

# St Thomas of Canterbury

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**This newsletter covers two weeks**

18 August 2024 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

**Sat 17 The Blessed Virgin Mary**

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Wellbeing of John Hardy

**Sun 18 20<sup>th</sup> 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*

**Mon 19 St John Eudes**

9.30am Leslie Lucas RIP

**Tues 20 St Bernard, Doctor of the Church**

9.30am Intentions of the Mendonca family

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

**Wed 21 St Pius X, Pope**

12noon Jean Ellis – 100<sup>th</sup> birthday

Reception following Mass in the Becket Centre

**Thurs 22 The Queenship of the BVM**

12noon Deceased members of Maria & Tijo's family

**Fri 23 St Rose of Lima**

12noon Tony Porter RIP

**Sat 24 St Bartholomew, Apostle**

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

**Sun 25 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)**

9am Private intention

11am Int of Jean Ellis (100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 21 Aug)

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

**Mon 26 Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God**

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

**Tues 27 St Monica**

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

**Wed 28 St Augustine, Doctor of the Church**

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

**Thurs 29 The Passion of St John the Baptist**  
No Mass today

**Fri 30 Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward**

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

**Sat 31 St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne**

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

**Sun 1 Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)**

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

9am Intention of Bernadette Connor

11am Danielle Middleton 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.

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B), p771**

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

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

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I live in him. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year (B), p775**

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Joshua 24:1-2.15-18

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

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

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

GOSPEL: John 6:60-69

### Parish News

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Hugh Sullivan** whose Funeral Mass was celebrated at St Thomas' last week, and for Mary, his wife, and their family.

**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](http://NewslettersStThomasofCanterburyDeal(stthomasdeal.org))  
([stthomasdeal.org](http://stthomasdeal.org))

**A wonderful birthday!** Jean Ellis celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> 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. A VERY HAPPY 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY TO JEAN.

**Ben Bano writes:** *I will be joining the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this August. If you would like me to light a candle in front of the grotto in memory of your loved ones, do let me know. My email is benbano@aol.com and my phone number is 07887 65111*

**Deal Area foodbank:** [Deal Area Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#) The items currently needed are long-life fruit juice, UHT milk, packet sauces, ketchup, biscuits, tinned vegetables, tinned fruits, custard and tinned soups. 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.

**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). There are still a few slots to fill.** A separate list is available at Sacred Heart Chapel.

**New Missals: Thank you for your very generous response.** 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. We will give complimentary copies of the new missals to all our housebound parishioners.

Please [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. **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](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk) and see poster in the porch.

**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'**

If you would like to participate in the pilgrimage please book and pay for meals by the 23rd August at the very latest:

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

For more information: contact Deacon Barry 07715 546938, [barrybarton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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.*

#### 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:\(cafod.org.uk\)](#) 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](http://www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/hope) 01926 512980 or use the QR code in the porch.

We remember in our prayers all receiving examination results in August.

**We welcome Monsignor Philip Gilbert** who will celebrate the weekend Masses from 24/25 August until the middle of September. Mgr Gilbert is a retired senior priest of our diocese. **Services of the Word with Holy Communion** will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Thank you to our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for this invaluable ministry.

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.

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