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28 July 2024 – 17th Sunday of the Year (B)

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

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

Mon 29 Sts Mary, Martha & Lazarus

9.30am Private intention (RG)

Tues 30 St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor

9.30am Good health of Fr John Panario

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 31 St Ignatius of Loyola – NO MASS TODAY

Thurs 1 Aug St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor

12noon Ints of the Swiss Community in Deal

Fri 2 St Eusebius of Vercelli

12noon Carolyn Donaldson RIP

Sat 3 The Blessed Virgin Mary

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Intentions of Sue Donaldson

Sun 4 18th Sunday of the Year (B)

9am People of the Parish

11am Anthony Neylon RIP

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August: For political leaders We pray for political leaders to be at the service of their people, working for their integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

The Book of Remembrance is on the Lady Altar. You are invited to fill in the names of loved ones who have died (with the year of death) on the appropriate date in the Book. Please keep to one line per person.

17th Sunday of the Year (B), p759

1st reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Response Ps 144: You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

2nd reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

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

GOSPEL: John 6:1-15

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, Michael, George, Christopher and Andrew, in your prayers. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Marjorie Halldron**, mother of Phil Halldron, who has died. Please keep Phil and all the family in your prayers.

Sick & housebound parishioners: Please keep **Hugh Sullivan** and his family especially in your prayers. Also, 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 \(stthomasdeal.org\)](http://Newsletters St Thomas of Canterbury Deal (stthomasdeal.org))

Congratulations to **Mike Sykes** who celebrates his 90th birthday on 29 July and to **Edward Gaskin** who celebrated his 60th birthday on 27 July.

Children's Liturgy at the 9am Sunday Mass is now on a summer break. Sheets linked to the Gospel are at the back of the church to help children share fully in the Mass. Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 8 September 2024.

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.

Please Register with the Parish: (stthomasdeal.org)
Your information will only be accessed by authorised parish office staff for administrative purposes.
Thank you for your co-operation and for all who have already shared their information with us.

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly – this Sunday - 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.

Peter's Pence is the annual collection 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'. Contactless giving is also possible on the Dona machine. **Last weekend to give.**

Mary's Meals invites you to collect all your foreign currency (including UK coins/notes no longer legal tender), no matter how old or obscure. Envelopes are provided. Please do have a good look in the cupboard, etc, and 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. A collection box is now in the porch.**

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.

The Olympic Games in Paris 2024: Pope Francis writes: *Sport is a universal language that transcends frontiers, languages, races, nationalities and religions; it has the capacity to unite people, to encourage dialogue and mutual acceptance; it stimulates the surpassing of oneself, forms the spirit of sacrifice, fosters loyalty in interpersonal relations; it invites people to recognize their own limits and the value of others. The Olympic Games, if they remain truly "games", can therefore be an exceptional meeting place between peoples, even the most hostile. The five interlinked rings represent the spirit of fraternity that should characterize the Olympic event and sporting competition in general.*

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)

From the Message of Pope Francis for the 2024 World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly:

By remaining close to the elderly and acknowledging their unique role in the family, in society and in the Church, we will ourselves receive many gifts, many graces, many blessings!

On this Fourth World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say "I will not abandon you", and to set out on a different path.

To all of you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, and to all those who are close to you, I send my blessing, accompanied by my prayers. And I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me.

I am so grateful to all of you for your love, kindness and offers of help after I gave you my diagnosis of prostate cancer last week. I am also very grateful to my GP and the NHS for all they are doing. My treatment plan is being discussed at the moment. As I mentioned, the cancer has been caught early and the prognosis is excellent.

A warm welcome to all visiting Deal during the summer. Thank you for joining us for Mass. Safe travels and a restful and blessed week to all, fr Brian