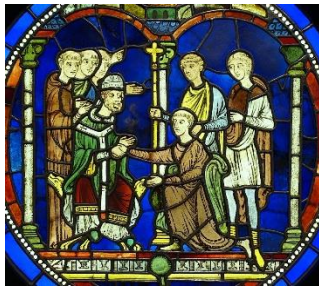


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This newsletter covers 30 July & 6 August 2023

30 July 2023 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sat 29	Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus
5.45-6.15pm	Confessions
6.30pm	Fr Paddy Kilgariff RIP
Sun 30	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
9am	People of the Parish
11am	Int of Jean-Luc Middleton & Katie Mills (Wedding 26 July 2023)
Mon 31	St Ignatius Loyola
12noon	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues 1 Aug	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor
	NO MASS TODAY
11am	Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel
Wed 2	St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop
12noon	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs 3	Feria
	NO MASS TODAY
Fri 4	St John Mary Vianney, Priest
12 noon	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Sat 5	Dedication of St Mary Major, Rome
5.45-6.15pm	Confessions
6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 6	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
9am	Margaret Layden RIP
11am	David Johnston RIP
Mon 7	St Sixtus II & Companions, Martyrs
12noon	George Killoran RIP
Tues 8	DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH (St Dominic)
11am	Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel
6.30pm	Wellbeing of Josie O'Keefe
Wed 9	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) – Patron of Europe
12noon	Sinead & Jamie Cole (10 th wedding anniv)
Thurs 10	St Laurence, Deacon & Martyr
9.30am	Fr Len Taylor RIP
Fri 11	St Clare, Virgin & Martyr
12noon	Wellbeing of Linda Evans

Sat 12	St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
5.45-6.15pm	Confessions
6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 13	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
9am	Silvio Valente RIP
11am	Leslie Lucas RIP

THE WORD OF GOD: 17th Sunday (A) p 623

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Responsorial Psalm 118: Lord, how I love your law!

2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52

THE WORD OF GOD: TRANSFIGURATION (A) p 1014

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10.13-14

Responsorial Psalm 96: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August: For World Youth Day We pray that the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

CONFESSIONS (Sacrament of Reconciliation): **Saturdays 5.45-6.15pm**, 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 & Deacon Andrew Bishop. Please continue to pray for the good health of Pope Francis.

Parish News

Junior Church (Children's Liturgy) takes place today 30 July at the 9am Mass and will then have a summer break until Sunday 10 September. Many thanks to Lucy, Clare and all helpers. It is so important that our children have this opportunity to come to know Jesus more deeply in their lives, the importance of Sunday Mass & their Catholic faith.

Congratulations & prayers for Roberta Rose Parham, baptised into the new life of Christ & the faith of the Church on 22 July 2023, for her parents and godparents and her wider family.

Congratulations & prayers for Jean-Luc Middleton & Katie Mills who celebrated their marriage in Sutton Coldfield on 26 July 2023.

We welcome Fr John Panario, Dean of the Dover Deanery and parish priest of Our Lady of Dover,

Buckland, who is here for the 6.30pm Mass on 5 August. I am in Kew for a wedding.

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.

Deal Heritage Day & Ride and Stride, Saturday, 9 September 2023 We are asked to have our churches open from 10am-4pm on 9 September 2023 for these events. We will need parishioners to be in the churches – St Thomas & Sacred Heart – so that cyclists and walkers can have their forms signed, and to answer questions visitors may have about our churches. Also, we may ask people to sponsor us as this will help parish finances. Nearer the date a list will go up in the church so that you may choose a time to volunteer to help. For further information, please contact: James Walmsley 07592 720961 or Moira Sykes 01304 372866.

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

Gift Aid & Standing Order forms are in the porch. If you are not currently giving with gift aid and are a UK tax payer please consider signing a gift aid form. The government adds 25% of your gifts at no cost to you. The completed forms should be given to our gift aid co-ordinator Richard Pond, or leave it at the presbytery or you can email a scan to him at dealgac@rcaos.org.uk. If you have any questions about gift aid please ask Richard (attends 9am Sunday Mass) or email him on that address.

The standing order forms can be used to instruct your bank to pay a regular amount to the parish. Please pass the completed form to your bank, either electronically or by hand. Standing orders will help to reduce the administrative burden on our volunteers especially now there is no NatWest branch in Deal.

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. 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.

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.

Catholic Children's Society (CCS) Crisis Fund: Funding is available for any family facing exceptional difficulties where one-off financial support makes a meaningful difference. The CCS has helped families whose homes have been destroyed by fire, parents who have been made redundant and families affected by the illness/death of a loved one. Please see the notice in the porch.

Other

Run the Royal Parks Half Marathon in aid of The Passage (the homelessness charity based in Westminster) - Sunday 8th October 2023 This stunning autumnal route showcases the iconic sites of London through four Royal Parks – Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James's Park and Green Park. Run past some of the capital's most historic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade and the Royal Albert Hall. Although undulating in parts, the course is not hilly and is great for both experienced and first-time half marathon runners. Registration fee: £20 Fundraising goal: £300 All money raised will go towards supporting those currently experiencing or threatened by street homelessness so that we can end homelessness for good. Sign up here: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/royal-parks-half-marathon/>

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.

I am away at various commitments the first week of this newsletter, hence the Services of the Word & Holy Communion on the weekdays. We celebrate the 95th anniversary of the dedication of our parish church on Tuesday 8 August 2023. We will have Mass that day at 6.30pm, so that as many parishioners as possible can gather to celebrate this important milestone in the life of the parish.

We wish all our schools & colleges a restful summer break. To all our visitors, you are most welcome and we hope you enjoy your time in Deal. To all going on holiday, a safe journey and a relaxing holiday. God bless you all, fr Brian

