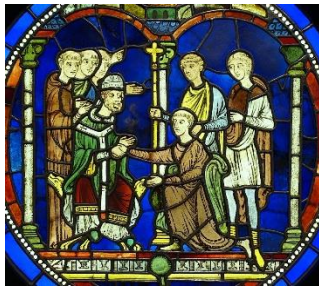


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This newsletter covers 13, 20 & 27 August 2023

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
Mon 14	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Martyr
12noon	Alison Trapper-Lomax RIP
Tues 15	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM
	Holyday of Obligation
11am	Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel
12noon	Paula Rymell RIP
6.30pm	Tina Ralph RIP
Wed 16	St Stephen of Hungary
	NO MASS TODAY
Thurs 17	Feria
12noon	Wellbeing of Peter Ashton
Fri 18	Feria
12noon	James & Kay Paterson RIP
Sat 19	St John Eudes
5.45-6.15	Confessions
6.30pm	Int of Bernadette Regan
Sun 20	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
9am	People of the Parish
11am	Mary, William & Tony Ashman RIP
Mon 21	St Pius X, Pope
12noon	Ints of Bradley Family
Tues 22	The Queenship of the BVM
9am	Una Buckingham RIP & Family
Wed 23	Feria
12noon	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs 24	St Bartholomew, Apostle
	NO MASS TODAY
Fri 25	Feria
12noon	Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Sat 26	Bl Dominic Barberi
5.45-6.15	Confessions
6.30pm	Catherine Dobbyn RIP
Sun 27	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
9am	People of the Parish
11am	Int of Margaret O'Donovan
Mon 28	St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop & Doctor
12noon	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues 29	The Passion of St John the Baptist
	NO MASS TODAY
11am	Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel
Wed 30	Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs
12noon	Deacon Tom Coyle RIP
Thur 31	St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne
12noon	Holy Souls
Fri 1 Sept	St Edmund Arrowsmith, Martyr
	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
12noon	Ints of Bob Wheldon & Verna Parsloe (Bishop Paul Hendricks presiding)
Sat 2	The Blessed Virgin Mary
5.45-6.15pm	Confessions
6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 3	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
9am	Schools, Colleges & Universities
11am	William Ashman RIP

THE WORD OF GOD: 19th Sunday (A) p631

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9.11-13

Resp Psalm 84: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

THE WORD OF GOD: THE ASSUMPTION p1020

1st Reading: Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6.10

Resp Psalm 44: On your right stands the Queen, in garments of gold.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-56

THE WORD OF GOD: 20th Sunday (A) p635

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Resp Psalm 66: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15.29-32

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

THE WORD OF GOD: 21st Sunday (A) p639

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Resp Psalm 137: Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! God in Christ was reconciling the world to Himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

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.

Examination results: please keep in your prayers all who will receive exam results in the coming weeks.

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 & Deacon Andrew Bishop. Please continue to pray for the good health of Pope Francis.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Una Barbara Buckingham** who died on 7 August 2023, aged 90 years. Una's funeral service is at Barham Crematorium on Tuesday 22 August 2023 at 12.40pm. Deacon Jed Watkins is officiating. **Mass on 22 August at 9am is for Una.**

Parish News

Ben Bano writes: I will be joining the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 18th to 25 August. If you would like me to light a candle in front of the grotto in memory of your loved ones, do let me know. My email is benbano@aol.com and my phone number is 07887 651117

Bishop Paul Hendricks, Auxiliary Bishop in Southwark and Area Bishop in Kent, will be with us for the 12noon Mass on Friday, 1 September 2023.

Junior Church (Children's Liturgy) has 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.

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 26 August. Fr Peter Geldard, a retired priest of our diocese and a member of the Vicariate Team for Retired Clergy, with particular responsibility for Kent, is with us for the Masses on 27 August. I am in Ireland for a memorial Mass for a relative.

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.

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.**

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Diocesan & National News

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: www.cathchild.org.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.

It was wonderful to see a very full church for Mass on the 95th anniversary of the dedication of our church on 8 August. The Solemnity of the Assumption is on 15 August – a holyday of obligation and a beautiful summer feast of faith. Masses at 12 noon and 6.30pm.

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

