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This newsletter covers two weeks

1 September 2024 – 22nd Sunday of the Year (B)

Sat 31 St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 1 Sept 22nd Sunday of the Year (B)

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

9am Intention of Bernadette Connor

11am Danielle Middleton RIP

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

Mon 2 Feria

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Tues 3 St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 4 St Cuthbert

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion
(Danielle Middleton RIP – 1st anniversary)

Thurs 5 No Mass today

Fri 6 Feria

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Sat 7 The Blessed Virgin Mary

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 8 23rd Sunday of the Year (B)

Education Sunday – 2nd collection for the Catholic Education Service

9am Intention of Marion Ryan

11am Leslie Lucas RIP

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

Mon 9 St Peter Claver

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Tues 10 Feria

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 11 St Ambrose Barlow, Martyr

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Thurs 12 No Mass today

Fri 13 St John Chrysostom

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Sat 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10am – 4pm Ride & Stride

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Wellbeing of John Hardy

Sun 15 24th Sunday of the Year (B)

Home Mission Sunday – 2nd collection for

Evangelisation

9am Private Intention

11am People of the Parish

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

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September: For

the cry of the earth – We pray that we may listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth, and to the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis. May each of us make a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

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.

22nd Sunday of the Year (B), p779

1st reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8

Response Ps 14: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

2nd reading: James 1:17-18.21-22.27

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

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

23rd Sunday of the Year (B), p783

1st reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Response Ps 145: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

2nd reading: James 2:1-5

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Jesus proclaimed the good news of the Kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37

Parish News

Sick & housebound parishioners: Please keep in your prayers all who are sick and housebound and all who have requested our prayers: John Hardy, June Bartels, Josie O'Keeffe, Graham Edwards, Maureen Sipek, Paul Dale and Sue Donaldson. 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 is on a summer break. Sheets are at the back of the church to help children share fully in the Mass. **Children's Liturgy resumes on Sunday 8 September 2024 at the 9am Mass.**

Education Sunday is 8 September 2024. There is a 2nd collection for the Catholic Education Service.

Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England & Wales educating over 800,000 students. The Catholic Church & the Church of England together provide one third of all schools in the country. We owe a tremendous debt to all teachers, support staff, governors, students and families and all who support our schools.

Czech celebrity Concert Thursday 12th September.

Tomas Visek and The Tetras String Quartet will be performing music by Antonin Dvorak and Josef Suk in St. Andrew's Church, West Street at 7:00pm. Tickets £12 cash on the door (this includes a glass of wine or soft drink in the interval)

Home Mission Sunday is 15 September 2024. It is now called *Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday (the Joy of the Gospel Sunday). There is a 2nd collection to help our Bishops, and the various agencies of the Bishops' Conference, in their work of evangelisation and the spread of the Gospel in England and Wales. Here at St Thomas' we hope soon to establish a parish team - based on Pope Francis' invitation to listen to the Holy Spirit and to each other - to further the spread of the Gospel in our parish and in Deal. We have had a number of parish 'synod' gatherings over the past year and now we want to begin to put into action some of the rich suggestions arising from our prayerful discussions.

Ride & Stride: this annual event takes place on 14 September 2024. St Thomas' & Sacred Heart Chapel will open during the day (10am - 4pm) to welcome visitors to our churches. Thank you to all volunteers for ensuring that we can welcome visitors to our church and chapel.

[Register with The Parish - St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church - Deal - Kent \(stthomasdeal.org\)](#)

Your information will only be accessed by authorised parish office staff for administrative purposes.

Thank you for co-operation and for all who have already shared their information with us. **It is very important for the parish to have an up to date database of parishioners, especially, for example, when parishioners are ill and we need to make contact.**

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News Season of the Care of Creation 1 September - 4 October 2024 The Season of Creation is an annual celebration uniting Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home. The idea of celebrating 1 September as a day of prayer for creation began at the wish of the Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios in 1989, and was endorsed by Pope Francis in 2015. The season runs from

September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

The Annual March for Life takes place in London on Saturday 7 September 2024. It is ever more important that Christians peacefully proclaim the 'Gospel of Life' and advocate for the sanctity of life from the moment of conception to natural death. In the midst of so much suffering in our world and the challenges faced by so many, the Church has a positive message of life to proclaim. Find out more at www.marchforlife.co.uk and see poster in the porch.

The World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees is Sunday 29th September 2024. It is also the 1st Sunday of the national Mass count (taken over four Sundays).

Franciscan Pilgrimage: Dover to Canterbury 9& 10 September 2024 (see full details in porch)
'Casting the Net of St Peter with The Cord of St Francis 1224 - 2024'

<http://franciscan-pilgrimage-england-800thanniversary.com>

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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.

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.

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.

We are very grateful to Monsignor Philip Gilbert who is with us for the weekend Masses in September. Mgr Gilbert is a retired senior priest of our diocese. **Services of the Word with Holy Communion** continue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Thank you to our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for this invaluable ministry. Fr Brian returns in mid-September.

We wish all our school and college communities many blessings and the assurance of our prayers as they begin the new academic year. A blessed week to all.

