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THIS NEWSLETTER COVERS TWO WEEKS

31 March 2024 **EASTER SUNDAY**

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

1pm Ecumenical Service at Deal Pier

Mon 1 Apr Easter Monday

12noon Thanksgiving (RG)

Tues 2 Easter Tuesday

9.30am Deceased members of Mariya's family

11am Stations of the Resurrection –

Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 3 Easter Wednesday

9.30am Fr David Standley RIP

Thurs 4 Easter Thursday

12noon Joe Parham & Joy Tuffield Parham on their
wedding day in Rome and Baptism of Edith Parham

Fri 5 Easter Friday

12noon Deceased members of the Ashton family

Sat 6 Easter Saturday

4.45-5.15 Confessions

5.30pm Maureen Maher RIP

Kathleen Ashton (1st anniversary)

Sun 7 2nd Sunday of Easter (B)

Divine Mercy Sunday

9am Intention of Josie Garrood

11am People of the Parish

Mon 8 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

12noon Deceased members of the Armstrong family

Tues 9

9.30am

11am

Feria of Easter

Fr Michael Breslin RIP

Stations of the Resurrection –

Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 10

Feria of Easter – NO MASS TODAY

Thurs 11

St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

12noon

Deceased members of the Williams &

Conway families

Fri 12

Feria of Easter

12noon

Leonard Lucas RIP

Sat 13

Feria of Easter (St Martin)

4.45-5.15

Confessions

5.30pm

Joe Steeples RIP (1st anniversary)

Sun 14

3rd Sunday of Easter (B)

9am

Janet Payne RIP

11am

People of the Parish

Mary McGarry RIP

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket Centre –

All welcome.

THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL, p252. Please note the three readings for the Vigil are: Genesis 1:1-2:2; 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

2nd SUNDAY of EASTER (B), DIVINE MERCY, p332

1st reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Resp Ps 117: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

2nd reading: 1 John 5:1-6

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Jesus said: *You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.* ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April: For the role of women – We pray for the dignity and worth of women to be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Katherine May Everitt who died on 14 March 2024, and for all the family. Her funeral service is at Barham

Crematorium at 10am on 11 April 2024. 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](http://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 last Sunday for Easter Flowers came to £200. Many thanks for your generosity. 2nd collection on Sunday 21 April – 4th Sunday of Easter - for the Priest Training Fund.

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](http://DealAreaFoodbank.org) | [Helping Local People in Crisis](http://HelpingLocalPeopleinCrisis.org) 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.

WORLD PARKINSON'S DAY is 11 April 2024: we have in our parish a group of people, not only parishioners, affected by this debilitating illness who meet on a regular basis. They enjoy time together through various activities. If you would like to know more, please contact Peter Roger:
peterroger@btinternet.com

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.

The Big Lent Walk (BLW): All proceeds go to CAFOD. **fr Brian completed the 200km BLW on 21 March.** Your sponsorship stands at **£1200**. Many thanks for your generosity. Sponsors can still contribute via the box in the porch or directly to fr Brian.

Many thanks to Fr Matthew Madewa and St John's/St Andrew's for a very prayerful and well attended Lent Reconciliation Service on 25 March.

Christian Aid Quiz –will take place at Trinity Church at 7pm on Friday 17 May 2024. All welcome.

Diocesan, National & International News

PASTORAL MESSAGE ON THE QUESTION OF ASSISTED SUICIDE: Archbishop John Wilson of Southwark has written a **Pastoral Message** on this important issue. It can be read online:
www.rcsouthwark.co.uk

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.

HOPE & HEALING FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND: In Gaza, over 800 Christians are sheltering in churches. Every day involves fear, prayers and one piece of bread to eat. International aid can't reach them. In Bethlehem, 80% of Christians have lost their income as tourism has collapsed. *Friends of the Holy Land* ask for your help:

www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/hope

01926 512980 or use the QR code in the porch.

VERY MANY THANKS to all parishioners for the great way in which everyone has contributed to the celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum and Easter. So many parishioners give to the parish in different ways to ensure that we celebrate worthily the sacred mysteries of our faith and grow as a community in the life of faith, witnessing to Christ in our world. Thank you all very much for your commitment.

A MEDITATION ON THE RESURRECTION

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

(Colossians 3, 2nd reading for Easter Sunday)

THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

May we all share in the new life offered by the Risen Christ. A very blessed Easter to all, fr Brian

