

# St Thomas of Canterbury

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6 October 2024 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

**Sat 5 St Faustina Kowalska**

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm John Connaughton RIP (Rosary Group)

**Sun 6 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Family Harvest Fast Day**

**3<sup>rd</sup> National Mass Count**

9am People of the Parish

11am Thanksgiving

*Refreshments after 9am & 11am Masses today in the*

*Becket Centre – All welcome*

**Mon 7 Our Lady of the Rosary**

**Day of Prayer, Fasting & Abstinence for Peace in  
our world**

9.30am Private intention

**6-6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Rosary & simple Benediction for Peace**

**Tues 8 Feria**

9.30am Fr Jake Dicto RIP

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

11am Clergy Deanery Meeting

5pm Deanery Schools Mass –

**St Augustine's Primary School, Hythe**

**Wed 9 St John Henry Newman – No Mass today**

**Thurs 10 St Paulinus of York**

12noon Wellbeing of John Hardy

**Fri 11 Pope St John XXIII**

**9.30am** Intentions of Iris Connaughton & Family

**Sat 12 St Wilfrid**

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Fr Francis Parkinson RIP

**Sun 13 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)**

**Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Families**

**4<sup>th</sup> & 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*

**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.

### 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B), p799

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Response Ps 127: May the Lord bless us all the days of  
our life.

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! As long as we love one another  
God will live in us and His love will be complete in us.  
ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

### Parish News

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of John  
Connaughton** whose Funeral Mass was celebrated  
here on Friday 4 October 2024, and for Iris, his wife,  
and their children, Sean, Theresa and Brendan.  
**Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Jake  
(Jesus) Dicto**, the Parish Priest of Edenbridge, who  
was found dead in the presbytery in Edenbridge on 1  
October 2024, aged only 54. Please keep his family,  
friends and parishioners in your prayers.

**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.

**CAFOD: Family Fast Day** fell on Friday 4 October  
2024, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. **CAFOD Family  
Fast Day** envelopes are still 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. **There is a 2<sup>nd</sup>  
collection on 5/6 October 2024 to support CAFOD's  
work.**

**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.

**A message from our Parish Finance Committee: Planned Giving Drive update** - Our Lord built faith around his Ministry. He said to us "whenever two or three are gathered in my name I would be there with them" (Matt 18:20). The same is true today when we come together as a parish. We had planned to launch a planned giving drive in October to live more fully this sentiment. However, due to fr Brian's forth coming medical treatment, this initiative has been deferred. As well as celebrating the many people of our parish who give their time and money to sustain our parish, the planned giving drive will be an opportunity to allow us all to consider what more we can contribute, both through volunteering and financially, to our parish and to our community in Deal. A further announcement will follow as to its timing in 2025.

The weekly newsletter is on our website:

[Newsletters St Thomas of Canterbury Deal \(stthomasdeal.org\)](http://stthomasdeal.org)

**October is the month of the Rosary:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and simple Benediction on **Monday this week at 6pm**, to coincide with the Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in our world. Rosary every Tuesday in Sacred Heart Chapel at 11am. All welcome.

**Register with the Parish:** It is very important for the parish to have an up to date database of parishioners, especially, for example, when parishioners are ill and we need to make contact. Your information will only be accessed by authorised parish office staff for administrative purposes.

[Register with The Parish - St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church \(stthomasdeal.org\)](http://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 and meat in sauce, tinned meat for eating cold such as ham, chicken, corned beef, pasta or curry sauce, rice, 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.**

**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.

**Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News**  
Archdiocese of Southwark 2024 Annual Assembly hosted by the Justice and Peace Commission on

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at St James the Great Catholic Church, Petts Wood BR5 1BJ.  
Preceded by Mass at 10.00am - Principal Celebrant Bishop Emeritus Patrick Lynch. Registration 11am. Programme 11am to 4pm.  
Entitled: **God Walks With His People: in search for a solution to poverty both home and overseas.** Everyone welcome. Entrance is free. Lunch provided. Donations appreciated. Email: [jpcontact@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:jpcontact@rcaos.org.uk) to reserve your place and for catering purposes.

**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.

**Prisoners' Sunday 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](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk) Prisons' Week is 13-19 October 2024.

**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](http://stthomasdeal.org/Black-History-Month.pdf)

#### **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)

Friends of the Holy Land ask for your help: [www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/hope](http://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](http://www.acn.uk/donate)

**Pope Francis:** *Brothers and Sisters, we begin anew our synodal path with an eye toward the world, since the Christian community is always at the service of humanity in order to announce the joy of the Gospel. In such a dramatic time in our history, when the winds of war and the flames of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and nations, there is need for this message.* (Pope Francis, Opening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the Synod in Rome, 2 October 2024).

A blessed week, fr Brian