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29 September 2024 – 26th Sunday of the Year (B)

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)

Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees

2nd National Mass Count

9am James Paterson RIP

11am Francis Higgins RIP

Refreshments after 9am & 11am Masses today in the

Becket Centre – All welcome

Mon 30 St Jerome, Doctor of the Church

9am Canon Michael Cooley RIP

(Raphael Fox RIP / Marjorie Baker RIP –

1st anniversaries)

Tues 1 Oct St Therese of Lisieux

9.30am Peace & Justice in our world

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 2 Guardian Angels – No Mass today

Thurs 3 Feria

12noon Fr William Hogg RIP

Fri 4 Funeral Mass (St Francis of Assisi)

11am John Connaughton RIP

6-6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary

Sat 5 St Faustina Kowalska

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm John Connaughton RIP

Sun 6 27th Sunday of the Year (B)

2nd Collection for Family Harvest Fast Day

3rd National Mass Count

9am People of the Parish

11am Thanksgiving

Refreshments after 9am & 11am Masses today in the

Becket Centre – All welcome

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).

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for October: For a shared mission – We pray that the Church may continue on the synodal path of co-responsibility, which promotes the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

26th Sunday of the Year (B), p795

1st reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Response Ps 18: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

2nd reading: James 5:1-6

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-43.45-47-48

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, Sean, Theresa and Brendan. The Funeral Mass is at St Thomas’ on Friday 4 October 2024 at 11am, followed by burial at Hamilton Road Cemetery. Please also pray for **Canon Michael Cooley, Canon Jeremiah Cronin and Father James Furlong**, recently deceased priests of our diocese.

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.

Congratulations to Maureen and Andrew Lock who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

October is the month of the Rosary: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and simple Benediction on Friday at 6pm. Rosary every Tuesday in Sacred Heart Chapel at 11am. All welcome. *It is Mary who will teach us how to be silent, how to listen to the voice of God in the midst of a busy and noisy world. It is Mary who will help us to find time for prayer. Through the Rosary, that great Gospel prayer, she will help us to know Christ. We need to live as she did, in the presence of God, raising our minds and hearts to him in daily activities and worries.* (Pope St John Paul II, 1982).

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.

The weekly newsletter is on our website:
[Newsletters St Thomas of Canterbury Deal
\(stthomasdeal.org\)](https://stthomasdeal.org)

A Message from Deal Area foodbank: 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. **With many thanks.**

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News

CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday 4 October 2024, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. **CAFOD Family Fast Day** envelopes are available in the porch, together with a QR code on the poster. **Please post envelopes directly to CAFOD.** CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. Its mission is to fight against poverty and injustice and help all people to fulfil their God given potential. 2nd collection on 6 October 2024.

The Mass for School Staff of the Deanery is on Tuesday 8th October at 5.00 pm at St Augustine Catholic Primary School, St John Road, Hythe, CT21 4BE. Please keep all our school communities in your prayers.

Congratulations & Prayers to Bishop Philip Moger, an auxiliary bishop of our diocese, recently appointed **Bishop of Plymouth.** Bishop Philip's Installation as Bishop of Plymouth is on 9 November 2024.

Season of the Care of Creation ends on 4 October 2024, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. The theme has been: "Hope and Act with Creation". 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.*

Franciscan Pilgrimage - Dover to Canterbury: Deacon Barry Barton has written an interesting article about the recent Pilgrimage to mark the arrival of the Franciscans in Dover on 10 September 2024: <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/franciscan-pilgrimage-from-dover-to-canterbury/>

Trip to Fatima 21st – 24th October Cost £399 One place left. This trip is led by Fr. Stephen Boyle. For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, dartford@rcaos.org.uk / 01322 220075. This guided pilgrimage includes half board accommodation and coach from/to Lisbon to Fatima, and visit to Santarem. Note that insurance is not included.

Youth Retreat the Diocesan Youth Retreat for 13-17-year 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 please 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://cafod.org.uk/crisis)

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

The 2nd part of the **Synod on Synodality** begins this week in Rome. In his *Message for the 110th Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024*, Pope Francis writes: *Dear Brothers and Sisters, on this day dedicated to migrants and refugees, let us unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions. May we journey together with them, be 'synodal' together, and entrust them, as well as the forthcoming Synod Assembly, to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a sure sign of hope and consolation to the faithful People of God as they continue their journey.*

Listening to the Holy Spirit, listening to each other, especially in times of distress, is at the very heart of our Christian faith. Let us pray for all in distress in so many places in our world, but also let us never forget the HOPE we have in Jesus Christ, in our Faith and the love of our neighbour.

A blessed week, fr Brian