

St Thomas of Canterbury

Archdiocese of Southwark CIO

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CORPUS CHRISTI

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

Refreshments after 9am Mass only today in the Becket Centre – all welcome

Mon 23 St Etheldreda, Abbess

9.30am Julie and Ted Barwise RIP

Tues 24 Birth of St John the Baptist, Solemnity

9.30am Fr John Bradley RIP

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 25 Feria – no Mass today at St Thomas'

6pm Julianah Madewa RIP, St John's, St Richard's Rd

Thurs 26 St Thomas Garnet, Priest & Martyr

12noon Fr Martin O'Connor RIP

Fri 27 The Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity

12noon Albert Ennis & Stephen Harding RIP

Litany of the Sacred Heart (Missal p1085) follows immediately after the end of Mass

Sat 28 The Immaculate Heart of the BVM

9am First Reconciliation Service

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Philip Rawson RIP

Sun 29 Saints Peter & Paul, Solemnity

Peter's Pence – 2nd collection

9am People of the Parish – David Strong RIP

11am Suzanne Connolly RIP & Friends

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket Centre – all welcome

CORPUS CHRISTI, p453

1st reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Response Ps 110: You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Luke 9:11b-17

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.

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Prayer

Sponsors: very many thanks to all who are now prayer sponsors for our 8 children soon to make their First Reconciliation (28 June) & First Holy Communion (6 July). Photographs of the children are in the porch. Please pray for them, their families and catechists.

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.

Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ) is today 21/22 June 2025. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)** are invited to renew their commitment at whichever Mass they attend. Sheets will be provided with the words of renewal. Thank you to our EMHCs for their service at Mass and in their vital ministry of taking the Word of God and the Blessed Sacrament to our sick and housebound parishioners.

Parish Thanksgiving Picnic today 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. The weather is likely to be hot: please have plenty of water, sun cream and hats! We look forward to a very enjoyable afternoon.

Safeguarding in the Archdiocese of Southwark The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) is auditing the Archdiocese in July 2025. As part of the audit, the CSSA is seeking feedback from anyone who may have information regarding the safeguarding function in Southwark Archdiocese. The Safeguarding Office of the Archdiocese and the parish encourage all parishioners to contribute to the feedback. Please follow these links if you wish to contribute: [Do you have information to help our safeguarding inspection in Southwark?](#) [Survivors' Work With Us](#)

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

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/>

Our Bishops ask us to contact our MPs about two amendments to the Crime and Policing Bill which would decriminalise abortion. You can take action through this website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/take-action-on-proposed-abortion-law-change/>

Deal & Walmer Handelian Choral Society: The Armed Man, A Mass for Peace by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins at St George's Church, Saturday 28 June 2025 at 7.30pm. Full details on notice in porch. W: www.dwhsociety.co.uk An opportunity to pray through music for peace in our troubled world.

Summary of Offertory Giving for May 2025: Cash and bank total: £2,628.42, standing orders £3,676.33, Dona contactless £861, Total £7,165.75, of which £1,025.37 is Gift Aid. Included in the overall figure of £7,165.75, was £79.87 for the Easter Collection, £383.93 for the Priests Training Fund, £36.86 for Communications Sunday, £192.71 for the Sisters Plaque, £130 for First Holy Communion, £9.84 for Clergy Support Fund, sundry donations of £442.50 and a Mass intention of £30. Thank you all for your continued generosity!

Have you lost a set of keys? If so, please see fr Brian

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Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis visiting St George's Cathedral - 26-28 June 2025:

Thursday 26 June: an evening of adoration & veneration of the relic for young adults.
Friday 27 June: Archbishop John Wilson will preside at the 6pm Solemn Mass of the Sacred Heart, which will include the veneration of the relic. **Saturday 28 June:** "morning with Carlo Acutis", which will include Mass, adoration, rosary and a talk on the relic. An exhibition is also on display at the Cathedral 19 June - 7 July. For more information visit: stgeorgescathedral.org.uk See also poster in the porch. Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonised, together with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, in Rome on 7 September 2025.

DOVER: A Place of Sanctuary & Hope

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Service last Sunday at St Mary's Church. **Ben Bano** writes: *We remember also the deaths of five Christian Eritrean young people who lost their lives last month trying to reach Dover: **Mussa, Ahmed, Natnael, an unidentified mother and her 8-year-old son.** Their funerals were financed by well-wishers and took place in Calais. As Pope Francis reminded us 'Every migrant has a name, a face and a story'.*

Pilgrimage of Hope Mass. The Apostolic Nuncio (Pope Leo's Ambassador to Great Britain) will celebrate Mass in Canterbury Cathedral on Monday 7 July 2025 at 7pm to mark the Translation of St Thomas of Canterbury. All are invited to the Mass and Reception. Numbers are limited. Please use the link: <https://canterburyjubilee2025.com>

July 7th commemorates the moving (Translation) of St Thomas' relics from the Crypt to the Shrine, behind the main altar, in Trinity chapel. This tradition is more than 800 years old.

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 Official Prayer to Blessed Carlo Acutis Very appropriate for Corpus Christi

*O God our Father,
we thank you for giving us Carlo,
a model of life for young people,
and a message of love for all.
You made him fall in love with your son Jesus,
making the Eucharist his "highway to heaven."
You gave him Mary as a beloved mother,
and you made him, through the Rosary,
a cantor of her tenderness.
Receive his prayer for us.
Look above all upon the poor, whom he loved and assisted.
Grant me too, through his intercession, the grace that I need (mention your intention).
And make our joy full, raising Carlo among the saints of your Church,
so that his smile shines again for us
to the glory of your name. Amen.*

May the Mass – the Holy Eucharist – continue to be at the centre of our lives. May we celebrate the Mass with reverence and joy. May we live the Mass every moment of every day. Let us give thanks that we can attend Sunday Mass and weekday Mass. In many parts of the world this is not possible. Let us always be aware of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist.



A blessed week, fr Brian