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16 June 2024 – 11th Sunday of the Year (B)

Sat 15 The Blessed Virgin Mary

4.45-5.15 Confessions

5.30pm Jason Donaldson RIP

Sun 16 11th Sunday of the Year (B)

Day for Life – 2nd collection / Father's Day

9am People of the Parish

11am Alistair Fleeman RIP

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

Mon 17 Funeral Mass

11am Pauline Farmer RIP

12noon Burial – Hamilton Road Cemetery

Tues 18 Feria

9.30am Mike Abbott RIP

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 19 St John Rigby, Martyr – No Mass today

Thurs 20 St Alban, Protomartyr of Britain

12noon John Hunt RIP

Fri 21 Funeral Mass

11am Fr David Boundy RIP

12.30pm Barham Crematorium

Sat 22 Sts John Fisher & Thomas More

4.45-5.15 Confessions

5.30pm Bernard McCoy RIP

Sun 23 12th Sunday of the Year (B)

9am People of the Parish

11am Coral & Alex Ennis RIP

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June is the month of the Sacred Heart: Father, we rejoice in the gifts of love we have received from the heart of Jesus your Son. Open our hearts to share His life and continue to bless us with His love. Amen.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

2024: please pray for Abel, Eshitha, Agnes, Edie, Kaylum, Lily, their families, and our catechists, as they start their preparation to receive these two great Sacraments. The First Holy Communion Mass is on Sunday 14 July 2024 at 9am.

11th Sunday of the Year (B), p734

1st reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Response Ps 91: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

2nd reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June: We pray for migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence; may they find welcome and new life opportunities in their host countries.

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our parishioners: [1] **Pauline Farmer** who died on 16 May 2024, and for her sons, Paul and Sean, and their families. Pauline's Funeral Mass is at St Thomas' on Monday 17 June 2024 at 11am, followed by burial at Hamilton Road cemetery at 12 noon. [2] **Fr David Boundy** who died on 25 May 2024. Fr David was an Anglican priest for many years. He was ordained a Catholic priest in the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. He and his wife, Catherine, came to live in retirement in our parish a few years ago. Catherine is in hospital. Fr David's Funeral Mass is at St Thomas' on Friday 21 June at 11am, followed by a service at Barham Crematorium at 12.30pm. Please keep Catherine and their children, Sarah, Rachel and Jerome, and their families in your prayers.

Sick & housebound parishioners: please keep in your prayers all who are sick and housebound and all who have requested our prayers: June Bartels, 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
\(stthomasdeal.org\)](http://NewslettersStThomasofCanterburyDeal(stthomasdeal.org))

Day for Life today 16 June 2024: The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The 2024 theme is **The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life**. A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, a view which opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives. There is a 2nd collection to support our Bishops and Catholic agencies promoting the sacredness of life. For more information: www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life See also our Archbishop John Wilson: www.rcaos.org.uk and his pastoral message on assisted suicide.

Father's Day today 16 June 2024: we pray and give thanks for all our fathers, living and dead. Loving God, bless our fathers. May they, together with all mothers, nurture and care for their children and know the beauty of the vocation of being parents.

fr Brian celebrates the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Saturday 29 June 2024. Mass at 12noon on Saturday 29 June (all very warmly invited) **and no 5.30pm Mass.** On Sunday 30 June Masses at 9am and 11am, followed by a parish picnic, to celebrate the anniversary, in the presbytery garden from 1-3pm. All parishioners are warmly invited: please bring food, beverages, rugs and garden furniture, and pray for good weather! Provision will be made for those with mobility issues. It is important that all parishioners are able to attend.

To help with planning, you are asked to indicate on the sheet in the porch if you are attending the picnic (giving numbers in the group and any mobility issues). There is another sheet requesting volunteers to help on 30 June. Many thanks.

40th anniversary parish collection - you can: use the contactless card machine in church (see specific tab), take a 40th anniversary envelope (available in the porch) and return in the Sunday collection, donate online (bank details: NatWest, acc no 09658378, sort code 52-30-23, ref: 40th anniversary), use 'donate button on the parish website. fr Brian thanks you for your kindness.

Refugee Week 17-23 June 2024 [Cliffs of Sanctuary, in partnership with DARA (Deal Area Refugees Action)]. *Exhibition in Deal Library: all week Wednesday* - talk by Alex Ntung, author and refugee at Golf Road Centre, 7 pm

Friday: Screening of Ken Loach's film 'The Old Oak' at the Landmark Centre - 6.30 pm

Saturday morning: 'Ooberfuse' Catholic Electro pop duo playing at the entrance to the pier (including their latest moving song, 'Dying Son', filmed in Bethlehem)

Saturday 3 pm Memorial event at the Dover seafront for deceased migrants.

Memorial Concert & Rededication Service – Deal Memorial Bandstand 23 June 2024 at 3pm with the Band of HM Royal Marines Portsmouth. For the eleven Musicians of the RM Band Service killed in the terrorist attack in Deal on 22 September 1989.

Summary of Offertory Giving May 2024: loose plate £1560 / envelopes £80 / standing orders £2899.33 / Dona (contactless) £178.61. In addition, £922.35 comes to the parish through Gift Aid. The 2nd collection on Communications Sunday (12 May) came to £129.60. Many thanks for your generosity.

Missio Summer 2024 Report available at the back of the church. Please do take a copy.

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News

Celebrating the Gift of People with Disabilities Sunday, 7 July 2024 at Aylesford Priory, to value and celebrate creative people who experience disability.

The day takes the theme **Be a Prophet – Go tell everyone!** From 12noon, finishing with Mass at 4pm (Bishop Paul Hendricks). This is always a wonderful and inspirational day.

Diocesan Ordinations: please pray for Deacon Frazer Bellfield for his Ordination to the Priesthood on 20 July; and for Stephen Trafford (Ordination as a Deacon on 15 June) and Daniel Turner (Ordination as a Permanent Deacon on 27 July).

The General Election 4 July 2024: web resources from the Bishops' Conference are online:

www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/

Please see the poster in the porch which has a QR code to the election resources page.

WEEKEND PILGRIMAGE TO ST THERESE OF LISIEUX, FRANCE: 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 dover@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.

CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal at [Sudan hunger crisis:cafod.org.uk](http://Sudan.hunger.crisis:cafod.org.uk) Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it.

A PRAYER FOR THE DAY FOR LIFE 2024

Prayer of St John Henry Newman

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life,

until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.

Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

On this **Day for Life** let us remember all who care for us in so many ways, from the beginning of life to its natural end: parents, all in the NHS, in the care sector, families and friends who care for loved ones at home and in the community.

A blessed week, fr Brian

