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21 July 2024 – 16th Sunday of the Year (B)

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

Wellbeing of Tobias Rocha

11am Mary Smyth-Ashman RIP

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

Mon 22 St Mary Magdalene, Feast

9.00am Sr Patricia McGlade RIP

Tues 23 St Bridget, Patron of Europe, Feast

9.30am John Andrews RIP

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 24 St Sharbel Makhlof – No Mass today

Thurs 25 St James, Apostle, Feast

12noon Private Intention

Fri 26 Sts Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM

Sat 27 The Blessed Virgin Mary

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Wellbeing of Aidan & Jane Kelly

Sun 28 17th Sunday of the Year (B)

**World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & the
Elderly**

9am People of the Parish – especially Grandparents
& the Elderly

11am For all in education for a restful summer break

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Congratulations & Prayers on their First Holy Communion to Abel, Eshitha, Agnes, Edie, Kaylum and Lily and their families and catechists. It was a very prayerful and beautiful First Holy Communion Mass. Thank you to everyone.

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.

16th Sunday of the Year (B), p755

1st reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Response Ps 23: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rebecca Emily Hoekstra-Rusiecki. Rebecca's Funeral Mass is as St Thomas' on Monday, 5 August 2024 at 11am, followed by interment at Hamilton Road cemetery. Please keep her sons, Christopher, George and Michael, in your prayers. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Tony Porter**, brother of John Porter, who has died in Liverpool. Please keep John and all the family 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 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
(stthomasdeal.org)

Children's Liturgy at the 9am Sunday Mass has a summer break from next Sunday. Sheets will be provided at the back of the church during the summer Sundays to help children share fully in the Mass. Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 8 September 2024. Many thanks to Adele, Lucy and Clare, and to all parents and helpers, for all you do to enable our young children to appreciate the great gift of the Word of God and the Mass.

The New Lectionary comes into force on 1 December 2024. This will mean that we will have a new translation of the Scripture readings at Mass. Over the last 40+ years we have become accustomed to the *Jerusalem Bible translation*. Our Bishops have now decided to use the *Catholic Edition of the English Standard Version*, together with the *Abbey Psalms and Canticles* for the responsorial psalms. **The New Lectionary Explained** is a leaflet available at the back of the church (with the newsletters and in the porch) which gives a brief introduction to the change of translation and the reasons for it. We will all have to adapt to a new translation and this will involve careful preparation on the part of readers (and priests

and deacons!). Very importantly, however, it is a golden opportunity to consider prayerfully the importance of the Word of God in our lives and how that Word is God's Word for all of us. These months leading to the new lectionary are a time to ponder the healing and restoring Word of God in our lives. Please do take a copy of the leaflet.

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

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.

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).

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly is next Sunday 28 July 2024. It is an opportunity to thank our grandparents for all they give us and to remember the vital role in our parish and society of senior citizens. Their wisdom and commitment to family, friends, community and their faith is an inspiration and example to all of us. Let us pray for them and celebrate them in a special way next Sunday.

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. With one week to go before envelopes are provided, please do have a good look in the cupboard, etc. Please talk to friends and neighbours. Perhaps they have spare foreign notes/coins as well? **Mary's Meals is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities, feeding over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education.**

Pilgrimage to Walsingham in Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life led by Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton, on Saturday 3 August 2024. Full details on poster in the porch.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London, is holding a Celebration of St Faustina's Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent, on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information.

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, is 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 on 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. 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: 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)

We wish all our schools and colleges a restful summer break. Thank you for your great work. To all our visitors, a warm welcome to Deal and St Thomas'. Thank you for being with us. A blessed week, fr Brian

