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23rd June 2024 – 12th Sunday of the Year (B)

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

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

Mon 24 Nativity of St John The Baptist, Solemnity

9am Wellbeing of John Andrews

Tues 25 Feria

9.30am Paul & Pauline Farmer RIP

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 26 St Thomas Garnet – No Mass today

Thurs 27 St Cyril of Alexandria

12noon Wellbeing of Chris Stannard

Fri 28 St Irenaeus

12noon Philip Rawson RIP

Sat 29 Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul

12noon 40th anniversary of fr Brian's ordination

NO 5.30pm Mass today

Sun 30 Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul

9am People of the Parish

Refreshments after 9am Mass only today in the Becket Centre – All welcome.

11am Coral & Alex Ennis RIP

1-3pm Parish picnic in presbytery garden for all parishioners

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.

12th Sunday of the Year (B), p738

1st reading: Job 38:1.8-11

Response Ps 106: O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

2nd reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

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

Memorial Concert & Rededication Service – Deal Memorial Bandstand today 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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our parishioners Pauline Farmer and Fr David Boundy whose Funeral Masses were celebrated in our parish last week. Our prayers are requested, too, for the mother of Fr Leo Illah, the parish priest of Dover & Aylesham, who has died in Nigeria. Please pray, too, for Maureen, the wife of Fr Jamie Houghton (assisting in Dover), whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in Dover last week. May they all rest in peace and may their families feel our prayerful support.

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'Keefe, 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://Newsletters St Thomas of Canterbury Deal (stthomasdeal.org))

We welcome Fr Peter Geldard who will celebrate the 5.30pm Mass this Saturday 22 June. Fr Brian is away at an ordination. Fr Peter celebrates (belatedly because of covid) his silver jubilee of ordination as a Catholic priest on Monday 24 June at Minster Abbey. Please keep him in your prayers and give thanks to God for his priesthood and ministry in the Church of England and the last twenty-eight years in the Catholic Church.

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). 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.

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.

Peter's Pence is the annual collection, taken around the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul on 29 June, to help the Pope support the needs of poor dioceses and religious organisations, as well as the needs of people in grave need. During July you can place your offering in the wall safe at the back of the church - clearly marked 'Peter's Pence Collection July 2024'.

Ride & Stride: this annual event will take place on 14 September 2024. St Thomas' & Sacred Heart Chapel will open during the day to welcome visitors to our churches. We will need volunteers to help on the day.

Weekday and Sunday Masses: we need more Readers at weekday Masses. Please let Fr Brian know if you would like to read at Mass during the week. Sunday Readers' lists for July-September are available at the back of the church. Many thanks to all our Readers. We would like to have more Readers of all ages. Again, please see Fr Brian if you would like to read at the weekend Masses.

Refugee Week 17-23 June Saturday 2pm (not 3pm)
Memorial event at Dover seafront for deceased migrants.

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/

Our Bishops highlight important areas for us to consider in casting our votes: Life Issues, Human Rights & Peacebuilding, International Relations, Environment, Education, Family Life & Taxation, Domestic Poverty, Criminal Justice, Migration.

Please see the poster in the porch which has a QR code to the election resources page. Also, at the back of the church, there are leaflets about Life issues.

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: *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

Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal at
[Sudan.hunger.crisis:\(cafod.org.uk\)](http://Sudan.hunger.crisis:(cafod.org.uk))

A PRAYER FOR ALL CANDIDATES at the GENERAL ELECTION on 4 July 2024

**Almighty ever-living God,
in whose hand lies every human heart
and the rights of peoples,
look with favour, we pray,
on those who seek public office, that in our
country and throughout the world,
the prosperity of peoples, the assurance of peace,
the freedom of religion, may through your gift be
made secure.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

As the General Election approaches, it is important to pray for those who seek public office. What better support can we give than our prayer? The prayer we make: that those elected will govern for the common good, especially those most in need. Please do pray and vote. A blessed week, Fr Brian

