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This newsletter covers three weeks

6th Sunday of Easter

Sat 24 Feria of Easter

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish – John Hardy RIP

Sun 25 6th SUNDAY of EASTER (C)

2nd collection – Sisters Plaque (see over)

9am Kay Paterson RIP

11am Thanksgiving – Lock family

(Father David Boundy RIP – 1st anniversary)

**Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket
Centre – all welcome**

Mon 26 St Philip Neri, Priest

12noon Brigitte Schlick RIP

Tues 27 St Augustine of Canterbury

Apostle of England

9.30am Evelyn Murphy RIP

11am Stations of the Resurrection–Sacred Heart chapel

Wed 28 Feria of Easter – no Mass today

Thurs 29 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Holyday of Obligation

12noon Denise Venville RIP

6.30pm Mary & Daniel Kellom – recently married

Fri 30 Feria of Easter

12noon Sick & Housebound of our parish

6.30pm May Devotions in honour of Our Lady

Sat 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Kim Laing RIP (1st anniversary)

Sun 1 June 7th SUNDAY of EASTER (C)

**World Communications Sunday – 2nd collection for
Catholic Communications Network**

9am Frank & Jenny Mallon RIP

11am People of the Parish

**Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket
Centre – all welcome**

Mon 2 Sts Peter & Marcellinus, Martyrs

12noon Good health of Bernadette Regan

Tues 3 St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

9.30am Elizabeth Bradley RIP

11am Stations of the Resurrection–Sacred Heart chapel

Wed 4 Feria of Easter – no Mass today

Thurs 5 St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

12noon Mike Abbott RIP

Fri 6 St Luke Kirby, Priest & Martyr

12noon Pope Francis RIP

Sat 7 Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebrations: Aylesford

No Confessions or 5.30pm Mass today

Sun 8 June PENTECOST SUNDAY (C)

9am Welfare of Tattersall Family

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Baptism: Lennox André Whiting

**Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket
Centre – all welcome**

The End of the Easter Season

Mon 9 Mary, Mother of the Church

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Tues 10 Feria

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart chapel

Wed 11 St Barnabas, Apostle

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Thurs 12 Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

12noon Tim Lynch RIP

Fri 13 St Anthony of Padua, Doctor of the Church

12noon Antonino Astro RIP

Sat 14 The Blessed Virgin Mary

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 15 June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C)

**Day for Life – 2nd collection for the Anscombe
Bioethics Centre**

9am Clare Tattersall RIP

11am Coral & Alex Ennis RIP

2-4pm Dover: A place of sanctuary and hope, St
Mary's Church, Cannon St, Dover, CT16 1BY

**Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket
Centre – all welcome**

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER, p400

1st reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2.22-29

Response Ps 67: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let
all the peoples praise you.

2nd reading: Revelation 21:10-14.22-23

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! If anyone loves me, he will keep
my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, p404

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER, p409

1st reading: Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60

Response Ps 97: The Lord is king, most high above all
the earth.

2nd reading: Revelation 22:12-14.16-17.20

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! I will not leave you orphans,
says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you,
and your hearts will rejoice. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

PENTECOST SUNDAY, p414

1st reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Response Ps 104: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and
renew the face of the earth.

2nd reading: Romans 8:8-17

SEQUENCE Sung: Hymn no 124

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts
of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 14:15-16.23b-26

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for June 2025, that the world might grow in compassion: let us pray for each one of us to find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and that from his Heart we may learn to have compassion for the world.

Parish News:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia McKenna whose Funeral Mass was celebrated here on 22 May 2025. Please also pray for the repose of the souls of **John Hardy** (for many years a welcoming face at the 5.30pm Mass), **Denise Venville** (the cousin of Frances, Jonathan and Richard Pond) and of **Martin Gilbert** (the brother of Mgr Philip Gilbert) who have died. Pray, too, for their families.

Sick & housebound parishioners: Please keep in your prayers all who are sick and housebound, all who care for them, and all who have requested our prayers: Mary Collins, Mike Sykes, 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 HM The King.

The Solemnity of the ASCENSION is on **Thursday 29 May**. It is a holyday of obligation – **Masses at 12noon and 6.30pm**. Between Easter Day and Pentecost, we celebrate that time of transition during which the Risen Jesus vanishes from the sight of the disciples, only to open up a new way of relating to them, a way filled with the power of the Holy Spirit - **PENTECOST**.

MAY is the month of Our Blessed Lady, MARY, the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. May and October are months with a distinctive Marian focus. May culminates in the feast of the Visitation on 31 May. On **Friday 30 May at 6.30pm** we will have Marian devotions: The Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Regina Caeli

World Communications Sunday is 1 June 2025. There is a 2nd collection for the Catholic Communications Network (CCN). The CCN provides support to the Bishops of England & Wales, and the wider Church, in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues.

Deal Area foodbank requests:

UHT Milk (all kinds), tins of meatballs, curry, mince, corned beef or ham, rice, noodles, packet pasta in sauce, toilet rolls, jam/peanut butter, shampoo, washing up liquid ketchup/brown sauce and mayonnaise, cat and dog food.

With many thanks.

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

The Bill is next in the House of Commons on 13 June: it is important that we continue to make our views known to our MP: mike.tapp.mp@parliament.uk or House of Commons: London SW1A 0AA. Our Bishops' Conference website contains much useful information on this very sensitive issue: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford 7 June 2025: the coach will leave South St bus station promptly at 10am. Cars can be left in the parish car park. Please remember to bring a packed lunch. Aylesford is likely to be very busy on the day so it is advisable to have a small folding chair and outerwear (just in case of any inclement weather). The Mass is at 3pm and the coach will leave as soon as we are all on the coach after Mass. More details about the day on: aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubilee_celebration

Please note: no 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 7 June

Parish Thanksgiving Picnic Sunday 22 June 2025 12noon-3pm: please save the date. This is an opportunity for us all to gather in the presbytery garden, before the summer holidays start, to give thanks to God for the generosity and goodness of all our parishioners and to share food with one another.

The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions came to Deal in 1870 and left in 2023. There is a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Thomas' on Monday 1 September 2025 at 12noon. Bishop Paul Hendricks will preside. After the Mass we will unveil a commemorative plaque to the Sisters, followed by a reception in the Becket Centre. We look forward to welcoming the Sisters to Deal in September. This is a joint project with St John's (Mongeham & Sandwich parish) and ourselves. Both parishes will share the cost of the plaque, etc. **A link is available on our card machine, the Donate button on the website and the plate at the back of the church.** The reference is: **'Sisters' Plaque'**.

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DOVER: A Place of Sanctuary & Hope Sunday 15 June 2025 2-4pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Canon St, Dover, CT16 1BY. We are invited to celebrate our refugees and the communities which have supported them. All welcome and free entry. Please see poster in the porch and flyers.

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.

We wish our school communities and families a restful half-term break. Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 8 June 2025

Please note that the parish office is closed for the next two weeks. It will reopen on Friday 13 June.



The Lord has truly Risen. Alleluia! Alleluia!
May we all be blessed this Easter season, fr Brian

