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17 November 2024 – 33rd Sunday of the Year (B)

Sat 16 St Edmund of Abingdon

12noon Wedding: Malgorzata Bender & Paul Farmer

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 17 33rd Sunday of the Year (B)

World Day of the Poor

9am Holy Souls in November

The good health of Joseph Dower

11am Phil Hunter RIP

Wellbeing of Irma Wood on her 23rd birthday

12.30pm Baptism: Izabella Fisher

3pm Cemetery Sunday – Hamilton Road

Refreshments after 9am & 11am Masses today in the

Becket Centre – All welcome

Mon 18 Dedication of the Basilicas of

Sts Peter & Paul

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Tues 19 St Domneva – No Mass today

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 20 Feria

11am Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Thurs 21 Presentation of the BVM – No Mass today

Fri 22 St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

12noon Hazel Lucas RIP

Sat 23 St Clement / St Columban

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 24 CHRIST THE KING – Youth Sunday

2nd collection – Catholic Youth Service

9am Young people of our parish

11am Peter Lecarpentier RIP

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November: For those who have lost a child – we pray for all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter to find support in their community and for the Spirit of consolation to bring peace to their hearts.

33rd Sunday of the Year (B), p823

1st reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Response Ps 15: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14.18

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-32

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Collinson who died on 1 November 2024. Her funeral service is at Barham Crematorium on Monday 25 November 2024 at 10am. Please keep her family in your prayers. Our prayers are also asked for **Gerard Dodrill** who has died. **Please also remember Fr Bradley** whose funeral was in Brighton on 14 November 2024. During this month of November, we keep all the holy souls in our prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. 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.

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

Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 9am Mass: one parishioner has kindly volunteered to join the Children's Liturgy team. It would be good if we could have one or two more helpers. If you can, please email fr Brian deal@rcaos.org.uk or speak to the Children's Liturgy team after the 9am Mass.

Next Sunday 24 November 2024 is the solemnity of Christ the King and the final Sunday of the Church's year. It is also **National Youth Sunday** and a 2nd collection is taken to support youth work, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

The new translation of the Lectionary is in use from the 1st Sunday of Advent – 1 December 2024.

Our Bishops' Conference website has useful resources to help us with the new translation and the proclamation of the Word of God at Mass: www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary-video-resources/. The leaflet *The New Lectionary Explained* is available again by the newsletters. Please do take a copy.

The **Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill**, often referred to as **The Assisted Dying Bill**, returns to the **House of Commons on 29 November 2024**. Please contact our MP to voice our serious concerns about this proposed legislation. Our MP is Mike Tapp - 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. A very helpful collection of essays has just been published: ***The Reality of Assisted Dying, Understanding the Issues***, editors: Julian C. Hughes & Ilora G. Finlay. Published by Open University Press.

The **Catholic Union** also has a very useful and respectful briefing document which answers in a sensitive manner the arguments advanced in favour of this legislation - see: www.catholicunion.org.uk

The **Anscombe Bioethics Centre** is an Oxford-based research institute serving the Catholic Church in the United Kingdom and Ireland. Established in 1977, the Centre promotes the study of Catholic bioethics in service of the common good. Please visit its website for much useful and important information on why it is important to oppose the introduction of assisted dying in our country: www.bioethics.org.uk

ADVENT OF THE HEART: A CHRISTIAN REFLECTION ON HOPE

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

Venue: Golf Road Community Centre, Deal

Tuesday 3 December 2024 1.30-3pm

Tuesday 10 December 2024 7-8.30pm

All are welcome

Advent Carol Service: Sunday 8 December 2024 at 5pm at St John's, St Richard's Road, followed by refreshments.

Advent Penance/Reconciliation Service with the opportunity for individual confession: **Tuesday 17 December 2024 at 7pm**. Fr Matthew Madewa and parishioners from St John's will join us.

Summary of Offertory Giving October 2024: cash total: £2,281.67, standing orders £3,748.83, Dona contactless £597.16. Total £6,627.66, of which £1,021.19 is Gift Aid. Included in the overall figure of £6,627.66 was £267.06 for CAFOD Family Feast Day, £198.46 for Prisoners Sunday and £193.06 for World Mission Sunday. Many thanks for your generous giving.

**Christmas Masses: Tuesday 24 December
Christmas Eve – Masses at 5.30pm and 10pm
(Carols from 9.30pm), Wednesday 25
December CHRISTMAS DAY – Mass at 11am.**

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Countering Domestic Abuse: Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), an agency of our Catholic Bishops' Conference, together with **Safe in Faith**, hosts the **Domestic Abuse Alliance**, invites us **online on November 18th** to discuss this national emergency and launch the call-to-action across the Catholic community: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#). There is also a poster in the porch with further information.

St Mary's Catholic School, St Richard's Road, is seeking Foundation Governors.

A foundation governor represents the Archbishop's vision of Catholic education and is vital in developing the Catholic ethos of the school. As such, s/he must be a practising Catholic. For more information about this important role in Catholic education, please contact the Headteacher Maria.Pullen@st-marys-deal.kcsp.org.uk or the Chair of Governors gawaters@btinternet.com

Please also see the website of the diocesan education commission: www.rcaoseducation.org.uk

The Headteacher will speak at Masses on 23/24 November 2024.

Congratulations to St Edmund's School, Dover, which celebrated St Edmund's Day with Mass on 15 November 2024.

Dover & Hythe parishes Advent talks / retreats:
please see the posters 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:caford.org.uk](http://sudan.hunger.crisis:caford.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

We are fast approaching the end of the Church's year and the beginning of Advent. We hear Jesus in the Gospel today: *Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away*. A blessed week, fr Brian