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24 November 2024 – CHRIST THE KING

Sat 23 St Columban / St Clement

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Good health of Aidan Kelly

Sun 24 CHRIST THE KING – Youth Sunday

2nd collection – Catholic Youth Service

9am Young people of our parish

Bishop John Hine RIP

11am Peter Lecarpentier RIP

Refreshments after 9am & 11am Masses today in the

Becket Centre – All welcome

Mon 25 St Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr

10am Barham Crematorium: Maureen Collinson RIP

12noon Mass: Aubrey & Hilda Watkins RIP

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Tues 26 Feria No Mass today

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 27 Feria

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Thurs 28 Feria

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Fri 29 St Cuthbert Mayne & Comps, Martyrs

9.30am Dec'd members of the Povey/Mallon families

Sat 30 St Andrew, Apostle

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Marcia Fletcher RIP

Sun 1 Dec 1st Sunday of Advent (C)

9am People of the Parish

11am Anne McGachie RIP

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CHRIST THE KING (B), p827

1st reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Response Ps 92: The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed.

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Blessings on Him who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

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.

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** and **Bishop John Hine** who have died. 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. **Holy Souls envelopes** are still available in the porch and at the back of the church.

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.

Congratulations to Izabella Fisher baptised into the faith of the Church last Sunday, and to her parents, godparents and family. Also, **congratulations to Malgorzata Bender and Paul Farmer**, who celebrated their marriage here last Saturday.

World Youth Sunday 2024

Today is World Youth Sunday. The second collection supports youth work in the Archdiocese and beyond, especially the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a variety of activities for youth and young adults. For more information: Southwark Catholic Youth Service: Archdiocese of Southwark or join the Southwark Catholic Youth network at Youth Network Registration or via the QR code.



The Deal and Walmer Handelians are performing Bach's Christmas Oratorio at St George's Church Saturday 30 November at 7.30. Deal and Walmer Handelian Choral Society - Future Concerts

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.

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

Helpful resources are available at:
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 this Friday 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: [Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Bishops' Conference](http://Oppose_Assisted_Suicide_-_Catholic_Bishops'_Conference) 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** website has 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 and Christmas

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

Friday evenings in Advent 6-6.30pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a time of silent prayer and a short Advent reflection: 6, 13 and 20 December.

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.

Advent Extra: Your Journey to Christmas is available in the porch. £3 per copy. This booklet has daily reflection for Advent.

Children's Liturgy: will provide the children with an Advent Calendar and Prayer book. Families can use these to deepen our children's awareness during the Advent season.

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.

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News Scam emails: the diocese has alerted all parishes to scam emails impersonating parish priests, often using a similar email name and masking the real email address. They typically request the recipient to purchase Amazon or other gift cards as gifts for the priest. The diocese advises:

[1] Never to purchase gift cards as gifts for the parish priest, based on an email request, unless they have verified the request directly in person or through a trusted means.

[2] To double-check any suspicious email by directly contacting the parish office.

[3] To avoid sharing personal or financial information in response to unsolicited emails.

[4] please report such emails as spam and let the parish office know.

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.

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

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

Are you the king of the Jews? Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice. A blessed week, fr Brian