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22 September 2024 – 25th Sunday of the Year (B)

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)

9.30am 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 People of the Parish

Sun 29 26th Sunday of the Year (B)

2nd National Mass Count

9am James Paterson RIP

11am Francis Higgins RIP

Refreshments after 9am & 11am Masses today in the

Becket Centre – All welcome

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 9:30-37

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.

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. The Funeral Mass is at St Thomas' on Friday 4 October 2024 at 11am, followed by burial at Hamilton Road Cemetery.

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

An Afternoon for Readers: an introduction to the new translation for the Lectionary led by **Bishop Paul Hendricks**. This will be an opportunity to address questions such as: Why the change in translation? How is it different from the translation we're using now? What different sorts of translation are there? What does it mean in practice, for readers? How is the Lectionary arranged? Also, an opportunity to reflect on some broader questions: The Word of God in the life of the Church. How we understand the Old Testament in the light of our faith in Christ.

VENUE: Church hall of St Thomas of Canterbury, 59 Burgate, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2HJ

Saturday 2nd November 2024 2pm to 4pm

The hall will be open from 1pm, for anyone who may like to come early and bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee available.

Summary of Offertory giving August 2024: cash total: £2,199.27, standing orders £3,686.33, Dona contactless £1,414.43. Total £7,300.03, of which £1,169.56 is Gift Aid. Donations for new missals of £1,462.50 are also included in the overall figure of £7,300.03. Many thanks for your generous giving.

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.

Sea Sunday - Stella Maris, a letter of thanks: *Thanks very much to all at St Thomas of Canterbury Parish for your kind support of the work of Stella Maris through our Sea Sunday 2024 appeal. We are most grateful for your parish's donation of £291.30. This generosity will ensure that seafarers and fishers in this country and around the world will continue to receive the care and support they need.*

Through your congregation's prayers and financial support; our chaplains and volunteers will provide spiritual, pastoral and practical support to seafarers and fishers over the next year. Thank you.

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 Dover 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).

The Annual Service for those who have been harmed by abuse: 25th September 2024, at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral. The Diocese hopes the event will be well attended, particularly by our Clergy and Parish communities, to demonstrate Southwark's commitment to survivors of abuse.

Youth Retreat: The Diocesan Youth Retreat for 13-17-year olds will be on Saturday 12 October 2024 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. A blessed week to all, fr Brian