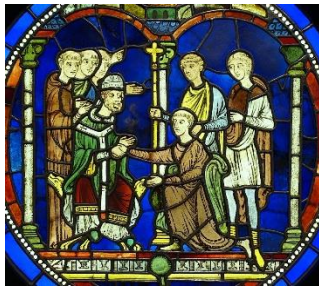


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## 11 June 2023 THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST: CORPUS CHRISTI

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| <b>Sat 10</b>   | <b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>                     |
| 6.30pm          | Bill McGarry RIP                                   |
| <b>Sun 11</b>   | <b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b>                              |
| 9am             | People of the Parish – Fr Eamonn Whelan RIP        |
| 11am            | William, Mary & Tony Ashman RIP                    |
| <b>Mon 12</b>   | <b>Feria</b>                                       |
| 12 noon         | Intentions of the Harris Family                    |
| <b>Tues 13</b>  | <b>St Anthony of Padua, Priest &amp; Doctor</b>    |
| 9.30am          | Michael Wilkinson RIP                              |
| 11am            | Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel                       |
| <b>Wed 14</b>   | <b>NO MASS TODAY</b>                               |
| <b>Thurs 15</b> | <b>Feria</b>                                       |
| 12 noon         | Fr Patrick Aikens RIP                              |
| <b>Fri 16</b>   | <b>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>              |
| 12 noon         | Patrick Weir RIP                                   |
| <b>Sat 17</b>   | <b>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>                |
| 6.30pm          | People of the Parish                               |
| <b>Sun 18</b>   | <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b> |
|                 | <b>Day for Life / Father's Day</b>                 |
| 9am             | All sitting examinations                           |
| 11am            | For the dignity of all human life                  |

## THE WORD OF GOD: CORPUS CHRISTI (A) p 403

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

Responsorial Psalm 147: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

NO SEQUENCE

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June : For the abolition of torture.** We pray that the international community commits itself to the abolition of torture and guarantees support to victims and families.

**The Cycle of Prayer after Easter: Ordinary Time (Summer)** (1) For a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; (2) For those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights especially on 22 June, the feast of Sts John Fisher and Thomas More; (3) For Human Life, especially on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June; (4) For Seafarers, especially on the 2nd Sunday in July, Sea Sunday; (4) For Europe, especially on the feasts of Sts Benedict, Bridget & Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Patrons of Europe.

**Sick & housebound parishioners:** please keep in your prayers all who are sick and housebound and all who have requested our prayers. **Please also pray for Pope Francis for a speedy recovery after his recent operation.**

## Parish News

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Weir** who has died, and for his family. Patrick's funeral service is at Barham Crematorium this Friday 16 June at 2.40pm. **Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Bill Thomson** who died on 6 June, for Selina, his wife, and for their children.

**Fr Eamonn Whelan** was our parish priest before Fr Duncan. He died in 2016. He was ordained priest on 11 June 1983 – 40 years ago. Let us remember him especially today 11 June and give thanks to God for his years of priestly ministry. May he rest in peace.

**Deal Area foodbank:** Items currently needed are **Squash, UHT milk, ketchup, biscuits, tinned vegetables, custard, curry sauce.** The first collection of items you have donated has taken place. Very many thanks.

**Sacred Heart Chapel** All welcome to pray the Rosary on Tuesdays at 11am.

**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/> The link to the weekly newsletter is working. Many thanks to all for the hard work in sorting out the technical matters.

## Parish Finances

**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.

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.

New GA envelopes are on order. If you would like some temporary ones, please see fr Brian.

### Diocesan & National News

#### Day for Life – weekend of 17/18 June 2023

This year, the *Day for Life* will be marked on the same day across the three episcopal conferences of England & Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. Please pray that this will be a tremendous witness to the gospel of life across these islands. The 2023 *Day for Life* seeks to highlight the trauma caused by abortion, with the theme “Listen to Her” - an invitation to listen to the voice and story of a young Catholic woman who, after suffering the trauma of an abortion, found healing.

The number of abortions in the British Isles is ever-increasing, and with the introduction and impact of ‘telemedicine’ following the COVID 19 pandemic, many stories of post-abortion trauma have come to the fore, via Rachel’s Vineyard (based in Birmingham), ARCH (based in Scotland), and Gianna Care (based in Ireland). These are stories which are not covered by the mainstream media, and the suffering goes unnoticed, even to the point of being actively concealed. **Nothing is beyond the mercy of God. Many in our society, but especially women, are affected by abortion and we want people to know they can find a welcome in the heart of the Church through the promise of hope and healing which is found in the Jesus Christ.** All resources, including the full message, can be found here: [www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life)

**Aylesford - A Day Of Celebration** - Sunday 2 July 2023 from 12.00 noon in Aylesford Priory. Welcome service and **4.00 pm Mass** celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks. **All are invited, especially those who experience disability or special needs in any way: a warm welcome is guaranteed.** For further enquiries please email [admingen@ocarm.org](mailto:admingen@ocarm.org) Venue: The Friars, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BX (use ME20 7BY for SATNAV).

**Dignitas Personae et Amor Dei Conference – 4-6 July at Aylesford Priory** - Following the Day of Celebration for all abilities on 2 July 2023 (see above), this 3-day conference will reflect on the importance and dignity of the human person, especially those who could be classed as having special needs. The writings of the Carmelite Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) will be explored and illustrated. All are welcome. For more information and how to book please contact [admingen@ocarm.org](mailto:admingen@ocarm.org)

**175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Solemn Opening of St George’s Cathedral, Southwark:** All are invited to Mass with Archbishop John Wilson on Tuesday 4 July 2023 at 6pm. Poster in the porch.

### 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 some flyers at the back of the church.

**Friends of the Holy Land – Giving Hope to Vulnerable Christians:** 25 years ago, a priest set up the first special school for children with learning disabilities in the West Bank and who were excluded from other schools and deemed impossible to teach. Today 60 children experience love, acceptance and an education at the **School of Joy**. The school receives no state funding and relies on the generosity of donors to exist. £25 pays for a child’s nutritious school dinners for a month. £50 covers a year’s medical insurance for one student. £100 funds one student at the school for a month. Make a donation securely online at: [friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/joy](http://friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/joy)

#### 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 Holy Eucharist – Corpus Christi

Have you had the chance to look closely at our high altar? On the reredos/retable behind the ‘big six’ candles are the these words in Latin: **O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur** (and the full text continues) **recolitur memoria passionis ejus; mens impletur gratia; et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.** The English translation is: **O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received; the memorial of his passion is renewed; the soul is filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given to us.** These words are attributed to St Thomas Aquinas, the great Dominican theologian who died in 1274, rejoicing in the fact that we meet Christ’s saving love in the Eucharist, in Holy Communion.

Let us move to the 21<sup>st</sup> century and meet **Blessed Carlo Acutis**, an English born Italian youth noted for his joy, computer skills and deep devotion to the Eucharist. This devotion became the guiding principle of his life. He died from leukemia in 2006, aged 15 years old. He was beatified in 2020. Carlo was regarded as a ‘computer geek’, given his IT expertise, even at such a young age. He was also a daily Mass goer. Take a moment and go to YouTube and search for Carlo Acutis. You will not be disappointed.

Let us give thanks for the gift of the Holy Eucharist and receive the Body & Blood of Christ with reverence, awe and wonder, to be the Body of Christ in our world. Many blessings for the coming week, fr Brian

