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4 February 2024 **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**
Sat 3 St Laurence of Canterbury / St Blaise

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Joan Tighe RIP

(Charles Bachell RIP – 1st anniversary)

(Blessing of throats after Mass)

Sun 4 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

9am People of the Parish

11am Safe delivery of Luca Kenton

(Blessing of throats after both Masses)

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

Mon 5 St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

12noon David George Singleton RIP

Tues 6 St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

9.30am Mark Ellis RIP

(Ints of Josie Garrood, 80th Birthday)

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 7 Feria

10am Catherine Marie Rootes RIP

Thurs 8 St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking

No Mass Today

Fri 9 Feria

12.30pm Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Sat 10 St Scholastica, Virgin

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Robert John Maguire RIP

Sun 11 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

(Our Lady of Lourdes)

**World Day of Prayer for the Sick / Day of Prayer
for the Unemployed**

9am People of the Parish

(Mary Gilbert RIP – 1st anniversary)

11am Thanksgiving (Bernadette Hunter 90th Birthday)

(3pm St Paul's, Dover, Service of Healing & the
Anointing of the Sick)

*Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket Centre –
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THE WORD OF GOD: 5th Sunday OT (B), p709

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4.6-7

Response Ps 146: Praise the Lord who heals the
broken-hearted.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! I am the light of the world, says
the Lord. Anyone who follows me will have the light
of life. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February: For
the terminally ill** – We pray for the sick who are in
the final stages of life, and for their families; may
they always receive the necessary medical and human
care, and the accompaniment they need.

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Watts
whose funeral service was on 30 January 2024 and for
her family. Please continue to pray for baby **Lando
Hudson-Keogh** (born 1 November 2023), who died on
26 January, for his parents, grandparents and family,
at this very sad time.

Sick & housebound parishioners: please keep in
your prayers all who are sick and housebound and all
who have requested our prayers: Bernadette Baugh,
Andrew Lock, Pauline Farmer, Josie O'Keeffe, Graham
Edwards & Paul Dale. Please continue to pray for the
good health of Pope Francis.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick is next Sunday 11
January 2024 (Our Lady of Lourdes). **There is a
Service of Healing & the Anointing of the Sick at St
Paul's Catholic Church, Dover, at 3pm, led by Fr Leo
Illah and Fr Jamie Houghton.** All are very welcome.
Thank you to St Paul's for this invitation.

The weekly newsletter is on our website:

[Newsletters St Thomas of Canterbury Deal
\(stthomasdeal.org\)](https://stthomasdeal.org/)

Safeguarding in our parish: thank you to
parishioners who have completed the forms for their
DBS checks. A member of the diocesan Safeguarding
team will visit the parish on Saturday 17 February
2024 between 10am-1pm to complete the paperwork.
Please have relevant original documents with you for
proof of identity.

**First Reconciliation (Confession) & First Holy
Communion 2024:** if your child is in school Year 3
or above and you would like them to receive these
sacraments this year, please Email the Parish office:
(deal@rcaos.org.uk) without delay. You must live in
the parish and/or attend Mass here. You must also
have a Certificate of Baptism in a Catholic Church for
your child. The deadline for emailing the parish is
22 February 2024. A meeting will then take place
for all who have emailed the parish. Please also
ensure that you are registered with the parish – see

next notice. We look forward to a joyful and faithful time of preparation for these sacraments with children, parents, catechists, schools and parish.



Register with the parish [Register with The Parish \(stthomasdeal.org\)](https://stthomasdeal.org) Our Parish Register needs continually updating to ensure that it is reliable and current. Whether you are new to the parish or have been here for many years you are now kindly asked to register your details on our new database, powered by ChurchSuite. Your information will only be accessed by authorised parish office staff for administrative purposes. Thank you for co-operation and for those who have already shared their information with us.

Deal Area foodbank: [Deal Area Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#) The items currently needed are long-life fruit juice, UHT milk, packet sauces, ketchup, biscuits, tinned vegetables, tinned fruits, custard and tinned soups. With very many thanks.

DEAL WARM WELCOME Churches and Community Groups offer warmth, refreshment and friendship during these cold months to all. Full details of times and places in the porch.

HCPT (Hosanna House & Children's Pilgrimage Trust): Lucy Rees will bake a cake for the post gam Mass refreshments until Lent - you are invited to sample a delicious slice of cake and make an offering to HCPT. Just 2 Sundays left! Please support this worthy cause. For further information see: www.hcpt.org.uk

Accommodation sought: Professional woman looking for long-term accommodation after 8 February 2024 (shared house or small unfurnished flat to rent). Preferably in Deal. Please contact: 07368 501460.

Diocesan, National & International News
Deacon Andrew Bishop will be ordained to the Priesthood on 23 February 2024 at St Paul's, Dover. Please keep Deacon Andrew, whose ordination was delayed by illness, in your prayers as he approaches this great day.

Marriage Week 2024

Wednesday 7 February - Wednesday 14 February
Here are some resources recommended by our diocesan Marriage & Family Life Team:
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week-2024/>

The Sycamore Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) course is an exciting **free ONLINE** course, **for married and engaged couples**, on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm beginning **13 Feb 2024** and continuing on **20 Feb, 27 Feb, 5 Mar, 12 Mar, 19 Mar 2024**. To register click on the link below:

[Growing in Faith Together – Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis \(rcaos.org.uk\)](https://rcaos.org.uk)

'Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ' Weekend If you are mourning after the death of a loved one, this weekend may be for you. **Aylesford Priory. 22-24 March 2024** 01622 717272 or email: reception@thefriars.org.uk

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages. Virtual weekend on **8 - 11 February 2024** or a **Face to Face** weekend in **Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024**, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Beginning Experience Weekend is a special residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. This next programme will be held on **12-14 April**; contact: Mary: 0208 647 4760, or Maura: 07795 498445, email besouthofengland@gmail.com

Lent 2024

PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING

Ash Wednesday – a day of fasting & abstinence – is 14 February 2024. Masses at 12noon and 6.30pm with the blessing and distribution of ashes.

Stations of the Cross on the Tuesdays (11am at Sacred Heart chapel) & Fridays (St Thomas' at 7pm) of Lent.

The Big Lent Walk: walk 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. More information at www.walk.cafod.org.uk - fr Brian hopes you will sponsor him! All proceeds go to CAFOD.

Family Fast Day Friday 23 February 2024: please join in by eating simply and giving what you can. Collect a CAFOD envelope (in the porch) to Gift Aid your donation or give online: www.cafod.org.uk Please post the CAFOD freepost envelope yourself. A 2nd collection will take place on Sunday 25 February.

Praying the Gospel of Mark during Lent: based on *Meeting God in Mark* by Rowan Williams (SPCK). More on this next week.

CAFOD: 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.

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus 'went off to a lonely place and prayed there'. How important prayer is! A prayerful and blessed week, fr Brian

