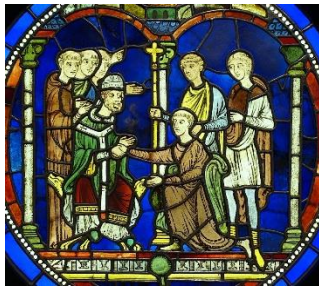


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19 November 2023 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

**MISSIO (Red Box) APPEAL WEEKEND –
2nd collection**

9am People of the Parish

11am Phil Hunter RIP

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

3pm Blessing of graves- Hamilton Road

Mon 20 Feria

12noon Hazel Lucas RIP

Tues 21 The Presentation of the BVM

9.30am Bishop John Jukes OFM Conv RIP

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 22 St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

10am Leonard Horncastle RIP

Thurs 23 Sts Clement & Columban

No Mass today

Fri 24 St Andrew Dung-Lac & Comps, Martyrs

12noon Dec'd members of the Povey Family

6-6.30pm Exposition & Adoration

Sat 25 St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

5.45-6.15pm Confessions

6.30pm Good health of Br Pnsiri Casiasnader OFM

PLEASE NOTE: MASS TIME CHANGES TO 5.30pm

NEXT WEEK

**Sun 26 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE
UNIVERSE – YOUTH SUNDAY**

Last Sunday in the Church's Year

2nd collection for Catholic Youth Services

9am People of the Parish

11am Peter Lecarpentier RIP

*Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket Centre –
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THE WORD OF GOD: 33rd Sunday (A), p688

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Resp Psalm 127: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

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 weekly newsletter is on our website:

[\(stthomasdeal.org\)](https://stthomasdeal.org/)

Parish News

A Warm Welcome to Fr Noah Monday Mbadazzi, a Mill Hill Missionary priest, who is visiting our parish this weekend 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. Literature about **Missio** will be given out as you leave Mass. There is also the opportunity to collect a Red Box for your home – the coins collected are a great help to **Missio**. John Letts, our **Missio** coordinator, can give you more information as you leave Mass. **Blue** collection bags will be passed round after Holy Communion for this collection.

World day of the Poor 2023 today Sunday 19th November is the 8th 'World Day of the Poor'. This year Pope Francis's message is "Don't Look Away". When we as Catholics see poverty we don't just walk on by but engage in the encounter with people living in poverty as the Good Samaritan in Luke's Gospel. More information and resources can be found on **Caritas** Southwark – the diocesan agency tackling poverty and social exclusion within the Archdiocese – on the diocesan website: www.rcaos.org.uk

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

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

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.

National Youth Sunday is next week. The 2nd collection supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service. It is crucial that we do all we can to support our young people. What is the greatest support we can give them and how do we hear their voices? See the next notice ...

Parish Advent Synod Meeting: Saturday 2 December 10am-1pm. Following on from the very successful meetings in October, we will meet at the start of Advent, and the new Church Year, to continue listening to the Holy Spirit and each other. All are welcome as we pray and plan for the future! More on this next week.

Masses this week: please note the different Mass times this week. There is Mass on Wednesday at 10am. No Mass on Thursday. Tuesday is the anniversary of Bishop John Jukes OFM Conv, for many years Area Bishop in Kent, who died in 2011.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH on St Thomas' Day, Friday 29 December at 12.45pm, 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. Bookings close next weekend.**

Diocesan, National & International News

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.

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, on the Israeli/Hamas war:

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.)

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.

May PEACE and JUSTICE reign in our lives and our world for all victims of war and violence and for the poor. A blessed week, fr Brian

