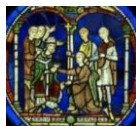


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Sat 14 The Blessed Virgin Mary

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 Day for Life Fund

Father's Day

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

Mon 16 St Richard of Chichester, Bishop

9.30am Janet & Louise Whichello RIP

Tues 17 Feria – No Mass today

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 18 Feria – No Mass today

Thurs 19 St John Rigby, Martyr

12noon Natalie & Max Brackley (10th wed. anniversary)

Fri 20 St Alban, Protomartyr of Britain

12noon Sally Ann Miller RIP

Sat 21 St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm John Andrews RIP (1st anniversary)

Sun 22 THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST – CORPUS CHRISTI (C)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to renew their commitment at whichever Mass they attend this weekend – sheets are available.

9am People of the Parish

11am Fr Gregory Griffiths (50th anniv. of Ordination)

Patricia Wilsher (90th birthday)

12-3pm Parish Thanksgiving Picnic

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1st reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Response Ps 8: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name through all the earth.

2nd reading: Romans 5:1-5

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is and who was and who is to come. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

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 John Hardy.

John's Funeral Mass is here on Wednesday 2 July 2025 at 11.30am, followed by Barham Crematorium at 1pm. Please keep Judy, his wife, Kathleen, his sister, and the family in your prayers. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Julianah Madewa**, the mother of Fr Matthew, who has died in Nigeria, and for Fr Matthew, his family and Mongeham & Sandwich parish. There is a Requiem Mass for Julianah at St John's, St Richard's Road, on Wednesday 25 June 2025 at 6pm.

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, 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.

A very Happy Father's Day to all fathers today: we pray and give thanks for all our fathers, living and dead. *Loving God, bless our fathers. May they, together with all mothers, nurture and care for their children and know the beauty of the vocation of being parents. Amen.*

Prayer Sponsors: as we grow nearer to our children's First Reconciliation and Holy Communion in the Parish, we are asking for volunteers to become their prayer sponsors. If this is something you would like to support, please pass your name to one of the Children's Liturgy team at the 9:00am Mass. Thank you.

Congratulations to Lennox André Whiting baptised into the faith of the Church on Sunday 8 June 2025, and to his parents, godparents and family.

Deal Area foodbank requests:

Tinned meat, curry, mince, corned beef or ham, fruit squash, cooking oil, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, custard, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit and sponge puddings.

With very many thanks.

We welcome a large group of Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions to the 11am Mass today, Sunday 15 June 2025. They are from various countries and participating in a renewal programme. It reminds us of the huge contribution the Sisters made to Deal and the Catholic community from 1870 to 2023. We look forward to welcoming the Sisters again on 1 September 2025 for a Mass of Thanksgiving and the unveiling of the plaque to commemorate their presence and work in Deal.

Aylesford 7 June 2025: thank you to all who made the pilgrimage to Aylesford last Saturday such a happy occasion to celebrate the jubilees of our diocese and the Jubilee Year of Hope. It was also good that the three

parishes of Dover, Mongeham & Sandwich and Deal were together on the coach. Mass, celebrated by Archbishop John, was the highlight of the day which saw thousands come together to give thanks to God. You can find photos and video from the day, as well as a transcript of the Archbishop's homily at rcaos.org.uk/2025jubilee.

The annual Day for Life is today Sunday 15 June 2025. There is a 2nd collection for our Bishops' Day for Life Fund. Every year the fund allocates over £200,000 in grants to organisations which promote respect for life in various ways. Donations can be also made online via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website, where you will find out more information about Day for Life: www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life Day for Life is the day in the Church's calendar when we celebrate the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. It is jointly celebrated by the Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Ireland and Scotland.

Our Bishops are asking you to contact our MPs asking them to vote against two amendments to the Crime and Policing Bill which would decriminalise abortion.

The bill will also be debated soon in the House of Commons. You can take action through this website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/take-action-on-proposed-abortion-law-change/>

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is next in the House of Commons on 20 June 2025

Archbishop John Sherrington of Liverpool, the lead Bishop on Life issue, comments:

The Catholic bishops of England and Wales oppose this flawed Bill both in principle and in practice. Among the many concerns, we are particularly alarmed by the following:

- *This legislation would require many hospices and care homes to facilitate assisted suicide. This will put in jeopardy their ability to provide care. Parliament has rejected an amendment that would have allowed institutions to opt out of participating in the provision of assisted suicide.*
- *The provisions for conscientious objection for health and social care workers are both unclear and inadequate. This problem will not be addressed by proposed amendments.*
- *Safeguards against coercion for the most vulnerable are wholly inadequate, particularly in cases involving coercive control or social pressure. During Committee Stage, the Bill's main proponent was unable to confirm whether individuals seeking assisted suicide due to financial concerns or feelings of being a burden would be prevented from accessing it. Since then, no progress has been made, and many MPs consider the existing safeguards insufficient, with the potential to result in a "terrible tragedy."*

We note the opposition for the Bill from key professional bodies including the Royal College of Psychiatrists whose members will be expected to be involved in the process of

assessing those who elect for assisted suicide. The whole process by which this bill has been brought forward and debated is insufficient for such a radical change.

We urge Catholics, and all people of goodwill, to contact their MP and ask them to vote against this bill. We also ask you to pray that our representatives choose to protect the most vulnerable citizens of this country when they vote later this month.

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/>

Missio RED Boxes: The Summer *Missio* magazine is at the back of the church for anyone to take. There is a good article on Nigeria and the women's peace initiatives. If your Red Box needs emptying please pop it into the sacristy for collection and return.

Parish Thanksgiving Picnic Sunday 22 June 2025 12noon-3pm 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.

Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ) is celebrated on 21/22 June 2025. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** are invited to renew their commitment at whichever Mass they attend. Sheets will be provided with the words of renewal.

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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.



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Consider the Sign of the Cross: we bless ourselves with the sign of the cross many times. And not only in church. We often see sports people blessing themselves. We can bless ourselves instinctively in moments of danger and gratitude. The sign of the cross – Father, Son & Holy Spirit, is a concrete sign of God's love and the active presence of the Trinity in our daily lives.

A blessed week, fr Brian