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11 August 2024 – 19th Sunday of the Year (B)

Sat 10 St Laurence, Deacon & Martyr

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Intentions of Dr Keith Rawlings

Wellbeing of John Vardy

Sun 11 19th Sunday of the Year (B)

9am People of the Parish

11am David Johnston RIP

Refreshments after 9am & 11am Masses today in the

Becket Centre – All welcome

Mon 12 St Jane Frances de Chantal

9.30am John Povey RIP

Peter Ashton RIP – 1st anniversary

Tues 13 Sts Pontian & Hippolytus, Martyrs

9.30am Peace, Justice & Reconciliation in our world

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 14 St Maximilian Kolbe, Martyr am

Vigil Mass of the Assumption pm

6.30pm Private intention

Thurs 15 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

12noon Aubrey & Hilda Watkins RIP

6pm Assemble at the Burma Star Memorial –
opposite Deal Castle – Service starts at 6.30pm.

Fri 16 Funeral Mass

11am Hugh Sullivan RIP

12.30pm Burial – St John's, Kingsdown

Sat 17 The Blessed Virgin Mary

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Wellbeing of John Vardy

Sun 18 20th Sunday of the Year (B)

9am Deceased members of the Povey family

11am Silvio Valente RIP & Emilio Valente RIP

Refreshments after 9am & 11am Masses today in the

Becket Centre – All welcome

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.

19th Sunday of the Year (B), p767

1st reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Response Ps 33: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

2nd reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 6:41-51

The Assumption of our Blessed Lady 15 August

2024: please note that the Vigil Mass is at 6.30pm on Wednesday 14 August and Mass at 12noon on Thursday 15 August. Fr Brian will attend the

Service at the Burma Star Memorial (opposite Deal Castle) at 6pm on 15 August, hence the Vigil Mass on 14 August. [Mass readings in the blue missal p1020.](#)

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Hugh Sullivan, who died on Sunday 28 July 2024, and for Mary, his wife, and their children James, Paul and Alex. Hugh's Funeral Mass is at St Thomas' on Friday 16 August 2024 at 11am, followed by burial at St John's Church, Kingsdown. Please pray, too, for the repose of the soul of **Rebecca Hoekstra-Rusiecki**, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated here last week, and for her family.

Sick & housebound parishioners: Please keep in your prayers all who are sick and housebound and all who have requested our prayers: John Vardy, 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](http://NewslettersStThomasofCanterburyDeal)

stthomasdeal.org

Deal Area foodbank: [Deal Area Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#) The items currently requested are tins of meat, fish and fruit. Long-life juice and milk, baked beans, rice, noodles and pasta, cat and dog food. **With very many thanks.**

Children's Liturgy at the 9am Sunday Mass is now on a summer break. Sheets 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.

New Missals We need to order 80 missals. They cost £20 each. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the missals there is a link on our contactless giving

machine, as well as a box at the back of the church. Many thanks for the generous donations to date. We will give complimentary copies of the new missals to all our housebound parishioners.

Please: [Register with the Parish - \(stthomasdeal.org\)](http://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.

A wonderful birthday! Jean Ellis celebrates her 100th birthday on Wednesday 21 August 2024. There will be Mass at 12noon, followed by cake and wine in the Becket Centre, to which all are invited.

Mass Intention envelopes are at the back of the church: Please write down the intention (for example, someone who has died), date & time preferred, contact name **and number**, and include any offering (Mass stipend) you wish to give. **If you know the dates of Masses you wish to request (even some few months in advance), please do not delay.**

Ride & Stride: this annual event takes place on 14 September 2024. St Thomas' & Sacred Heart Chapel will open during the day to welcome visitors to our churches. We will need volunteers to help on the day. A list for volunteers to help at St Thomas' is in the porch this weekend. **We need TWO volunteers for each hourly lot (10am-4pm).** A separate list is available at Sacred Heart Chapel.

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News

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 are expected from across the country, including East Kent. All Christians are welcome to participate.

Monday 9 September 2024:

4:30pm. Walk from Dover Beach to St. Edmund's Chapel for evening prayer and a short talk on Early Franciscans and St. Edmund by local parishioner Paul Smye-Rumsby. RSVP Encouraged. Please wear appropriate foot wear, clothing and bring water to drink.

6:30pm. Two course dinner, see pilgrimage web site for menu choices, at La Salle Verte Café (RSVP needed/cost £11.55 pp). Nb £1.55 admin charge to be donated to the Filipino poor, a cause supported by this parish.

Tuesday 10 September 2024:

7:30am. Roman Catholic Mass, Dover Beach, with Friar Carlos Trovarelli, OFM Conv., Minister General of the Greyfriars and 120th successor of St. Francis of Assisi (Rain location, St. Paul's Catholic Church).

RSVP Encouraged. Please bring a seat, wear appropriate foot wear and clothing, and bring water to drink. Mass is immediately followed by breakfast, see pilgrimage web site for menu choices, at La Salle Verte Café (RSVP needed/cost £6.13 pp). Nb £1.33 admin charge to be donated to the Filipino poor, a cause supported by this parish.

Booking Instructions: If you would like to participate in the pilgrimage events, dinner and or breakfast at La Salle Verte Café then please book and pay for your meals by going to the pilgrimage website ASAP and by the 23rd August at the very latest:

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

Please support this exciting once in a life time experience with your presence. Thank you. Deacon Barry 07715 546938, barrybarton@rcaos.org.uk
Please note that the pilgrimage programme may be subject to change without notification.

Mary's Meals collection box is in the porch this weekend – last chance to give foreign currency, etc.

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 remember in our prayers all who will receive examination results in August.

fr Brian will have a holiday at the end of August and beginning of September and also some time to prepare for his medical treatment. **Monsignor Philip Gilbert** will celebrate the weekend Masses. Services of the Word with Holy Communion will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

To all visiting Deal, a warm welcome to our parish. Thank you for being with us. To all travelling, a safe journey and good holiday. A blessed week, fr Brian