

St Thomas of Canterbury

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14 April 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Easter (B)

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.*

Mon 15	Feria of Easter
12noon	Dominic Park RIP
Tues 16	Feria of Easter
9.30am	Ro Giedroyc RIP
11am	Stations of Light – Sacred Heart Chapel
11.30am	Deanery Meeting – Hythe
Wed 17	Feria of Easter – No Mass today
Thurs 18	Feria of Easter
12noon	Mgr George Hay RIP
Fri 19	St Alphege / St Henry Walpole, Martyrs
12noon	Private Intention
Sat 20	Feria of Easter
4.45-5.15	Confessions
5.30pm	Driscelia Skinner RIP
	Bernard Gerald Harvey RIP

**Sun 21 4th Sunday of Easter (B) – The Good Shepherd
World Day of Prayer for Vocations – 2nd collection**

9am	People of the Parish
11am	Isabelle D'Cruz RIP, Family & Friends

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3rd SUNDAY of EASTER (B), p337

1st reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15.17-19
Response Ps 4: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

2nd reading: 1 John 2:1-5

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Luke 24:35-48

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 Mary Everitt whose funeral service was at Barham Crematorium 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
(stthomasdeal.org)

Children's Liturgy at the 9am Mass returns next Sunday 21 April. We wish all our school communities a successful summer term, especially all examination candidates.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2024: please pray for the children as they start their preparation to receive these two great Sacraments. There is a preliminary session next Sunday 21 April and children and families are asked to attend the 9am Mass.

Prayers and Thanks from Lourdes: Lucy and Jamie Rees spent Easter week in Lourdes with the HCPT pilgrimage from St Edmund's School, which included several parishioners from St Thomas'. They prayed for everyone in our Parish in Lourdes, especially for the sick members of the Parish and lit candles at the Grotto. More than 104 HCPT groups from over 13 countries around the World were in Lourdes this Easter. Thank you very much for all your support for raising funds for this pilgrimage taking disabled and disadvantaged children on a life changing pilgrimage holiday

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.

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.

Save the date: Fr Brian celebrates the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Saturday 29 June 2024. There will be Mass at 12noon on 29 June and no 5.30pm Mass. On Sunday 30 June there are Masses at 9am and 11am, followed by a parish picnic, to celebrate the anniversary, in the presbytery garden from 1-3pm. All parishioners are invited: please bring food, beverages, rugs and garden furniture, and pray for good weather!

Thank you for your great generosity in recent collections: **Holy Places on Good Friday £421, Big Lent Walk for CAFOD £2,000, Easter Offering £3237.25** Your generosity is greatly appreciated and a personal word of thanks to all of you for the Easter Offering. As you know, we priests in Southwark do not receive a salary and we rely on your generosity in the Christmas and Easter offerings, Mass stipends, etc, for our personal expenses. I am very grateful.

Contactless Giving: we now have a contactless giving facility in the Lady Chapel (located there for better Wi-Fi connection). It is very easy to give via card – instructions are also available. Please do Gift Aid when you give for the first time: you will be asked for details only once. Subsequently, and using the same card, your donation will be automatically Gift Aided. Gift Aid is really important – and also via Standing Orders – as it increases your giving to the parish by 25%. Many thanks.

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

Diocesan, National & International News

Priest Training Fund Second Collection 21st April
The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent and Surrey. We are blessed to have 5 men in formation for the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you!

Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF
Or Scan QR Code in porch / contactless in Lady Chapel
Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
Cash collection in the usual way. Very many thanks.

Fr Andrew Bishop, recently ordained at St Paul's in Dover, is moving to St Edmund's, Beckenham, as the Assistant Priest. Please keep Fr Andrew in your prayers.

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 by clicking the link on our Homepage: stthomasdeal.org

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23rd to 30th August 2024. Details of this can be found on the Archdiocesan website: www.rcsouthwark.co.uk. Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.

From the Kent Marriage & Family Life Team: Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 13th 2024 at St George's Cathedral If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than May 31st 2024**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Email us at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Deal, St Thomas.

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.

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, traditionally a day when we pray for vocations. It is a good moment for us to pause and ask: vocations? Vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life come from communities of faith, the family, the school, Church. Our parish synod gatherings are opening up for us a deeper awareness of who and what we are as the Baptised in the New Life of Christ. A renewal in all vocations can only come from a renewal in our Christian life. It all starts there.

**THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN, ALLELUIA,
ALLELUIA!**

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

