

St Thomas of Canterbury

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3 September 2023 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

Mon 4 St Cuthbert, Bishop

12noon Catherine Dobbyn RIP

Tues 5 St Teresa of Calcutta

9.30am Una Buckingham RIP

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 6 Feria

No Mass Today

Thurs 7 Feria

12noon Geoffrey & John Collins RIP

Fri 8 Nativity of the BVM, Feast

12noon Queen Elizabeth II RIP

Sat 9 St Peter Claver

5.45-6.15pm Confessions

6.30pm People of the Parish

Fr Mychal Judge RIP & all who died in the 9/11 attack

Sun 10 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Education Sunday

9am Elizabeth Pond RIP

11am Leslie Lucas RIP

THE WORD OF GOD: 22nd Sunday (A), p643

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Resp Psalm 62: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2

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 16:21-27

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September: For people living on the margins We pray for people

living on the margins of society, in inhumane conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and may they never be considered of lesser importance.

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Peter Ashton**. Peter's Funeral Mass is here at 12noon on Friday 22 September, followed by a service at Barham Crematorium at 2pm. Please also pray for **Una Barbara Buckingham** whose funeral service was at Barham on 22 August. Please also keep the families of Peter and Una in your prayers.

Refreshments after the 9 & 11 am Sunday Masses are served in the Becket Centre. Please do join us for a cup of coffee.

Mass Intention envelopes are at the back of the church: Please write down 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 News

Junior Church (Children's Liturgy) For children in school Year 2 and below returns next Sunday 10 September at the 9am Mass.

Flower Team If any parishioners are interested in joining the group of volunteers who provide and decorate the church with flowers we would love to hear from you. We have a small and dedicated group but really want to welcome more members to the team. Training and support can be given to first time flower arrangers! Please contact Sue Wainwright (07966 502703).

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 9 September. 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.

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. **Sign up sheet for St Thomas' is in the porch. We need all 1 hour slots to be filled with two people.** For further information, please contact: James Walmsley 07592 720961 or Moira Sykes 01304 372866.

A last chance to visit the Convent of Our Lady of the Missions, Beech Court, 86 Rectory Road, Deal CT14 9NB on Saturday 16 September 1-4pm. The Sisters invite all to visit Beech Court for the last time. It is being sold and the Sisters are moving to Sturry. This is an opportunity to share in the tremendous contribution the Sisters have made to Deal and to Catholic life here.

Parish Car Park Tidy Up: Saturday 23 September 10am-1pm. If you can, please come along with tools and bags for weeds, rubbish, etc. Whatever time you can give is greatly appreciated. **Car parking** – please always park with consideration for others regarding entry and exit. Many thanks.

Parish Maintenance We have recently had all guttering inspected, repaired and cleared. Tiles have been replaced on the apse of the church. Some wrought iron guttering needed replacing. Scaffolding was required. The cost: £4780.

Diocesan & National News

Education Sunday is Sunday 10 September 2023. There is a 2nd collection for the Catholic Education Service. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England & Wales educating over 800,000 students. The Catholic Church & the Church of England together provide one third of all schools in the country. We owe a tremendous debt to all teachers, support staff, governors, students and families and all who support our schools.

Archdiocese of Southwark 2023 Autumn Assembly of the Justice & Peace Commission on Saturday 23rd September 2023 entitled **The Right to Stay: Free to Choose** in response to the message of the Holy Father for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, at St Edmund of Canterbury Catholic Church, 20 Village Way, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3NP. Parish Mass 10am. Registration 10.30am. Programme starts 11am. Finishes 4pm. Free Entrance. Donations suggested. Lunch provided. All welcome. Keynote speaker: Rt. Rev. Paul McAleenan, Bishop for Migration & Refugees and Member of the Department for International Affairs at the Bishops Conference for England and Wales on **Love the Stranger**. **Ben Bano** will also speak. To reserve a place email justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk

The Archdiocese of Southwark & LoudFence warmly invite you to a Service of Acknowledgement, Reflection & Prayer for those who have been harmed by Abuse and for those who work with or support those who have been harmed: **27th September 2023, 6.30pm at St George's RC Cathedral, SE1 6HR.** After the service, in partnership with LOUDFENCE, we invite everyone to tie a ribbon to our tree of reflection as a sign of solidarity, care, hope to survivors and as a memorial for those who have been lost by abuse.

A Service of Sung Evening Prayer for the 10th Anniversary of the Romero Cross, the National Shrine to St. Oscar Romero on 28th September 2023 at 6pm at St. George's RC Cathedral, SE1 6HR. The service will be led by the Most Rev. John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark. The preacher will be The Very Rev. Dr John Hall, the former Dean of Westminster Abbey.

The Season of Creation 1 September – 4 October

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, celebrated on 1 September, began the *Season of Creation*, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Webinar - How can we protect our common home? 7pm, Tuesday, 12 September 2023. This September marks a year since the Bishops of England and Wales republished **The Call of Creation**, a document which encourages us to repair our relationship with God's creation. It recognises the interconnectedness of the biggest challenges of our times and urges each of us to ask ourselves how we can protect our common home. Watch a panel discussion on the 'Call of Creation': bigmarker.com/cafod/signsoftimes

Other

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.

All good wishes to schools, colleges and universities as the new academic year begins. I hope you all had a restful summer holiday. In the parish we look forward to God's blessings in many different ways. All good wishes and prayers for the week, fr Brian

