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9 July 2023 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sat 8	The Blessed Virgin Mary
12noon	Nuptial Mass: Sophie Barrett & Matthew Hudd
6.30pm	Fr Francis Capener RIP (1 st anniversary)
Sun 9	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
	SEA SUNDAY
	2nd Collection for Stella Maris (AofS)
9am	People of the Parish
11am	Fr Joseph Meigh (1 st anniv of ordination)
Mon 10	Funeral Mass
10am	Janet (Bowie) Twyman RIP
Tues 11	St Benedict, Patron of Europe, Feast
9.30am	Intention of Jinny Roberts
11am	Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel
Wed 12	St John Jones, Priest & Martyr
12noon	For all newly married couples
Thurs 13	St Mildred, Abbess
12noon	Int of St Mildred's Abbey, Minster
Fri 14	St Camillus de Lellis, Priest
12noon	Bart Van Maren RIP
Sat 15	St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor
6.30pm	David Morris RIP
Sun 16	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
9am	People of the Parish
11am	Anna Tinsley RIP

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1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Responsorial Psalm 144: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:9.11-13

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

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 all who are sick and housebound and all who have requested our prayers. Please continue to pray for the good health of Pope Francis.

Deacon Andrew Bishop, who spent part of his formation in Dover parish, will be ordained a priest on Saturday 15 July 2023 at 12.30pm in our Cathedral. Please keep Deacon Andrew in your prayers and all Ordinands this year.

SEA SUNDAY today 9 July 2023: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is next Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church – see QR code in the porch or outside notice board, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

Parish News

Please pray 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 her family in your prayers.

Congratulations and the assurance of our prayers to Sophie Barrett and Matthew Hudd who celebrated their marriage here on Saturday 8 July 2023. May God continue to bless them and Eliza, their daughter.

Deal Area foodbank: Items currently needed are Squash, UHT milk, ketchup, biscuits, tinned vegetables, custard, curry sauce. Very many thanks. Sheila Ward, Project Coordinator, who spoke at the end of all Masses last weekend, sends her thanks to

the parish. Sheila writes: ***Mysterious ways! Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to speak on Sunday. During my talk, I mentioned our next project... to start a Pantry in Deal, but also said that we were being held up by lack of premises. On Monday I received a phone call offering us the lease on a prime High St location for this purpose... how wonderful! Best wishes, Sheila*** The Lord does work in wonderful ways. Many thanks for your support.

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 new Parish Website is now 'live': go to <https://stthomasdeal.org/>. The weekly newsletter is also on the website.

Next Sunday 16 July 2023, Fr Philip Gilbert, a retired priest of our diocese living in Westgate-on-Sea, will be here for the 11am Mass. I will be in Esher for a Baptism.

Diocesan & National News

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

REMINDER: 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.

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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACNUK) – which supports the suffering and persecuted Church all over the world – reports that the Church in CHILE is suffering many attacks. More than 60 churches in Chile have suffered arson attacks over the last seven years. *And yet despite being a Church under fire, Chile's Catholics are continuing to stand firm in the faith.* ACN is helping the Catholics of Chile to persevere in the face of this crisis, by training tomorrow's priests, rebuilding churches, equipping young people for mission in prisons and inaccessible rural areas, among other support. If you can help, please go to: www.acnuk.org/helpchile or see the (small) QR code in the porch.

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).*

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.

A Prayer for all Seafarers on Sea Sunday

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.
(W. Whiting, 1825-1878)

Today we give thanks to God for all who work on the sea – how indispensable they are in so many ways. July 5th 2023 marked the 75th anniversary of the NHS. Let us remember all who work in the NHS and the care community, including all who give so much love at home to those in need. In all the challenges which face us may human dignity, respect and care guide us and decision makers. God bless you this week, fr Brian

