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27 October 2024 – 30th Sunday of the Year (B)

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)

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

Mon 28 Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles, Feast

12noon Intentions of Mr and Mrs Duffy

Tues 29 Feria

9.30am Fr William John Bradley RIP (MA)

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 30 Feria – No Mass today

Thurs 31 Feria

12noon Wellbeing of Josie O'Keeffe

Vigil of All Saints

7pm For all who come to the aid of those in need

Fri 1 Nov ALL SAINTS DAY – Holyday of Obligation

12noon Ints of Sr Cecilia Connolly (Golden Jubilee)

6pm at the Cathedral: Farewell Mass for Bishop

Philip Moger, Bishop-Elect of Plymouth

Sat 2 ALL SOULS DAY

10am Deceased Parishioners, Relatives & Friends

2-4pm Afternoon for Readers in Canterbury

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 3 31st Sunday of the Year (B)

9am Special intention

11am John Andrews RIP

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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.

30th Sunday of the Year (B), p811

1st reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Response Ps 125: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

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 10:46-52

Parish News

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Fr William John Bradley. No funeral details are available at the moment.

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.

Bishop Philip Moger, one of the Auxiliary Bishops of our diocese, is soon to leave the Archdiocese of Southwark. Pope Francis has appointed him as the next Bishop of Plymouth. There is a Farewell Mass for Bishop Philip on All Saints Day, 1 November 2024, at 6pm at St George's Cathedral. Please keep Bishop Philip in your prayers as he prepares for his Installation as Bishop of Plymouth on 9 November.

All Saints Day 1 November 2024 – Holyday of Obligation: Masses on Thursday 31 October at 7pm (Vigil of All Saints) and Friday 1 November at 12noon. No evening Mass on 1 November.

An Afternoon for Readers – Saturday 2 November: 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 is open from 1pm, for anyone who may like to come early and bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee available.

All Souls Day, Saturday 2 November 2024: Mass at 10am to pray for and remember all parishioners, family members, friends, and for those who have no one else to pray for them, who have died in the past year. Everyone welcome and please do let others know of this Mass.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. Why do we pray for the faithful departed? The Church's teaching on Purgatory is one of great hope and encouragement: *From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God* (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1032).

Holy Souls envelopes are available in the porch. Please place the names of those you wish to be prayed for in November and place in the envelope. Please give to Fr Brian and all names will be on the altar in November for all Masses. It is central to our Christian faith that Heaven and Earth are united in the Eucharistic sacrifice.

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 **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.

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

RED MISSION BOXES can be left in the sacristy for counting and empty boxes can be collected from the back of the church. Many thanks.

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

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 are able to donate, please go to: www.acn.uk/donate

Next Sunday 3 November 2024 we welcome Monsignor Philip Gilbert for the 9am and 11am Masses.

Last week we celebrated the feast day of **Saint John Paul II** (Pope from 1978 to 2005). He spoke the following words at the start of his Papacy: *Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power... Do not be afraid. Open, I say, open wide the doors to Christ. To his saving power open the boundaries of states, economic, and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization, and development. Do not be afraid. Christ knows "that which is in man." He alone knows it. So often today, man does not know that which is in him, in the depths of his mind and heart. So often he is uncertain about the meaning of his life on this earth. He is assailed by doubt, a doubt which turns into despair. We ask you, therefore, we beg you with humility and with trust, let Christ speak to man. He alone has words of life, yes, of life eternal.*

A restful half-term and a blessed week, Fr Brian