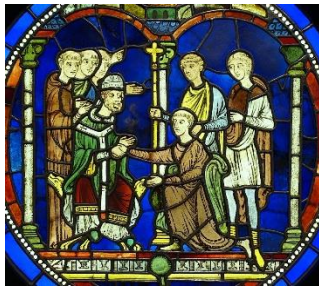


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12 November 2023 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sat 11 St Martin of Tours, Bishop

5.45-6.15pm Confessions

6.30pm People of the Parish

**Sun 12 Nov 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Remembrance Sunday**

Archbishop's Appeal – 2nd collection

9am Welfare of Chiara Vaccarone

11am Peace & all victims of war & violence

*Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket Centre –
All welcome.*

Mon 13 St Frances Xavier Cabrini

9.30am Holy Souls in November

Tues 14 St Dyfrig

No Mass today

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 15 St Albert the Great

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Thurs 16 St Edmund of Abingdon,

St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude

12noon Marjorie Baker RIP

**Fri 17 St Hilda of Whitby, St Hugh of Lincoln
St Elizabeth of Hungary**

(10am Mass for St Edmund's School in Dover)

12.15pm Holy Souls in November

Sat 18 The Blessed Virgin Mary

5.45-6.15pm Confessions

6.30pm Private intention

**Sun 19 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
World Day of the Poor**

9am People of the Parish

11am Phil Hunter RIP

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THE WORD OF GOD: 32nd Sunday (A), p684

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

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

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour when the Son of
Man is coming. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November: For
the Pope,** We pray that the Holy Father, in fulfilling
his mission, may continue to accompany the flock
entrusted to him with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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

The Archbishop's Appeal 2nd collection – **this** weekend
– funds three important areas of diocesan life: Youth
& Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action, and Clergy Care
& Formation.

The weekly newsletter is on our website:

[Newsletters St Thomas of Canterbury Deal - St Thomas of
Canterbury Catholic Church - Deal - Kent \(stthomasdeal.org\)](#)

Parish News

Masses this week: please note the different Mass
times this week, especially on Monday and Friday. fr
Brian is away Mon-Wed: no Mass on Tuesday and
there is a Service of the Word & Holy Communion on
Wednesday. St Edmund's School celebrates Mass for
its Patronal Feast on Friday with a Mass in Duke of
York's School. Please keep St Edmund's School in
your prayers as it goes from strength to strength.

**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.

The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions [Please keep
Sr Kathleen, Sr Anna and Sr Rose Ann in your prayers
as they settle in their new home at St Anne's Convent,
Staines Hill, Sturry \(nr Canterbury\), CT2 OEW.](#)

**November is the month of the Holy Souls. Why do
we pray for the faithful departed?** The Church's
teaching on Purgatory is one of great hope and
encouragement: *From the beginning the Church has
honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers
in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice,
so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific
vision of God* (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1032).

Holy Souls envelopes are available in the porch.
Please place the names of those you wish to be prayed
for in November and place in the envelope. Please
give to fr Brian and all names will be on the altar in

November for all Masses. It is wonderful that Heaven and Earth are united in the Eucharistic sacrifice.

Cemetery Sunday 19 November 2023: fr Brian will lead a short service in Hamilton Road Cemetery at 3pm and then bless the graves of parishioners.

Book of Remembrance: we have a new Book of Remembrance with a page for each day of the year. Please fill in the names of loved ones who have died (with the year of death) on the appropriate page in the Book. Please keep to one line per person. The Book is on the altar in the Lady Chapel.

Request for transport to Saturday evening Mass: a parishioner, who lives in Souberg Close (off Harold Road), near Sandown Castle, would be grateful for a lift to Saturday evening Mass. If you can help, please have a word with fr Brian. Many thanks.

Fr Noah Monday Mbadazzi, a Mill Hill Missionary priest, is visiting our parish on 18/19 November to make an appeal on behalf of **Missio**. **Missio** (Red boxes) continues the vital work of the Association of the Propagation of the Faith (APF) and other Pontifical Mission Societies in mission countries. Donations to **Missio** keep health clinics and schools open, train tomorrow's Sisters and Priests and create a vibrant Catholic culture for the future.

Safeguarding Catechists and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: if not already done so, please collect a Volunteer Registration form after Mass this weekend. Please return completed forms at your earliest convenience.

Junior Church (Children's Liturgy) It is important that parents accompany their children during Junior Church. Please encourage families with young children to join us at the 9am Mass.

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

Parish Synod Meetings: 24 or 28 October 2023

Very many thanks to all who attended our parish synod meetings. The format of the meetings was different to the usual parish meeting. Times of listening to the Word of God and silence are crucial if we are to discern what the Holy Spirit is asking of us today. Yet, when we take time to listen – really listen – to God and to each other, to spend time together in moments of silence, we find that we are liberated for God's work in spreading the Good News of the Kingdom. Getting to know each other a little better, sharing our experiences of faith in trust and confidence, we begin to 'journey together' as disciples and apostles.

We hope to follow up these initial meetings with a slightly longer time together on **Saturday 2 December, 10am-1pm**. All welcome, including all who were not able to attend the initial meetings. Many thanks to Danny Curtin who expertly guided us at last week's meetings.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH on St Thomas' Day, Friday 29 December at 1245pm, following Mass at 12noon. The lunch is primarily for our senior citizens and those who are by themselves over the Christmas period. We have room for 30 guests. There is no charge. Donations on the day to defray costs will be gratefully received. **Please sign up now if you would like to attend as a guest or help as a volunteer. We need to know numbers by the end of the month. There is a sign up sheet in the porch.**

Diocesan, National & International News Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin

Patriarch of Jerusalem, on the Israeli/Hamas war:

To have the courage of love and peace here, today, means not allowing hatred, revenge, anger and pain to occupy all the space of our hearts, of our speech, of our thinking. It means making a personal commitment to justice, being able to affirm and denounce the painful truth of injustice and evil that surrounds us, without letting it pollute our relationships. It means being committed, being convinced that it is still worthwhile to do all we can for peace, justice, equality and reconciliation. Our speech must not be about death and closed doors. On the contrary, our words must be creative, lifegiving, they must give perspective and open horizons.

It takes courage to be able to demand justice without spreading hatred. It takes courage to ask for mercy, to reject oppression, to promote equality without demanding uniformity, while remaining free. It takes courage today, even in our diocese and our communities, to maintain unity, to feel united to one another, even in the diversity of our opinions, sensitivities and visions.

I want, and we want, to be part of this new order inaugurated by Christ. We want to ask God for that courage. We want to be victorious over the world, taking upon ourselves that same Cross, which is also ours, made of pain and love, of truth and fear, of injustice and gift, of cries and forgiveness.

(The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem is a Catholic diocese with Catholics in Cyprus, Jordan, Israel & Palestine.)

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, has launched an **Israeli-Palestinian CRISIS APPEAL**. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 or scan the QR code in the porch. A GIFT TODAY will provide essentials like FOOD, WATER and BLANKETS.

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.

Pray for PEACE as we remember all who have fallen in war. A blessed week, fr Brian

