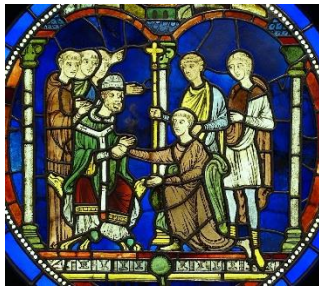


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4 June 2023 – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sat 3 6.30pm	St Charles Lwanga & Companions David Morris RIP
Sun 4 9am 11am	The Most Holy Trinity People of the Parish Joan Reilly & Mary Reilly RIP
Mon 5 9.30am	St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr Mary Brady RIP
Tues 6 11am	Feria – NO MASS TODAY Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel
Wed 7 12 noon	Feria Fr Tom McElhone RIP
Thurs 8 12 noon	Feria Gerald & Jim Donaghy RIP
Fri 9 12 noon	St Columba, Abbot Mary Sear RIP
Sat 10 6.30pm	The Blessed Virgin Mary Bill McGarry RIP
Sun 11 9am 11am	THE MOST PRECIOUS BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST – CORPUS CHRISTI People of the Parish – Fr Eamonn Whelan RIP William, Mary & Tony Ashman RIP

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1st Reading: Exodus 34:4-6.8-9

Responsorial Psalm – Daniel 3: **To you glory and praise for evermore** (repeated after each line).

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 3:16-18

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 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.

Sophie Barrett and Matthew Hudd exchange their marriage vows here on 8 July 2023. Please pray for them as they approach this wonderful moment.

Fr Tom McElhone came to Deal as a curate in 1942. He came 'on loan' from the diocese of Elphin in Ireland. He moved to Kingston in 1943 and tragically drowned swimming in the Thames on 31 May 1944. His nephew, also Fr Tom McElhone, is a priest of our diocese and currently parish priest of St Thomas of Canterbury, Rainham, Kent. He will celebrate Mass here on Wednesday 7 June at 12 noon in memory of and in honour of his late uncle who began his priestly ministry in our parish. The younger Fr Tom came to Southwark in 1974, the last of the Elphin priests to come on the 'English Mission' to Southwark.

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 this 11 June and give thanks to God for his years of priestly ministry. May he rest in peace.

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.

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

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. Come and enjoy creative prayer in the chapels and Rosary Way, hear about the life and work of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein). In addition to the Mass there will be time to enjoy and explore Aylesford Priory, have a picnic and take part in activities. Aylesford also has a tea room where food can be purchased. **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 Venue: The Friars, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BX (use ME20 7BY for SATNAV) This event is a collaboration between Aylesford Priory and Kairos

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. This will be one of the first international events of its kind, introducing new areas of study and stories, including issues surrounding disability. All are welcome. For more information and how to book please contact admingen@ocarm.org

175th Anniversary of the Solemn Opening of St George's Cathedral, Southwark: On 4 July 1848, Bishop Wiseman preached at the solemn opening of St George's, Southwark. Four years later it became London's first Catholic cathedral since the Reformation. **All are invited** to Mass with Archbishop John Wilson on Tuesday 4 July 2023 at 6pm. Poster in the porch.

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.

Other

Mary's Meals works in 18 countries to provide nutritious meals for children so that they can attend school, enjoy their childhood and give comfort in the midst of the hardships of life – from natural disasters, conflict or deep poverty. It costs just £19.95 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. Please visit marysmeals.org.uk or there is a QR code in the church porch to enable you to donate.

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

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 Most Holy Trinity: a really determined effort to try to be more conscious of the presence of the Trinity in us can make a great difference in our spiritual life. Take the sign of the cross as an illustration of this. The sign of the cross expresses our faith in the mysteries of the Trinity (Father, Son & Holy Spirit) and the Cross/Crucifixion of Our Lord. It is the briefest act of adoration and faith in these two great mysteries and also in that of the indwelling Trinity. It reminds us of the connection between them and that Jesus on the Cross is the Way to the Blessed Trinity – we enter the life of the Trinity through Him and His Cross. The sign of the cross is the sign of our adoption, our life ... (adapted from Fr Bonaventure Perquin OP)

Please note that **CORPUS CHRISTI** is celebrated this year on **Sunday 11 June 2023** and **not** on Thursday of this week. Please continue to pray for all who are sitting exams in June, their families, teachers and schools. A blessed week ahead, the week of the Trinity and leading to Corpus Christi, fr Brian

