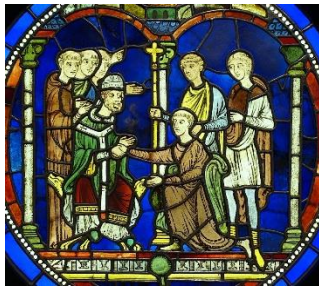


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This newsletter covers 9, 16 & 23 April

HOLY SATURDAY 8 April

THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL 8:00pm

For the People of the Parish

(weather permitting the Vigil starts in the front garden of the presbytery)

EASTER SUNDAY 9 April

9:00am Noel Sturla RIP

11:00am Ints of Cecilia Thompson & Family

(Renewal of Baptismal promises at both Masses)

THE EASTER VIGIL p 252 Please note the **three** readings for the Vigil are: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 55:1-11. All 3 readings are followed by sung responsorial psalms and proper prayers. After the Gloria there is the Epistle reading (Romans 6:3-11), followed by the sung alleluia. GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10.

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1st reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34.37-43

Resp. Psalm 117: *This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.*

2nd reading: Colossians 3:1-4

SEQUENCE – to be said by all from missals.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Christ, our Passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

Mon 10 Easter Monday

12noon Fr Michael Breslin RIP (FM)

Tues 11 Easter Tuesday

12 noon Marjorie & Bernard Bushe-Careysford
Relatives & Friends RIP (FM)

Wed 12 Easter Wednesday

12 noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Thurs 13 Easter Thursday

No Mass / Service today

Fri 14 Easter Friday

12 noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Sat 15

6.30pm

Easter Saturday

People of the Parish

[Missal p 296]

Sun 16 2nd Sunday of Easter (A) - Divine Mercy

9am

Julia Barlow RIP

11am

Leonard Lucas RIP

Mon 17

Feria of Easter

No Mass / Service today

Tues 18

Feria of Easter

No Mass / Service today

Wed 19

Feria of Easter

12noon

Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Thurs 20

Feria of Easter

No Mass / Service today

Fri 21

St Anselm

12noon

Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Sat 22

Feria of Easter

6.30pm

Driscelia Skinner RIP

[Missal p301]

Sun 23

3rd Sunday of Easter (A)

9am

Williams & Conway Families RIP (FM)

11am

People of the Parish

Mon 24

St George, Patron of England

No Mass / Service today

Tues 25

St Mark, Evangelist

No Mass / Service today

Wed 26

Feria of Easter/Our Lady of Good Counsel

12noon

Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Thurs 27

Feria of Easter

No Mass / Service today

Fri 28

Feria of Easter

12noon

Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Sat 29

St Catherine of Siena

6.30pm

Brian & Christina Middleton RIP

[Missal p307]

Sun 30

4th Sunday of Easter – The Good Shepherd

Day of Prayer for Vocations

9am

Dr John Pond RIP

11am

People of the Parish, esp Megan Rembridge RIP

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for April 2023: For a culture of peace and non-violence We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, through a decreasing use of weapons by both states and citizens. Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers for good health.

Sick & housebound parishioners: please keep in your prayers Peggy Evans (recovering from a knee operation) and Anthony Riley.

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

David Morris who died on 27 March. Pray, too, for Eve, his wife. David's Funeral Mass is here on Tuesday 2 May at 12:15pm and the committal is at Barham Crematorium at 2pm. Pray, too, for **Kath Ashton** who died on Maundy Thursday 6 April, and for her family.

fr Brian is away 12-28 April. Canon Luke Smith, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy in our diocese, will be here

for weekend Masses on 15/16 April & 22/23 April. Many thanks to Canon Luke for supplying. On Wednesdays and Fridays while I'm away there will be Services of the Word with Holy Communion.

Refreshments after the 9 & 11 am Sunday Masses are served in the Becket Centre. Please do join us for a cup of coffee. But not on Easter Sunday

Easter Flowers: the retiring collection realised £298. Very many thanks.

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.

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.

WORLD PARKINSON'S DAY is this Tuesday 11 April. This debilitating illness can leave sufferers and their carers with a sense of isolation and a feeling of hopelessness. We have in our parish a group of people affected by the illness who enjoy time together through various activities. If you would like to know more, please see www.parkinsonsgof.org. or contact Peter Roger: peterroger@btinternet.com This is part of the growing outreach ministry of our parish.

THE EASTER OFFERING Priests in our diocese receive an annual 'salary' of £1,692, plus Mass stipends and stole fees (Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals). Board and lodging is also provided. The Christmas & Easter offerings go to the priest and form the bulk of his annual income. He does not receive the weekly offering throughout the year. **In view of the current economic situation, and the pressure on so many at home and abroad, I would prefer if you gave the Easter Offering this year to a charity of your choice or for your own needs. No collection will be taken at the Easter Vigil & Day Masses.**

Diocesan & National News

Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 18th-25th August. Message from Bishop Paul. *After the restrictions of the past few years, I'm delighted that we are now once more able to include support for pilgrims who need assistance for medical or mobility reasons. 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>*

Beginning Experience Weekend If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your spouse, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 21st to 23rd April 2023 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details,

please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or e: besouthofengland@gmail.com.

Other

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the war in Ukraine with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for 6 months. If you can help, please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> There are also some flyers at the back of the church.

Mary's Meals works in 18 countries to provide nutritious meals for children so that they can attend school, enjoy their childhood and give comfort in the midst of the hardships of life – from natural disasters, conflict or deep poverty. It costs just £19.95 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Please visit marysmeals.org.uk or there is a QR code in the church porch to enable you to donate.

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.

A great words of thanks to all parishioners for the marvellous ways in which everyone has contributed to the celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum and Easter. It is vital in our life of faith that we experience a deep sense of belonging in our parish – in any parish – and this has been manifested in all the activities into which you have entered to ensure a worthy celebration of the saving mysteries of our faith. Above all, it is in the Liturgy of the Church that we come together as a family of faith to give glory and praise to God and to open our lives ever anew to His saving love in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Risen from the dead. The Lord is truly Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Resurrection in our lives

We believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with Him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over Him any more. When He died, He died, once for all, to sin, so His life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus. (St Paul in his Letter to the Romans, ch 6, read at the Easter Vigil)

I wish you all many blessings for Easter. A warm welcome to all visiting for the holidays. Easter is 50 days of celebrating the New Life of Christ in our lives and in our world. I look forward, together with all of you, in living this New Life of the Risen Christ in our parish and in Deal. Easter good wishes, fr Brian

