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2 July 2023 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sat July 1	St Oliver Plunket, Bishop & Martyr
6.30pm	Fr Laurence Hobbs RIP
Sun 2	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
	2nd collection for Peter's Pence
9am	People of the Parish
11am	Geraldine Beirne RIP
Mon 3	St Thomas, Apostle, Feast
9.30am	Olga Mary Wills RIP
Tues 4	St Elizabeth of Portugal
	St George's Cathedral – 175 years
	NO MASS TODAY
11am	Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel
Wed 5	St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest
12noon	Special Intention (RG)
Thurs 6	St Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr
12noon	Deacon Jeff Singleton RIP
Fri 7	Feria / Translation of St Thomas
12noon	John Povey RIP
5pm	Wedding rehearsal
Sat 8	The Blessed Virgin Mary
12noon Nuptial Mass:	Sophie Barrett & Matthew Hudd
6.30pm	Fr Francis Capener RIP (1 st anniversary)
Sun 9	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
	SEA SUNDAY
	2nd Collection for Stella Maris (AofS)
9am	People of the Parish
11am	Fr Joseph Meigh (1 st anniv of ordination)

THE WORD OF GOD: 13th Sunday (A) p 605

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11.14-16

Responsorial Psalm 88: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-4.8-11

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Open our hearts, O Lord, to receive the words of your Son. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:37-42

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July: For a Eucharistic Life We pray for Catholics to place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, which profoundly transforms human relationships and enables us to come closer to God and our sisters and brothers.

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 Alan Reed, all who are sick and housebound and all who have requested our prayers. Please continue to pray for the good health of Pope Francis.

Peter's Pence Collection The annual collection for *Peter's Pence* takes place this weekend. The collection supports Pope Francis' apostolic and charitable ministry: the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalised and the victims of war and natural disasters. The Holy Father, through the Peter's Pence collection, provides aid to those in need. The collection basket is at the back of the church.

Deacon Andrew Bishop, who spent part of his formation in Dover parish, will be ordained a priest on Saturday 15 July 2023 at 12.30pm in our Cathedral. Please keep Deacon Andrew in your prayers and all Ordinands this year.

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bill Thomson whose funeral service took place last week. **Please pray, too, for the repose of the soul of Janet Twyman** who died on 13 June 2023. Janet's Funeral Mass is here on 10 July 2023 at 10am, followed by burial at Hamilton Road Cemetery at 11.15am. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Deal Area foodbank: Items currently needed are **Squash, UHT milk, ketchup, biscuits, tinned vegetables, custard, curry sauce**. Very many thanks. We welcome **Sheila Ward**, Project Coordinator, who will speak at the end of all Masses this weekend.

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.

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

Aylesford Priory is hosting two important events this week: (1) **SUNDAY: 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).

AT OUR CATHEDRAL: 175th 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.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL 7 July 2023 at 7.30pm: MASS FOR THE TRANSLATION OF ST THOMAS A BECKET. Principal Celebrant: Bishop Paul Hendricks. On 7 July 1220 the remains of the body of

St Thomas were translated to a shrine in the Cathedral's Trinity Chapel. See poster in the porch.

SEA SUNDAY 9 July 2023: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is next Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

REMINDER: Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, 23 September 2023, 3pm, at St George's Cathedral: If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, and would like to attend this annual Mass, please let the diocesan Marriage & Family Life Team in Kent know as soon as possible, **and no later than 31 July**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your email address, home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location: St Thomas, Deal.

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham, Saturday 5th August, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. For details see the poster on the noticeboard, or go to www.prolifepilgrimage.org Please join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

Other

Praying the daily Gospel? A great aid is the free Christian Art App – easily accessed via the web.

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.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for July is for a 'Eucharistic Life', that we place the Eucharist, the Mass, at the very heart of our lives. This week's Gospel challenges us: 'Anyone who prefers ...' To choose Christ is to discover/rediscover our life. Is the Mass at the centre of our lives? We pray that it is. Many blessings for the coming week, fr Brian

