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This newsletter covers two weeks

30 June 2024 – Saints Peter & Paul

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 Suzanne Connolly & Friends RIP
Refreshments after 9am Mass only today in the Becket Centre – All welcome.

11am Albert Ennis RIP & Stephen Harding RIP
1-3pm Parish picnic in presbytery garden for all parishioners

Mon 1 July St Oliver Plunkett
12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Tues 2 Feria – NO MASS TODAY
11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 3 St Thomas, Apostle
12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Thurs 4 St Elizabeth of Portugal
12noon Evelyn & Larratt Neal RIP

Fri 5 St Anthony Zaccaria
12noon Pauline Farmer RIP

Sat 6 St Maria Goretti
10am First Confessions / Reconciliation

4.45-5.15pm Confessions
5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 7 14th Sunday of the Year (B)
9am David Strong RIP

11am Intentions of Sophie, Matthew & Eliza Hudd
(1st wedding anniversary)

Refreshments after 9am & 11am Masses today in the Becket Centre – All welcome.

12noon Celebrating the Gift of People with Disabilities at Aylesford Priory (Mass at 4pm)

Mon 8 Feria
9.30am Fr Francis Capener RIP (2nd anniversary)

Tues 9 St Augustine Zhao Rong & Comps, Martyrs
9.30am Deceased members of Maria & Tijo's family

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 10 Feria – No Mass today

Thurs 11 St Benedict, Patron of Europe
12noon Sr Gertrude McSweeney RIP

Fri 12 Funeral Mass
12noon John Edward Andrews RIP

Sat 13 St Mildred
4.45-5.15pm Confessions
5.30pm Intentions of Fr John Panario
(Golden Jubilee of Ordination)

Sun 14 15th Sunday of the Year (B) – SEA SUNDAY
2nd collection for STELLA MARIS
(Apostleship of the Sea)

9am FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN
11am People of the Parish
Refreshments after 9am & 11am Masses today in the Becket Centre – All welcome.

Saints Peter & Paul

The readings at Mass at **12noon on Saturday 29 June** are taken from the Vigil Mass—not in the blue Missal

Sunday 30 June: p1009

1st reading: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11
Response Ps 33: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

2nd reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8.17-18
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. ALLELUIA!
GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-19

14th Sunday of the Year (B), p747

1st reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5
Response Ps 122: Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

2nd reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. ALLELUIA!
GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-6

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

2024: please pray for Abel, Eshitha, Agnes, Edie, Kaylum, Lily, their families, and our catechists, as they prepare to receive these two great Sacraments.
The First Holy Communion Mass is on Sunday 14 July 2024 at 9am. Please remember our First Holy Communion children as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday 6 July 2024.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July: For the pastoral care of the sick We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Edward Andrews who died on 21 June 2024. Please also pray for Margaret, his wife, and their children, Tim, Ros, Christopher, Dominic and their families. John's Funeral Mass is at St Thomas' on Friday 12 July 2024 at 12noon, followed by a private service at Barham Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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://stthomasdeal.org)

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. **A word of caution – the presbytery garden is a little uneven in places. Just be aware when walking on the grass.**

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.

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News

WEEKEND PILGRIMAGE TO ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX, FRANCE 6-8 September 2024 from St Paul's Church Dover with Fr Leo Illah. **Information Meeting this Sunday 30 June at 4pm in St Paul's parish hall Dover to speak about the itinerary.** If undecided please come along and join those who have already booked – places still available. Contact Mary dover@rcaos.org.uk or call/text 07936 573155 to return or request a booking form. More information: <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/events/>

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.

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.

SEA SUNDAY 14 July 2024: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives. They often work in difficult and dangerous conditions. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. The support we give makes a huge difference to seafarers and fishers in need. Donate in church (2nd collection or contactless) / or www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate / or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. *Stella Maris* (Apostleship of the Sea) is the Catholic charity which provides welcome for seafarers in ports in this country and worldwide. The chaplains and volunteers provide vital pastoral care.

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 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.

This weekend 29/30 June marks the 40th anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood. I am very grateful to all of you for your prayers and kindness. I hope you will be able to join in the parish celebrations. Thank you to all who have worked so hard on the preparations. A blessed week, fr Brian

