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This newsletter covers two weeks

15 September 2024 – 24th Sunday of the Year (B)

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 the
Agency for Evangelisation**

9am Private Intention

11am People of the Parish

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

Mon 16 Sts Cornelius & Cyprian, Martyrs

12noon Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Tues 17 St Hildegard of Bingen and

St Robert Bellarmine, Doctors of the Church

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 18 Feria

12noon Service of the Word with Holy Communion

Thurs 19 St Theodore of Canterbury

12noon Alex Grant RIP

Fri 20 Sts Andrew Kim Taegon & Comps, Martyrs

12noon Canon Jeremiah Cronin RIP

Sat 21 St Matthew, Apostle

**12noon Golden Jubilee Mass for Fr John Panario,
Our Lady of Dover, Buckland**

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Sanctity of all human life

Sun 22 25th Sunday of the Year (B)

1st National Mass Count

9am Private Intention

11am People of the Parish

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

Mon 23 St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

12noon Edith Mary Clowes RIP

Tues 24 Our Lady of Walsingham, Feast

9.30am Julia Gomes RIP

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 25 St Finbarr – NO MASS TODAY

Thurs 26 Saints Cosmas & Damian

9.30am Mary Rose Richardson RIP

Fri 27 St Vincent de Paul

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Sat 28 Blessed Virgin Mary

12noon Intentions of Andrew & Maureen Lock

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Private intention

Sun 29 26th Sunday of the Year (B)

2nd National Mass Count

9am James Paterson RIP

11am People of the Parish

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

24th Sunday of the Year (B), p787

1st reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a

Response Ps 114: I will walk in the presence of the
Lord in the land of the living.

2nd reading: James 2:14-18

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! I am the Way, the Truth and the
Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father
except through me. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35

25th Sunday of the Year (B), p791

1st reading: Wisdom 2:12,17-20

Response Ps 53: The Lord upholds my life.

2nd reading: James 3:16-4:3

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! I am the light of the world, says
the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light
of life. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Mark 9:3-37

Parish News

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of John
Connaughton** who died on 1 September 2024 and for
Iris, his wife, and their children. Funeral
arrangements are yet to be finalised.

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)

**Home Mission Sunday is today 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.

A Message from Mary's Meals: *Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone in the parish for their wonderful generosity in response to our Foreign Currency initiative. It raised a terrific **£967.16** which means Mary's Meals will be able to feed 50 children one good meal every school day for a whole year because of your support. Please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all.*

Ride & Stride 14 September 2024: Thank you to all volunteers who ensured St Thomas' and Sacred Heart were open during the day to welcome visitors.

A Message from Deal Area foodbank: *Thank you so much for all your support for Deal Area Emergency Foodbank over the years. In June we gave out our 10,000th food parcel since we started in 2013 - an amazing record of support for local people who are struggling. This is only possible through the donations of food and money that we receive week after week - the accumulation of frequent small donations from many people across the community which together make a difference. **The foodbank is requesting the following items for the Harvest festival:** Tinned meat for heating such as mince, hot dogs, meat balls and meat in sauce, Tinned meat for eating cold such as ham, chicken, corned beef, Pasta or curry sauce, Rice, Rice pudding or custard, Sponge puddings and jellies, Spreads such as jam, marmalade, peanut butter, chocolate spread, Mayonnaise or brown sauce, Small coffee jars or teabags, Squash, Chocolate, Baby wipes, Deodorant, Shaving foam, Cleaning products, Washing powder/capsules (Small bottles or Boxes), Washing-up liquid, Toilet rolls. Please no fresh food as it cannot be distributed whilst still fresh. **Many thanks.***

New Missals Thank you to the Rosary Group at Sacred Heart Chapel for their generous £500 contribution to the cost of the new missals and lectionaries, and for all the generous donations. Orders have now been placed for the lectionaries and the missals. They will arrive in the autumn in good time for the 1st Sunday of Advent, 1 December 2024, the weekend when we begin to use the English Standard Version (Catholic edition) at Mass.

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News

Fr John Panario celebrates his Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood at a special Mass on Saturday 21 September 2024 at 12noon at Our Lady of Dover, 24 Old Park Hill, Dover CT16 2AW. Fr John is

also the Dean of the Dovber deanery. Congratulations to Fr John and we assure him of our prayers on this wonderful anniversary.

Season of the Care of Creation 1 September - 4 October 2024. The theme for 2024 is "Hope and Act with Creation" which draws its inspiration from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 8:19-25). In his message for 2024, Pope Francis reminds us how the Holy Spirit *keeps the believing community alert and calls it to conversion in lifestyles, to resist human degradation of the environment.* The Holy Father calls us, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, to seek to live a life that becomes a song of love for God, for humanity, with and for creation, and that finds its fullness in holiness. The season runs from September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

The annual National Mass count takes place over 4 Sundays starting on Sunday 22 September 2024. The diocese and the Catholic Church in England & Wales use the figures from all the parishes to help in forward planning in all areas of Church life.

The World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees is Sunday 29 September 2024. "God walks with His people", is the title chosen by Pope Francis for his [Message for the upcoming World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#) (WDMR).

Youth Retreat The next Diocesan Youth Retreat for 13-17year olds will be on Saturday 12 October at St. John Fisher School, City Way, Rochester, ME1 2AE. The day will be delivered by the Dominicans on the theme of "Prayer". Don't miss out! Group leaders and parents' can book at tinyurl.com/retreat12oct.

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: [Sudan hunger crisis:\(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk/crisis)

Friends of the Holy Land ask for your help:
www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/hope
01926 512980 or use the QR code in the porch.

Very many thanks to Monsignor Philip Gilbert who has been with us for the weekend Masses in August & September and for the warm welcome you have given him and for all who have assisted in the sacristy, sanctuary, church and Becket Centre on the weekends Monsignor Gilbert has been here. Very many thanks. Fr Brian returns for Masses on 21/22 September. A blessed week to all, Fr Brian