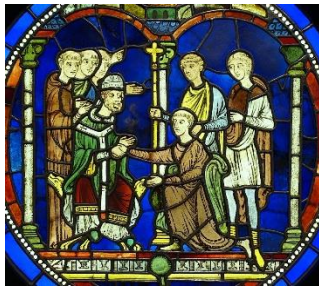


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25 June 2023 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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
Mon 26	St Thomas Garnet, Priest & Martyr
12noon	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues 27	St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor
	St John Southworth, Priest & Martyr
	NO MASS TODAY
11am	Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel
Wed 28	St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr & Doctor
12noon	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs 29	SAINTS PETER & PAUL APOSTLES
	Solemnity / Holyday of Obligation
12noon	Canon Colm Acton RIP
6.30pm	Intentions of Pope Francis
Fri 30	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
12 noon	Ranjana Chauhan RIP
	Susan Butler RIP
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
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1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13	
Responsorial Psalm 68: In your great love, answer me, O God.	
2 nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15	
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept Him He gave power to become children of God. ALLELUIA!	
GOSPEL: Matthew 10:26-33	

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1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11

Responsorial Psalm 33: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8.17-18

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-19

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.

Masses this week Please note that there are no Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There are Services of the Word & Holy Communion on Monday and Wednesday at 12noon. Thursday is the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul – Masses at 12noon and 6.30pm as it is a Holyday of Obligation.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL 29 June is a feast of UNITY IN DIVERSITY. It is a feast which invites us to reflect on our CATHOLIC IDENTITY linked to our union with the Pope, the successor of Peter. Sts Peter and Paul give us hope. The movements of our lives and faith are like those of these two great saints: through our doubts, misunderstandings, denials, weakness, sometimes our stupidity, Christ remains with us and keeps calling us to be His witnesses. All is enfolded in God's grace. With Sts Peter & Paul, we are called into a community centred in and on Christ.

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bill Thomson who died recently. **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.

We welcome into the family of the Church AMELIA JULIET FRANCES MORTENSEN who celebrates her Baptism today. Please pray for Amelia and her family on this wonderful occasion.

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

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

THIS IS REFUGEE WEEK 16th to 25th JUNE Podcast from Archbishop John Wilson [Refugee Week 2023: Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcaos.org.uk\)](https://www.refugeeweek.org/) Also, LOVE THE STRANGER, the document produced in 2023 by the Department for International Relations of our Bishops' Conference, is very relevant.

Aylesford Priory is hosting two important events in the first week of July: (1) **NEXT 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).

Racial Justice in the Church : Walking together, praying together, and working together Webinar: 11 July 14:00-15:30 A webinar will be held this summer to build upon the work which has taken place around *Racial Justice Sunday* in recent times, and is open to anyone who wishes to discover more about racial justice in the Church. Participants will be encouraged to learn from one another, and to share their own experiences and initiatives, which will help inform the ongoing mission of the Bishops' Conference in this area. As part of this, two projects which have received favourable attention in the national media will be shared: the [Image and Likeness of God](#) initiative which celebrates images of Our Lady and the Child Jesus from a range of countries and cultures; and the [Walking Together, Praying Together, and Working Together](#) project, which reflects on the role that each of us has to play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church. To register interest: www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church

Other

Use your voice to speak out for our global family?

At CAFOD we really need your help to reach out to more parishes across the diocese. We are looking for volunteer speakers, so if you can spare one or two weekends a year to visit parishes in your area (or further afield) to speak at Mass about CAFOD's work and share stories of the communities we work with around the world please get in touch. Full training and support provided. Find out more about the volunteer speaker role and our other volunteering roles [on our website](#) or by contacting **Celeste and Sarah** at southwark@cafod.org.uk . We would love to hear from you!

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 at Mass for Sts Peter & Paul 2020

We today can ask: Are we protecting our unity with prayer? The unity of the Church? Are we praying for one another? What would happen if we prayed more and complained less? ... This is a task which the Lord has entrusted to us. Are we carrying it out? Or do we simply talk, criticise and do nothing? God expects that when we pray we will also be mindful of those who do not think as we do, those who have slammed the door in our face, those whom we find it hard to forgive. Only prayer unlocks chains, only prayer paves the way to unity.

Many blessings for the coming week, fr Brian

