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13 October 2024 – 28th Sunday of the Year (B)

Sat 12 St Wilfrid

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Fr Francis Parkinson RIP

Sun 13 28th Sunday of the Year (B)

Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Families - 2nd collection for PACT (Prison Advice & Care Trust)

4th & final National Mass Count

9am People of the Parish

11am Intentions of Norbert Ennis

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

Mon 14 St Callistus, Pope & Martyr

9.30am Wellbeing of Bernadette Hunter

Tues 15 St Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church

9.30am Maureen Coyle RIP

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 16 St Margaret Mary Alacoque – No Mass today

Thurs 17 St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

12noon Hazel Lucas RIP

Fri 18 St Luke, Evangelist

12noon Wellbeing of Moira & Mike Sykes

6-6.30pm Adoration, Rosary & simple Benediction

Sat 19 Sts John de Breboeuf & Companions, Martyrs

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Roddy Macaulay RIP

Sun 20 29th Sunday of the Year (B)

World Mission Sunday – 2nd collection for Missio

9am People of the Parish

11am Intentions of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions

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

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.

28th Sunday of the Year (B), p803

1st reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

Response Ps 89: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

2nd reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-30

Parish News

The most recent **Assisted Dying Bill** has its 1st Reading in the House of Commons this Wednesday 16 October 2024. Our bishops urge us to contact our MP to voice our serious concerns about this proposed legislation.

Our MP is Mike Tapp and his contact details are:

email: mike.tapp.mp@parliament.uk / House of

Commons: London SW1A 0AA

Our Bishops' Conference website contains much useful information on this very sensitive issue:

www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide Please

also read the letter of Baroness Sheila Hollins,

President of the Catholic Union: [Assisted Dying:](#)

[Letter from Baroness Hollins, President of the](#)

[Catholic Union \(mailchi.mp\)](#) Archbishop John

Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark, also wrote a

Pastoral Letter on this subject in March 2024:

www.rcsouthwark.co.uk and scroll down to 'How to

oppose the Assisted Dying Bill'.

This is not just a matter of saying 'no' to this proposed legislation, but a more important 'yes' to the sanctity of life, proper provision in our country for palliative care and hospices, the crucial importance of the relationship of trust between doctor and patient, the value of all in our society, especially the most vulnerable (for example, our disabled brothers and sisters). It's also important to note that it is not only people of faith who oppose this legislation. Many of no faith also share the concerns of church/faith communities.

Prisoners' Sunday today 13 October 2024: PACT, the Prison Advice & Care Trust, is the national Catholic charity supporting prisoners, people with convictions and their children and families. If you are able to support the work of PACT go to: www.prisonadvice.org.uk / QR code in the porch / contactless machine / 2nd collection. Prisons' Week is 13-19 October 2024. **PACT** last year supported 485,000 prison visits, helped more than 36,000 family members through the Prisoners' Families Helpline and 408 people with emergency welfare grants. PACT envelopes are available in the porch – please post directly in the sae.

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.

October is the month of the Rosary: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and simple Benediction on **Friday this week at 6pm.** Rosary every Tuesday in Sacred Heart Chapel at 11am. All welcome.

An Afternoon for Readers: an introduction to the new translation of the Lectionary **led by Bishop Paul Hendricks.** **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 September 2024: cash total: £2,247.67, standing orders £3,836.33, Dona contactless £494.50. Total £6,578.50, of which £1,005.40 is Gift Aid. Included in the overall figure of £6,578.50 is £138.35 for Catholic Education, £129.72 for Home Mission Sunday and £4 for missals. Many thanks for your generous giving.

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

Please [Register with The Parish - \(stthomasdeal.org\)](http://stthomasdeal.org)
Your information will only be accessed by authorised parish office staff for administrative purposes.

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. **Many thanks.**

All Souls Day, Saturday 2 November 2024: Mass at 10am to pray for and remember all parishioners, family members, friends who have died in the past year. Everyone welcome and please do let others know of this Mass.

ADVENT TALKS – please save these dates
ADVENT OF THE HEART: A CHRISTIAN REFLECTION ON HOPE

Voices from the Darkness: The Advent Reflections of Alfred Delp SJ and Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Towards the end of the Second World War these two resistors to the Nazi regime learnt that they were to

be executed. In spite of their dire situation in their prison cells they saw Advent as a time for hope and renewal. What can we learn from them to inform our faith? In our Parish Advent talks Ben Bano will share some reflections from the book he is writing on the spirituality of these two remarkable men.

Venue: Golf Road Community Centre, Deal

Tuesday 3 December 2024 1.30-3pm

Tuesday 10 December 2024 7-8.30pm

All are welcome and invitations are being sent to Church communities in Deal & Walmer and to the parishes of the Catholic Dover Deanery.

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday – a day of prayers, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. There is a 2nd collection for **Missio**, the Pope's charity for world mission. *Missio* envelopes are available in the porch or go to www.missio.org.uk

October is Black History Month: Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for SE London and of the diocesan *Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion*, has written a reflection on **Black History Month:** stthomasdeal.org/Black-History-Month.pdf

Feast of St Jude 26-28 October 2024, Shrine of St Jude, 34 Tanners St, Faversham ME13 7JW: full details on poster in the porch.

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:\(cafod.org.uk\)](http://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.

Aid to the Church in Need is offering support to many people in southern **Lebanon**, particularly the beleaguered Christian communities. If you can donate, please go to: www.acn.uk/donate

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus says: *it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.* Jesus is asked: *who then can be saved? For men, it is impossible, but not for God. Everything is possible for God!*

Crucial words to remember in our world and lives.

A blessed week, fr Brian