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24th March 2024 **PALM SUNDAY**

Palms blessed and available at all Masses

Sat 23 am Feria of Lent / pm Holy Week

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Good health of Lochie Murray

Ro Giedroyc RIP

Sun 24 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B) – both Masses start in the Becket Centre

2nd Collection – Easter flowers

9am People of the Parish

11am Mark Fleetwood RIP

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket Centre –

All welcome

Mon 25 Monday of Holy Week

12noon Peter Davenport RIP

1230-1pm Confessions

**7pm Lent Penitential Service at St John's,
St Richard's Road – all welcome**

Tues 26 Tuesday of Holy Week

9.30am Mika Cudworth RIP

10-1030am Confessions

11am Stations of the Cross – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 27 Wednesday of Holy Week

12noon Catherine Dobbyn RIP (1st anniversary)

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28 March

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7.30pm

(including Washing of Feet)

People of the Parish – Fr Anthony Pyle RIP

Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY 29 March

Children's Stations of the Cross 1030am

Confessions 1130-12noon

SOLEMN LITURGY 3pm

Collection for the Holy Places

Confessions 6-6.45pm / Stations of the Cross 7pm

HOLY SATURDAY 30 March

Confessions 11am-12noon

THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL 8pm

David Morris RIP (1st anniversary)

(weather permitting, the Easter fire & blessing of the
Paschal Candle will be in the front garden of the
presbytery)

[NB clocks go forward one hour during the night]

EASTER SUNDAY 31 March

9am People of the Parish

11am John McDermott RIP

Renewal of Baptismal Promises at both Masses

No refreshments after Masses today

THE WORD OF GOD: PALM SUNDAY (B), p186

Blessing of the Palms: Mk 11:1-10, [p188](#)

1st reading: Isaiah 50:4-7, [p194](#)

Resp Ps 21: My God, my God, why have you forsaken
me?

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST, KING OF ETERNAL
GLORY! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting
death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and
gave him the name which is above all names. PRAISE
TO YOU, O CHRIST, KING OF ETERNAL GLORY!**

GOSPEL: Mk 15:1-39 (short form), [p211](#)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, p222

GOOD FRIDAY, p229

**THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL, p252. Please note the
three readings for the Vigil are: Genesis 1:2-2:2;
Exodus 14:15-15:1; Ezekiel 36:16-17,18-28. All three
readings are followed by sung responsorial psalms
and proper prayers. After the Gloria there is the
Epistle reading (Romans 6:3-11) followed by the triple
sung alleluia. GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-7**

EASTER SUNDAY, p291

1st reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34.37-43

Resp Ps 117: This day was made by the Lord; we
rejoice and are glad.

2nd reading: Colossians 3:1-4

SEQUENCE – to be said by all from missals

**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Christ, our Passover, has been
sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
ALLELUIA!**

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March: For new
martyrs – We pray for those who risk their lives for
the Gospel in various parts of the world; may their
courage and missionary zeal permeate the Church.**

Parish News

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ro
Giedroyc, the mother of Kasia Parham, who died last
Sunday, 17 March, and for all the family. May she rest
in peace.**

**Sick & housebound parishioners: please keep in
your prayers all who are sick and housebound and all
who have requested our prayers: June Bartels,**

Bernadette Baugh, Bernadette Hunter, Andrew Lock, Pauline Farmer, Josie O'Keeffe, Graham Edwards, Maureen Sipek & Paul Dale. Please continue to pray for the good health of Pope Francis and HM The King.

The weekly newsletter is on our website:

[Newsletters St Thomas of Canterbury Deal](mailto:stthomasdeal.org)
(stthomasdeal.org)

Children's Liturgy at the 9am Mass has a break for Easter until Sunday 21 April. We wish all our school communities a very restful Easter break.

2nd Collection today for Easter Flowers. Many thanks. **2nd Collection for Poor Parishes last Sunday** raised £280. Many thanks for your generosity.

Washing of Feet on Maundy Thursday – volunteers needed. A sign-up sheet is in the porch. PLEASE DO SIGN UP. THE WASHING OF FEET IS A POWERFUL SIGN OF SERVICE.

AFRICAN HANDWOVEN PALM CROSSES: the African Palms project started in 1965 by Fr Alan Talbot, an Anglican Priest, who served for 6 years as a missionary in the Diocese of Masasi, Tanzania. The main aim of the project is to give local villagers a chance to earn some extra money to supplement their meagre income, whilst retaining dignity and the ability to carry on their farming work: www.africanpalms.co.uk

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.

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.

[Register with The Parish \(stthomasdeal.org\)](#)

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.

Easter Offering envelopes are available in the porch and by the newsletter rack. Priests in our diocese rely principally on the Christmas & Easter offerings for the bulk of their income. We do not receive an annual salary. Thank you for your generosity.

Lent in the Parish

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

Individually, we can pray a few verses each day. Here is Week 7: Monday to EASTER SUNDAY – Mon: 14:53-72; Tues: Mk 15:1-20; Wed: Mk 15:21-39;

Thurs: Mk 15:40-47; Fri: 16:1-8a; Sat: Mk 16:8b-20. The following Reflection is given for Easter Sunday: the ending of Mark's Gospel is notable largely for what it doesn't say. Jesus' near-total silence during his trial and crucifixion emphasises the mood of resignation and despair, and the seeming prematurity of the book's original ending adds mystery as well as anticipation. This strikes some readers as powerful and evocative while causing confusion and scepticism in others.

Imagine you were alive in the second century and considering conversion to Christianity: what effect would Mark's points of silence have on you? As a modern follower of Jesus celebrating Easter Sunday, what impact do accounts of Jesus' resurrection appearances have on you?

God, thank you for Jesus' triumph over death. Thank you for the writers who passed down the good news of Jesus, each in their own way. Amen.

The Big Lent Walk (BLW): All proceeds go to CAFOD. **fr Brian completed the 200km BLW on 21 March.** Thank you to all for your prayers and support. Sponsors – please place your sponsorship offering in the box in the porch after Mass or give directly to fr Brian. The amount you sponsored can be found on the sponsor forms in the porch. Many thanks for your generosity.

Lent Penitential Service at St John's, St Richard's Road, Monday of Holy Week, 25 March at 7pm. The Advent Penitential Service was at St Thomas' and Fr Matthew and parishioners from St John's joined us. They now invite us to join them for the Lent service.

Diocesan, National & International News
WEEKEND PILGRIMAGE TO ST THERESE OF LISIEUX, FRANCE. We are organising a Dover Deanery 3-day (2 nights) pilgrimage to Lisieux from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September 2024. The cost will be around £350 per person all inclusive. If you are interested please email Fr Leo doover@rcaos.org.uk or call/text 07936 573155.

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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew.

[Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, 1]

Let us meet Jesus in a new way this Holy Week. Please invite family and friends to Church to celebrate the Sacred Paschal Triduum. An especially blessed week ahead, fr Brian

