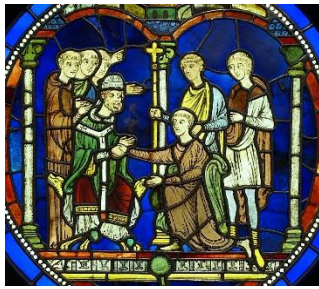


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28th May 2023 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sat 27	St Augustine of Canterbury
6.30pm	Ints of Marjorie Doran (90 th birthday)
Sun 28	PENTECOST SUNDAY
9am	Robert Maguire RIP
11am	People of the Parish
The end of the Easter Season	
Mon 29	Mary, Mother of the Church
9.30am	Allen Link RIP
Tues 30	Feria – NO MASS TODAY
11am	Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel
Wed 31	The Visitation of the BVM, Feast
6.30pm	All sitting examinations
Thurs 1 June	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, Feast
12noon	Timothy Sheehan RIP
Fri 2	Sts Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs
12 noon	George Killoran RIP
Sat 3	St Charles Lwanga & Companions
6.30pm	David Morris RIP
Sun 4	The Most Holy Trinity
9am	People of the Parish
11am	Joan Reilly & Mary Reilly RIP

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1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm 103: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13

Sequence: Sung

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

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.

Weekday Mass Readings from Monday: week 8 in Ordinary Time, cycle 1. Psalter week 4.

Sick & housebound parishioners: please keep in your prayers Bill Thomson and all who have requested our prayers.

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 on Friday 16 June at 2.40pm.

Congratulations to Marjorie Doran who celebrates her 90th birthday on Saturday 27 May 2023. A longstanding parishioner, Marjorie now lives in a nursing home near Dorking.

Deal Area foodbank: Sheila Ward, Project Coordinator for Deal, will speak at the end of all Masses on 1st and 2nd July 2023. There is a wicker collection basket in the porch. **Items currently needed are Squash, UHT milk, ketchup, biscuits, tinned vegetables, custard, curry sauce.** Many thanks.

The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions are leaving Deal in the near future. Their convent at Beech Court, 86 Rectory Road, is now on the market. The Sisters have contributed hugely to our parish, to St John's and to Deal over many years. They will be a great loss to the area. They have some items of furniture (tables, chairs, etc) which they are happy to give free of charge. If interested, please contact Sr Kathleen to arrange a visit: 01304 784670.

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/> We are in the early stages

of development and will add to it in the future. Grateful thanks to all for your help. We hope soon to add a link to the weekly newsletter.

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.

Diocesan & National News

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. Spaces are limited Email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location: St Thomas, Deal.

Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 18th-25th August. Message from Bishop Paul. *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> and poster in the porch.*

Other

Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love – caritas – is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

Following the footsteps of the Saints: Called to action by our faith - You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Saturday 10th June for a short time exploring our faith, why we campaign & how you can help. The morning will include guest speakers & a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as [Live Simply](#), our unfair Food System and Liturgy resources. The morning will run from 10.30-1pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further information contact Sarah or Celeste

southwark@cafod.org.uk for booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events>

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.

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

As May, the month of Mary, draws to a close these words of Fr Denis McBride, Redemptorist biblical scholar, are food for prayer, thought and action:

In Luke's Magnificat Mary is the lowly handmaid who rejoices in the loving look of God her saviour and blesses Him for the great things he accomplishes in her. In the Magnificat we see Mary as the radical woman. She is the woman who hungers for a new justice on earth, one that reflects the justice of God. The God who did not overlook her is the God who dethrones the mighty and exalts the lowly. In this dispensation the hungry are filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. Mary voices a contrary wisdom. She voices a radical protest against what we all take for granted: that the mighty will always prevail over the weak, that the well-fed nations will thrive while others starve to death, that the politically strong will always occupy the thrones of power. Such is Mary. Such are her profound hopes. So, in turn, ours should be.

The Holy Spirit as Gift, the Gift of Unity

Pope Francis writes: It is important to believe that God is gift, that He acts not by taking away, but by giving. Why is this important? Because our way of being believers depends on how we understand God. If we have in mind a God who takes away and who imposes Himself, we too will want to take away and impose ourselves: occupying spaces, demanding recognition, seeking power. But if we have in our hearts a God who is gift, everything changes. If we realise that what we are is His gift, free and unmerited, then we too will want to make our lives a gift. By loving humbly, serving freely and joyfully, we will offer to the world the true image of God. The Spirit, the living memory of the Church, reminds us that we are born from a gift and that we grow by giving: not by holding on but by giving of ourselves.

Please keep in your prayers all examination candidates. The Mass intention on Wednesday 31 May is for them. Mass is at 6.30pm. Perhaps we can gather as a parish family to pray especially for all sitting examinations and finishing coursework, etc. A blessed week ahead, especially to school and college communities on half-term. fr Brian

