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14 July 2024 – 15th Sunday of the Year (B)

Sat 13 St Mildred

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Intentions of Fr John Panario

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.

Mon 15 St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

9.30am Fr Laurence Hobbs RIP

Tues 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9.30am Elizabeth Mary Clowes RIP

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 17 Feria – NO MASS TODAY

Thurs 18 Feria

12noon Gerard Taylor RIP

Fr Ethelbert Arnold RIP

Fri 19 Feria

12noon Int of Fr Patrick Ryan (90th birthday)

Sat 20 St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 21 16th Sunday of the Year (B)

9am Paul McElhinney RIP

11am Mary Smyth-Ashman RIP

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

First Holy Communion 2024: please pray for Abel, Eshitha, Agnes, Edie, Kaylum, Lily, as they receive the Lord in holy Communion for the first time **today**.

Please pray, too, for their families and catechists, who have done so much to help them prepare for this great day. Thank you to Lucy, Clare and Adele for all your commitment and hard work.

15th Sunday of the Year (B), p751

1st reading: Amos 7:12-15

Response Ps 84: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

2nd reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Mark 6:7-13

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 whose Funeral Mass was celebrated here on 12 July 2024. Please continue to pray for Margaret, his wife, and their children, Tim, Ros, Christopher, Dominic and their families.

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 and also for Sue Donaldson, recovering from a recent hip operation. 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](http://NewslettersStThomasofCanterburyDeal(stthomasdeal.org))
(stthomasdeal.org)

A Big Word of Thanks from fr Brian: Thank you all so much for all your kindness, generosity and hard work for my 40th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. It was very good to celebrate with you (together with my family and longstanding friends) on 29 & 30 June 2024. Thank you all for the very generous collection which came to £2000 (£1683.96 in envelopes and contactless plus gifts given directly to me). I owe you all a great debt for the fine example of parish life and the support you give in prayer and in so many other ways. As I mentioned last week, the parish community is also the priest's family. As we sang in our recessional hymn on the anniversary, 'who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today'. Thank you for the countless gifts of love and support you give to me.

Summary of Offertory Giving June 2024: cash total: £3296.67 / standing orders £3262.58 / Dona contactless £1143.04. Total £7702.29, of which £875.42 is Gift Aid. The Day for Life 2nd collection on 16 June (£149.54) and fr Brian's 40th anniversary collection (£1683.96) are also included in the overall

figure of £7702.29. Many thanks for your generous giving.

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News

SEA SUNDAY today 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.

Diaconal Day today 14 July: we celebrate the first Archdiocesan Diaconal Day, during which we pray for the **Permanent Deacons** serving in our diocese and for new vocations to this ministry. If you are a man between 21-58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love God and God's people, are involved in your parish and community, and feel drawn to deepen your relationship with Christ and His Church, you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon? If you require further information about the Permanent Diaconate, please speak to your Parish Priest, or contact the Diaconate Formation Director via e-mail: ianblack@rcaos.org.uk

Young Adults Retreat (18-35) at St Mildred's Abbey, Minster, near Ramsgate, 22-26 July 2024.

It is open to Christian women and men who would like to pray and work alongside the community. It will be self-catering with payment by donation.

For more details contact Sr Walburga: minsternuns@gmail.com St Mildred's Abbey is a community of Benedictine nuns. They are a great presence in this part of Kent and so close to us here in Deal. Please see poster in porch.

Fr Matthew Madewa, Parish Priest of Mongeham & Sandwich, celebrates the 20th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Friday 26 July 2024. He extends an open invitation to all who would like to join him at St John's, St Richard's Road, for Mass at 6pm, followed by a reception. **Fr John Panario**, Parish Priest of Buckland and Dean of the Dover Deanery, has had to postpone his delayed Golden Jubilee celebrations because of ill health. Please pray that Fr John will have a speedy recovery. To both Fr John and Fr Matthew, we offer the assurance of our prayers and gratitude for over 70 years of priestly service.

Diocesan Ordinations 2024: 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).

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 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'.

Mary's Meals would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency (including UK coins/notes no longer legal tender), no matter how old or obscure. In 2 weekends' time there will be envelopes at the back of church for you to take home and use for all your foreign coins and notes. You are invited to clear out your drawers and have a look under the sofa. **Currently Mary's Meals feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education** – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child. Mary's Meals feeds in over 18 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year!

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))

It is important to pray for all elected to public office:

A PRAYER FOR ALL ELECTED TO PUBLIC OFFICE

**Almighty ever-living God,
in whose hand lies every human heart
and the rights of peoples,
look with favour, we pray,
on those elected to 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 we celebrate the First Holy Communion of six of our young parishioners. Do you remember your First Holy Communion? The Mass (the Holy Eucharist) is at the very heart of our Christian life – the Second Vatican Council speaks of the Eucharist as the 'source and summit' of the Christian life. As St Augustine of Hippo memorably said, 'the Eucharist makes the Church and the Church makes the Eucharist'. Let us pray for our First Holy Communicants as they receive the Lord for the first time in Holy Communion! Let us pray, too, in thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist. A blessed week, fr Brian

