

St Thomas of Canterbury

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9 June 2024 – 10th Sunday of the Year (B)

Sat 8 The Immaculate Heart of the BVM

4.45-5.15 Confessions

5.30pm Declan Bingham RIP

Sun 9 10th Sunday of the Year (B)

9am People of the Parish

11am Mary Sear RIP

Intentions of Moira Sykes (90th birthday)

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket Centre –

All welcome.

Mon 10 Feria

9.30am Elizabeth Christie RIP

Tues 11 St Barnabas, Apostle

9.30am Eugene Diver RIP / Fr Eamonn Whelan RIP

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

11am Deanery Meeting (OL of Dover, Buckland)

5pm Parish Finance Committee meeting

Wed 12 Feria – No Mass today

Thurs 13 St Anthony of Padua

12noon Mary McCoy RIP

(Janet Kim 'Bowie' Twyman RIP – 1st anniversary)

Fri 14 Feria

12noon Private intention (RG)

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

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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.

10th Sunday of the Year (B), p729

1st reading: Genesis 3:9-15

Response Ps 129: With the Lord there is mercy and fulness of redemption.

2nd reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

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.

Congratulations to Moira Sykes who celebrates her 90th birthday this weekend.

The weekly newsletter is on our website:

[Newsletters St Thomas of Canterbury Deal](http://NewslettersStThomasofCanterburyDeal(stthomasdeal.org))
(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.

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.

The new translation of the Scripture readings at Mass from 1 December 2024 – 1st Sunday of Advent. The consensus of opinion is that we should replace the blue Missals. We will also need to replace the lectionaries used at the sanctuary lectern (ambo). The order has to go in by the end of June to benefit from the discount offered.

Refugee Week 17-23 June 2024 [Cliffs of Sanctuary, in partnership with DARA (Deal Area Refugees Action)]. Please see poster in the porch, particularly 'A Conversation with Refugees' on Wednesday 19 June at Golf Road Community Centre (CT14 6PY).

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.

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News

Day for Life 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 16 June 2024: a day to pray and give thanks for all our fathers, living and dead.

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 on 4 July 2024 - What is 'The Common Good'? The Catholic Social Action Network (CSAN) is a national social action network set up by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales. Its ***Do Justice*** campaign promotes a vision for spiritual and civic renewal in England &

Wales. Read CSAN's Statement on General Election 2024' and learn more about Catholic social teaching on ***The Common Good***: www.dojustice.co.uk/ / www.csan.org.uk/general-election-2024

Franciscan Pilgrimage: Dover to Canterbury 'Casting the Net of St Peter with The Cord of St Francis 1224 – 2024'

The Franciscan Family in the UK, based in Surrey, are planning an ecumenical pilgrimage to Canterbury from Dover to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the landing of the first Franciscans in England, at Dover, on 10 Sept 1224. Pilgrims from across the country, including East Kent, are invited to assemble in Dover during Monday 9 September 2024, with a Pilgrims Meal planned for the evening. An anniversary day pilgrimage will commence with Mass on Dover seafront at 7.30am (St Paul's Church is the wet weather alternative), followed by a Pilgrims Breakfast and an optional commemorative walk to Canterbury. All Christians of any denomination are welcome to participate. Detailed information will be circulated soon. For further information please contact Deacon Barry Barton barrybarton@rcaos.org.uk.

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.

Who are my mother and my brothers?

Jesus asks this question in today's Gospel. What is his answer? ***Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.*** It all goes back to the moment of creation – when we were created in the image of God. All life and all our relationships are rooted in this fundamental relationship with God. Living this relationship in its fulness can only deepen all our human relationships. A blessed week, fr Brian