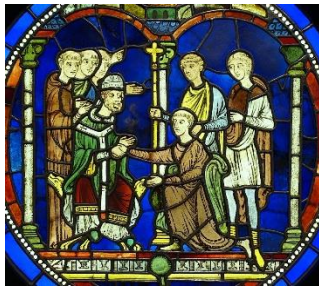


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This newsletter covers 16 & 23 July 2023

16 July 2023 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sat 15	St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor
5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
6.30pm	David Morris RIP
Sun 16	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
9am	People of the Parish
11am	Anna Tinsley RIP
Mon 17	Feria
12noon	Edith Mary Clowes RIP (FM)
Tues 18	Feria
9.30am	Sr Patricia McGlade RNDM RIP
	Fr Ethelbert Arnold OSB RIP
11am	Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel
Wed 19	Feria
	NO MASS TODAY
Thurs 20	St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
12noon	Wellbeing of Paul Dale
Fri 21	St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor
12noon	Wellbeing of Eileen Stupples
Sat 22	St Mary Magdalene, Feast
11am	Baptism: Roberta Rose Parham
5.15-5.45pm	Confessions
6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 23	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
	(St Bridget, Patron of Europe)
	Day of Prayer for Grandparents & The Elderly
9am	Private intention
11am	Tony Cheeseman RIP
Mon 24	St Sharbel Makhlouf
12noon	Wellbeing of James Fleeman
Tues 25	St James, Apostle, Feast
	(4 th anniversary of Archbishop Wilson's installation)
9.30am	Robert & Mary Golding RIP
11am	Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel
Wed 26	Sts Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM
12noon	Fr John Lavery RIP

Thurs 27

9.30am

Fri 28

Feria

Wellbeing of Deacon Andrew Bishop

Feria

NO MASS TODAY

Sat 29

5.15-5.45pm

6.30pm

Sun 30

9am

11am

Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Confessions

Fr Paddy Kilgariff RIP

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

People of the Parish

Int of Jean-Luc Middleton & Katie Mills

(Wedding 26 July 2023)

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1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Responsorial Psalm 64: Some seed fell into rich and produced its crop.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life.

ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23

THE WORD OF GOD: 16th Sunday (A) p 618

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13.16-19

Responsorial Psalm 85: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope His call holds for us. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-43

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.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly falls on Sunday 23 July 2023. Pope Francis has given it the theme: *His mercy is from age to age (Luke 1:50).*

CONFESSIONS (Sacrament of Reconciliation): **Saturdays 5.15-5.45pm**, also usually after Sunday & Weekday Masses. Please do not hesitate to ask fr Brian.

Sick & housebound parishioners: please keep in your prayers all who are sick and housebound and all who have requested our prayers, especially Paul Dale, Josie O'Keefe & Eileen Stupples. Please continue to pray for the good health of Pope Francis.

POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINATION: Deacon Andrew Bishop, who spent part of his formation in Dover parish, was due to be ordained a priest on Saturday 15 July 2023. Sadly, because of Deacon Andrew's health problems, the ordination has been postponed. Please keep Deacon Andrew in your prayers.

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Janet Twyman whose Funeral Mass was here on 10 July 2023. Please keep her family in your prayers.

We welcome Fr Philip Gilbert, a retired priest of our diocese living in Westgate-on-Sea, who is here for the 11am Mass on 16 July. I am in Esher for a Baptism.

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.

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 weekly newsletter is on our website: <https://stthomasdeal.org/>

Parish Finances

2022 Accounts: I apologise for the delay in reporting to the parish on the 2022 Accounts. The parish is waiting for clarification from the diocese on some figures. **It is clear that in 2022 we had a deficit of expenditure over income of £4592.00.** In the past expenditure has normally been slightly higher than income, with occasional legacies covering the difference and financing major repairs.

We are facing some significant ordinary expenditure in the next few months: for example, clearing and repairing of guttering, replacing tiles on the apse of the church, works consequent on the recent Fire Risk Assessment, repairs & redecoration in the presbytery, purchase of an office grade photocopier, salary for a part-time parish administrator.

Our gas and electricity prices will double in the next year. Our contracts have come to an end and we have joined the inter-diocesan scheme. This gives us a better price than the previous supplier for the new contract.

The diocese takes an overall annual levy of approximately one-third of ordinary parish income

to cover central diocesan administration. All parishes are subject to this levy.

I am very conscious that all households are facing great challenges. It is not easy to ask you to consider increasing your parish giving. If you are able to increase your giving, only after taking into account your commitments to family and others, it would be a great help. Standing Order & Gift Aid forms are in the porch. Our bank account details are: NatWest, Name: RCAS Deal. Account number: 09658378. Sort code: 52-30-23.

Thank you for your generosity to the parish in so many ways. I look forward to giving a fuller report in the not too distant future.

Diocesan & National News

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

Canterbury Gregorian Music Society is holding an afternoon of Gregorian Chant at Minster Abbey on Saturday 22nd July 2023 2pm for a 2.30pm start. *We will look at the life of St Alphege and learn some chant connected with him. There will be afternoon tea on the cafe and then a session with Mother Nikola to learn some of the chant for Vespers. We are invited to join the nuns to sing Vespers at 6pm.* Canterbury Gregorian Music Society is a non-denominational group of amateurs who sing chant simply because they love it. For more information: please contact Helen Natrass helennatrass@btinternet.com or 07803 612556.

The 13th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 29th July. Bishop David Oakley of Northampton will preach at the Mass at 2.30pm at The Bridgettine Convent, Fulmer Common Road, Iver, SLO ONR. Please send any prayer requests to; CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text them to 07795205114. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GKC prayer cards can be found on our website, www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk

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.

We wish all our schools & colleges a restful summer break. God bless you all, fr Brian

