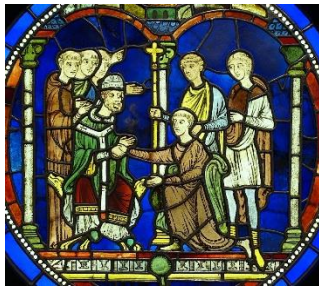


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22 October 2023 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sat 21 St Margaret Clitherow, Martyr

5.45-6.15pm Confessions

6.30pm Dr Roddy Macaulay RIP

Sun 22 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

World Mission Sunday

9am People of the Parish

11am Intentions of the Smith Family

(Bishop Paul Hendricks presiding)

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket Centre –

All welcome.

Mon 23 St John of Capistrano

12noon Ints of Carien & Wiet Pot

Tues 24 St Anthony Mary Claret

9.30am Cherrille Ann Feeney RIP

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

**7.30pm Parish Synod Meeting – Becket Centre
(tea & coffee from 7pm)**

Wed 25 Six Welsh Martyrs & Companions

No Mass today

Thurs 26 Sts Chad and Cedd

10.30am Marjorie Baker RIP

12noon Barham Crematorium: Marjorie Baker RIP

Fri 27 Funeral Mass

11am Raphael (Raph) Fox RIP

12noon Burial Hamilton Road: Raph Fox RIP

6-6.30pm October Devotions – FOR PEACE

Sat 28 Sts Simon and Jude

**10am Parish Synod Meeting – Becket Centre
(tea & coffee from 9.30am)**

12noon Baptism: Thea Joyce Lowicz-Brady

5.45-6.15pm Confessions

6.30pm Danny Thompson RIP

CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR DURING THE NIGHT

Sun 29 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9am Paul Farmer RIP

11am People of the Parish

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket Centre –

All welcome.

THE WORD OF GOD: 29th Sunday (A), p672

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1.4-6

Resp Psalm 95: Give the Lord glory and power.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21

World Mission Sunday is today. John Letts, our Missio (Red Box) rep, will distribute the *Missio* magazine at all Masses. We will delay the 2nd collection for Missio until the weekend of 18/19 November when Fr Noah, from Missio, will speak at all Masses. Missio is the Church's official agency for the support of foreign missions. The collection goes directly to the young churches in mission territories to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations.

We welcome Bishop Paul Hendricks who joins us for the 11am Mass today Sunday 22 October, during which fr Brian will make his Profession of Faith as Parish Priest. Bishop Paul looks forward to meeting as many parishioners after Mass in the Becket Centre – All welcome.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October: For the Synod We pray that listening and dialogue will permeate every level of the Church, and that she will let herself be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world. Please keep the Synod in Rome in your prayers.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Marjorie Baker and Raphael (Raph) Fox who have died. Please keep their families in your prayers. Funeral arrangements are: **Marjorie Baker RIP** – Thursday 26 October 2023 12noon at Barham Crematorium. **Raphael (Raph) Fox RIP** – Friday 27 October 2023 11am Funeral Mass at St Thomas', 12noon burial at Hamilton Road Cemetery. May they rest in peace.

Sick & housebound parishioners: please keep in your prayers all who are sick and housebound and all who have requested our prayers, especially Paul Dale & Deacon Andrew Bishop. Please continue to pray for the good health of Pope Francis.

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

Parish News

A big thank you to Jamie Rees who has served the Sunday 9am Mass faithfully for the last 10 years. Jamie is stepping down from altar serving and we all thank him for his dedication as a server.

CHANGE OF SATURDAY EVENING MASS TIME: 5.30pm from Saturday 2 December, weekend of 1st Sunday of Advent. This change is made in the faith-filled hope that families and all parishioners with commitments on Sundays will participate at Saturday evening Mass at a time which is more convenient for them.

Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions leave Beechcroft, Rectory Road, in early November. There is a Mass at St John's, St Richard's Road, on Saturday **28 October 2023 at 4.30pm** for the Sisters – Beechcroft is in St John's parish. We will have a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sisters on Friday 3 November at 12noon. Please keep Sr Kathleen, Sr Anna and Sr Roseanne in your prayers. Fr Philip Gilbert is here for the Saturday 6.30pm Mass on 28 October.

Safeguarding Catechists and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: if not already done so, please collect a Volunteer Registration form after Mass this weekend.

Junior Church (Children's Liturgy) has a break for half-term on 22 & 29 October. It is very encouraging to see more children at the 9am Mass. A restful half-term for schools and families.

Deal Area foodbank: Items currently needed are Squash, UHT milk, ketchup, biscuits, tinned vegetables, custard, curry sauce. Very many thanks.

Parish Finances Thank you all for your generosity to the parish. Please can I encourage as many of us as possible to give via Standing Order, and, if you pay income tax, to Gift Aid your offering. Forms can be found in the porch. **Your giving is our only source of income.** The parish bank details are: NatWest/ name: **RCAS Deal**/Acc no 09658378/sort code: 52-30-23.

Parish Synod Meetings: 24 or 28 October 2023

Pope Francis wants the whole Church – especially in local parishes – to take part in the Synod. He is asking us to unite in prayer and also to come together to listen and discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to us today. We have two initial chances to meet, coinciding with the Synod in Rome. We hope these will develop into more opportunities when we can consider how we support one another on our 'journeying together' – in our own lives, our shared parish life, and our life as Christians in the world.

Please try to come to one of our meetings: Tuesday 24 October, 7pm for 7.30pm (9pm finish) OR Saturday 28 October 9.30am for 10am (11.30am finish).

Volunteers Needed! To help with tea and coffee at our parish synod meetings. If you can help, please have a word with fr Brian.

CHRISTMAS 2023 Mass Times: 25 December 2023 is a Monday. Christmas Eve is Sunday 24 December. I propose the following, taking into account Sunday morning Mass attendance on 24 December is likely to be lower than normal, the low attendance at Midnight Mass in recent years, and the work load on those involved in many Christmas preparations: Saturday 23 December 5.30pm; Sunday 24 December (Christmas Eve) 10am, 5.30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas, 10pm Mass During the Night; Monday 25 December (Christmas Day) 11am. These times are open for consultation – please let me have your views.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH on St Thomas' Day, Friday 29 December at 12.45pm, following Mass at 12noon. St Thomas of Canterbury is our Patronal Feast and an excellent day to reintroduce the very successful Christmas lunch of previous years. The lunch is primarily for our senior citizens and those who are by themselves over the Christmas period. We have room for 40 guests. There is no charge. Donations on the day to defray costs will be gratefully received. We need to know numbers by the end of November. If you would like to attend, please contact fr Brian (at Mass, via email or 'phone). Volunteers needed to help with setting up, clearing up and serving lunch in the Becket Centre. Volunteers also needed for transport. Hugh Irvine has very kindly agreed to prepare the lunch and source the food.

Diocesan & National News

Passing on the Faith? How do we do it as couples, parents and grandparents? Our diocesan Marriage & Family Life Team are offering:

PASSING ON THE FAITH AS GRANDPARENTS What practical steps can we take and what sort of conversations can we have which will help anchor our grandchildren's faith? Four online sessions starting Weds evenings November 8th, 7:30 – 9pm. Email Lisette on mflse@rcaos.org.uk

PASSING ON THE FAITH FOR PARENTS How do we start? How do we continue? What works well for children at different stages? Four online sessions starting Thurs eves November 9th, 8pm – 9:30pm. Email Lisette on mflse@rcaos.org.uk

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for: married couples to enrich their friendship and love, engaged couples who have completed their marriage preparation course and want to continue exploring their faith together. The course runs on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm beginning **October 24th** and continuing on **Oct 31st, Nov 7th and 14th**. To **register** click on the link below: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together>

Promoting Racial & Cultural Inclusion in our Schools & Communities: Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY, 28 October 2023 9.30am-4pm. Full details on poster in the porch.

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.

Pope Francis asks that Friday 27 October is a further day of prayer and fasting for peace in the Holy Land. The day marks the 4th and final Friday of our October Devotions. Let us come together this Friday evening at 6pm and pray for peace in the Holy Land, the world and our lives. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a time when we can (re)discover the costly love of Christ for peace and reconciliation. A blessed week for all, for all on half-term, and for PEACE! fr Brian

