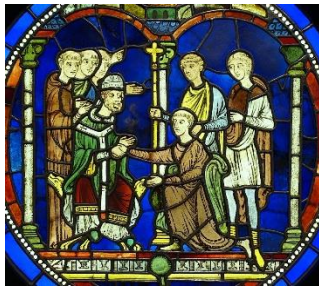


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18 June 2023 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sat 17	The Immaculate Heart of Mary
6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 18	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
	Day for Life / Father's Day
9am	All sitting examinations
11am	For the dignity of all human life
Mon 19	St John Rigby, Martyr
12 noon	Fr Leonard Taylor RIP
Tues 20	St Alban, Protomartyr of Britain
8.30am	Gerard Taylor RIP
11am	Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel
Wed 21	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
9am	Frances Fenwick RIP
Thurs 22	Sts John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs
12 noon	Angel Lopez RIP
Fri 23	St Etheldreda – NO MASS TODAY
Sat 24	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
12noon	For all Deacons
6.30pm	Philip Rawson RIP
Sun 25	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
9am	Eduardo Belmonte RIP
11am	People of the Parish
12.30pm	Baptism: Amelia Mortensen

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1st Reading: Exodus 19:2-6

Responsorial Psalm 99: We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

2nd Reading: Romans 5:6-11

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:36-10:8

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 3rd 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 continue to pray for the good health of Pope Francis.

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Weir whose funeral service was at Barham Crematorium on Friday 16 June 2023. **Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Bill Thomson** who died on 6 June, and for the families of Patrick and Bill.

A very happy Father's Day. We pray for, remember and give thanks for all our fathers, living and dead.

Deal Area foodbank: Items currently needed are Squash, UHT milk, ketchup, biscuits, tinned vegetables, custard, curry sauce. Very many thanks.

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

Friends of Deal Hospital Summer Fete Saturday 12 August 2023 1-4pm in the hospital grounds. We are very fortunate to have a hospital in Deal. Let us support our local hospital on 12 August.

The 95th anniversary of the Dedication of our church is on Tuesday 8 August 2023. The old canon law of the Church stipulated that a church could not be consecrated until any debt incurred in the building of the church had been paid in full. Hence it was only in 1928 that the church was dedicated. Perhaps we can have an early evening Mass on the day, to allow as many as possible to attend, to celebrate this important moment in the life of the parish.

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 weekly newsletter is also on the website.

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

Diocesan & National News
Day for Life – today 17/18 June 2023

This year, the *Day for Life* is 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. **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 There is a retiring collection today to support the work of the Church in promoting the dignity of all human life.

This is World Refugee Week 19-25 June 2023 On **Saturday 24th June** there are two important local events in Dover: **5 pm** - Prayers at the Memorial for Deceased Migrants with a musical lament (on Dover seafront near the Premier Inn); **7 pm** Free Concert in St Mary’s Church Hall, Dover, with Kurdish and Ukrainian musicians. For further information, contact benbano@aol.com or 07887 651117. Pope Francis commends the following prayer for Refugee Week:

***God, Father Almighty,
grant us the grace to work tirelessly
for justice, solidarity and peace,
so that all your children may enjoy
the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to
stay.***

***Grant us the courage to denounce
all the horrors of our world,
and to combat every injustice
that mars the beauty of your children
and the harmony of our common home.***

***Sustain us by the power of your Spirit,
so that we can reflect your tender love
to every migrant whom you place in our path,***

***and to spread in hearts and in every situation
the culture of encounter and of care. Amen.***

Aylesford Priory is hosting two important events in the first week of July: (1) A Day Of Celebration – Sunday 2 July 2023 from 12.00 noon. Welcome service and **4.00 pm Mass** celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks. **(2) Dignitas Personae et Amor Dei Conference – 4-6 July.** Both have a focus on the life and work of Edith Stein and the dignity of the human person. For more information and how to book please contact admingen@ocarm.org Venue: The Friars, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BX (use ME20 7BY for SATNAV).

Other

PACT (Prison Advice & Care Trust) is the national Catholic prison charity supporting prisoners, people with convictions, their children and families. PACT’s journey began in 1898 as the Catholic Prisoners’ Aid Society. The charity was founded by Canon Cooney, a priest who cared for Catholic prisoners and their families in London. Today, PACT provides a wide range of services which support people affected by the criminal justice system in England and Wales. What remains constant is PACT’s belief in each person’s innate dignity and giving people the chance to make a ‘fresh start’.

The first recorded beneficiary of PACT was a little girl referred to as ‘the child Roots’. Her mother was in prison and provision was made for her daughter’s care. 125 years ago, the child ‘Roots’ was PACT’s first beneficiary. Things have changed a lot for prisoners’ children since then but their need for care and support remains. A major goal for PACT in this 125th year is to work with schools and others to improve support for children and young people affected by imprisonment. Aimee Hutchinson is PACT’s Children and Young People Lead. She is speaking at an online **See the Impact** event at 9.30am on 5 July 2023. Please email fresh.start@prisonadvice.org.uk for more information. Prisoners’ Sunday is 8 October 2023.

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 Prayer for all Fathers

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son, Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience. Support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to You for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

We pray for all in our country and world who need our prayers. Many blessings for the week, fr Brian

