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[This newsletter covers two weeks](#)

3 November 2024 – 31st Sunday of the Year (B)

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

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

Mon 4 St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Tues 5 FERIA – No Mass today

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 6 FERIA

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Thurs 7 Dedication of Cathedral – No Mass today

Fri 8 St Willibrord, Bishop

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Sat 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish – Bishop Philip Moger

Sun 10 32nd Sunday of the Year (B)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Archbishop's Appeal – 2nd collection

9am Gabrielle Tattersall RIP

11am Requiem Mass – for all victims of war & violence

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

Mon 11 St Martin of Tours, Bishop

9.30am John Povey RIP

Tues 12 St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

9.30am Deceased members of Grant/Moonan families

11am Rosary -Sacred Heart Chapel

11am Deceased Clergy at [Our Lady of Dover, Buckland](#)

Wed 13 St Frances Xavier Cabrini – No Mass today

6-7pm Holy Hour for the Dignity of the Human person

Thurs 14 FERIA

12noon Fr William John Bradley RIP (Rosary Group)

Fri 15 St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

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

11am Phil Hunter RIP

12.30pm Baptism: Izabella Fisher

3pm Cemetery Sunday – Hamilton Road

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

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.

31st Sunday of the Year (B), p815

1st reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Response Ps 17: I love you, Lord, my strength.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-34

32nd Sunday of the Year (B), p819

1st reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Response Ps 145: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

Parish News

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Fr William John Bradley. Fr Bradley's Funeral Mass is at St Mary's House, 38-39 Preston Park Avenue, Brighton BN1 6HG, on Thursday 14 November 2024 at 2.30pm. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

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.

Please keep Bishop Philip Moger in your prayers as he prepares for his Installation as Bishop of Plymouth on 9 November.

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 new translation of the Lectionary is in use from the 1st Sunday of Advent. 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 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 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 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.

Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 9am Mass resumes next Sunday 10 November 2024 after the half-term break. Please consider offering to help. If you can, please email Fr Brian deal@rcaos.org.uk or speak to the Children's Liturgy team after the 9am Mass.

Sunday 10 November 2024 is Remembrance Sunday
The 11am Mass will be a Requiem Mass to pray for all who have fallen in war, for all victims of war and violence, and for peace in our world.

The weekly newsletter is on our website:
[Newsletters St Thomas of Canterbury Deal](http://Newsletters.StThomasofCanterburyDeal(stthomasdeal.org))
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 Carol Service: Sunday 8 December 2024 at 5pm at St John's, St Richard's Road, followed by refreshments.

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

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News

Archbishop's Appeal 2nd Collection 9/10 Nov 2024 funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will fund innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please see poster in porch for QR code. www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal

Holy Hour for the Dignity of the Human Person 6pm on Wednesday 13 November 2024. Our Bishops invite us to join with them (they will be at their plenary meeting) in a holy hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the dignity of human life in response to the current legislation on assisted dying before Parliament.

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

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

This year Monsignor Gilbert celebrates his golden anniversary of priestly ordination. Congratulations and the assurance of our prayers from all of us at St Thomas'.

Wed 6 November 2024 marks the 1st anniversary of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions leaving Deal for the last time. They gave 153 years of dedicated service to so many in so many ways. We are hoping to erect a plaque in 2025 to commemorate their years in Deal and to give thanks to God for their great work. Please keep the Sisters in your prayers.

A blessed week, Fr Brian