

St Thomas of Canterbury

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20 October 2024 – 29th Sunday of the Year (B)

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 Ints of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions

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

Mon 21 St Margaret Clitherow, Martyr

9.30am Intentions of the Wilson Family

Tues 22 St John Paul II, Pope

9.30am Fr William John Bradley RIP (IC)

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 23 St John of Capistrano – No Mass today

Thurs 24 St Anthony Mary Claret

12noon Deceased members of Maria & Tijo's family

Fri 25 Feria (40 Martyrs canonised 1970)

12noon Deceased family & friends of Hunter/Ennis
families

6-6.30pm Adoration, Rosary & simple Benediction

Sat 26 Sts Chad and Cedd

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm John Connaughton RIP

CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR DURING THE NIGHT

Sun 27 30th Sunday of the Year (B)

9am Thanksgiving (Lock Family)

11am People of the Parish – Danny Thompson RIP

(Wellbeing of Josie O'Keeffe – 89th birthday)

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29th Sunday of the Year (B), p807

1st reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Response Ps 32: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as
we place all our hope in you.

2nd reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for many. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

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.

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr William John Bradley who died last weekend in Brighton.

Fr Bradley, a priest of the diocese of Arundel & Brighton, came to Deal from Ireland as a newly ordained priest. There was no room for him in the presbytery and he lodged initially in the Portery. He became a priest of Arundel & Brighton in 1965 on the creation of the new diocese. In retirement he returned to Deal and gave great service to the parish and the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions. He moved to Brighton when he needed nursing care. He died in his 91st year. May he rest in peace.

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 Jean Ellis. Please continue to pray for the good health of Pope Francis and HM The King.

A Word of Thanks and Gratitude to James Walmsley

who is stepping down as one of our Parish Safeguarding Reps because of work commitments. James is Head of RE & Chaplaincy at St Edmund's School, Dover. James has been a great help in ensuring we as a parish community place safeguarding at the very heart of parish life. Frances Pond continues as our Parish Safeguarding Rep.

Today is World Mission Sunday – a day of prayer, 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

The **Assisted Dying Bill** had its 1st Reading in the House of Commons on 16 October 2024. **It will return to the House of Commons on 29 November 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'.

Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 9am Mass has a break for half-term on 27 October and 3 November 2024. Many thanks to all who coordinate and help in this important ministry for our children. A very restful half-term and our gratitude to all teachers and school and college communities.

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.

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

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

All Saints Day 1 November 2024 - Holyday of Obligation: Masses here are Thursday 31 October at 7pm (Vigil of All Saints) and Friday 1 November at 12noon. The Farewell Mass for **Bishop Philip Moger**, Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark, is at our Cathedral on 1 November 2024 at 6pm. Bishop Philip's Installation as the Bishop of Plymouth is on 9 November 2024. Please keep him in your prayers.

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.

Cemetery Sunday 17 November 2024: fr Brian will lead a short service in Hamilton Road Cemetery at 3pm and then bless the graves of parishioners.

The annual Mass count taken recently over four weeks shows that our average weekend Mass attendance is 220 - exactly the same as 2023.

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

resisters 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

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

An Evening with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Archbishop John Wilson invites young adults (18-40) to join him at St George's Cathedral for "An Evening with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati" on **Thursday 31st October at 6:30 pm.** The evening will include praise and worship led by One Hope Project, a talk by Archbishop John, and a social afterwards. No tickets necessary, just turn up. For further details, visit www.tinyurl.com/frassatieve or scan the QR code.

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://Sudan hunger crisis:(cafod.org.uk))

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

The Synod on Synodality in Rome is now in its last week. Let us continue to pray for all who are gathered at the Vatican for this important meeting. As we prepare to receive a new translation of the Scripture readings in Church (as from the 1st Sunday of Advent) perhaps we can use this time as our 'Synod on Synodality' - listening to the Word of God, individually and as a community, allowing this life-giving Word to live and grow in us, a Word of Life which challenges and inspires us 'to serve and not to be served'. A blessed week, fr Brian