

St Thomas of Canterbury

Archdiocese of Southwark CIO

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Saints Peter & Paul

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

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*

Mon 30 The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

12noon Gladys Hitchins RIP

Tues 1 July St Oliver Plunkett – No Mass today

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart chapel

Wed 2 Funeral Mass

11.30am John Hardy RIP (1pm Barham Crematorium)

Thurs 3 St Thomas, Apostle

12noon Intentions of Cecilia Thompson & Family

Fri 4 St Elizabeth of Portugal

12noon Intentions of Mary Lee & Family

Sat 5 The Blessed Virgin Mary

4.45-5.15pm Confessions
5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 6 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9am First Holy Communion children
11am Mary Agnes Smythe Ashman RIP

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SAINTS PETER & PAUL 28/29 June

Vigil Mass Saturday 5.30pm, p1021

1st reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:1-10
Response Ps 19: Their sound goes forth through all the earth.

2nd reading: Galatians 1:11-20

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 21:15-19

Day Masses Sunday 9am & 11am, p1025

1st reading: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11
Response Ps 34: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.
2nd reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-19

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.

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 Holy Communion 2025 Please pray for our 8 children who will receive their First Holy Communion at the 9am Mass on 6 July 2025. They celebrated their First Confessions on 28 June 2025. Photographs of the children are in the porch. Please pray for them, their families, catechists and our parish on this important day.

Peter's Pence 2nd collection this weekend 28/29 June. This annual collection helps the Pope to support poor dioceses throughout the world, religious communities and all the People of God in grave difficulties: children, the poor, the elderly, the marginalised and victims of war and natural disasters. There is the plate at the back of the church and a link on our card machine. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Thanksgiving Picnic Sunday 22 June 2025

Very many thanks to all involved in the setting up / clearing up for the parish picnic. Thank you to all who gathered in the presbytery garden. It was a very enjoyable afternoon, good weather, above all an opportunity to gather to meet old friends and new friends.

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 & the Crime & Policing Bill

On Friday 20 June 2025, **Archbishop John Sherrington** (lead bishop for Life Issues) and **Cardinal Vincent Nichols** issued statements following the Third Reading of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill and amendments to the Crime & Policing Bill effectively decriminalising abortion up to full term of the unborn child. Both statements can be found on the [Bishops' Conference website](#). The Bills now go to the House of Lords for further scrutiny and debate.

Archbishop John Wilson of Southwark has consistently raised his voice in defence of the most vulnerable. In response to the vote in the House of Commons on 20 June, he stated that the result marked "a terrifyingly dark week in British history, as MPs vote for legislation which endangers the lives of unborn children, and promote legislation which will endanger vulnerable adults and the elderly." (<https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/this-is-a-terrifyingly-dark-week-in-british-history-says-archbishop-john/>)

Much useful background information can be found on the Right to Life website: www.righttolife.org.uk and our Bishops' Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

Please continue to inform our MP of our serious concerns about these Bills: mike.tapp.mp@parliament.uk or House of Commons: London SW1A 0AA.

DEAL Music & Arts FESTIVAL 3-13 July 2025

Brochures outlining the programme are available in the porch. The Band of HM's Royal Marines is playing music at the Deal Memorial Bandstand from 3pm on Sunday 6 July 2025.

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News:

Please pray for Deacon Stephen Trafford as he prepares for his Ordination to the Priesthood on 19 July 2025. This is the only priestly ordination this year in our diocese. Please pray for vocations!

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.

Archbishop John Wilson extends a warm invitation to all parishioners to join him for a Mass of Thanksgiving at 7pm on Friday 25 July 2025 (6th anniversary of his Installation as Archbishop) at St George's Cathedral, followed by a reception in the Amigo Hall, to celebrate his 30th anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. The

Archbishop was unable to celebrate publicly his silver jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood as Covid restrictions were in place.

National Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham, Saturday 2 August, led by Bishop John Keenan of Paisley diocese, Scotland Everyone is invited to join this pilgrimage either in person or via the Shrine livestream <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>. Details of the day and travel arrangements at www.prolifepilgrimage.org

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

There are still a few places available on the pilgrimage to Lourdes 22 to 29 August this year. For information and booking, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocesan-pilgrimages/diocesan-ca/> There are a range of hotels available (most Southwark pilgrims will be staying at the Hotel Eliseo). Further information is available from Bishop Paul paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk or Canon Perera edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk

Walk the Augustine Camino for Mary's Meals Monday 1 September – Sunday 8 September 2025 During this Jubilee Year we would be delighted if you joined us as Pilgrims of Hope on some or all of the Augustine Camino, starting at Rochester Cathedral, finishing at the Shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. The pilgrimage will take us to four of the designated Jubilee churches and shrines in Southwark Archdiocese: The Friars, Aylesford, St Jude's Shrine, Faversham, St Thomas of Canterbury, Canterbury and St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate. To book your place on the pilgrimage, or to ask any questions about it, please contact Roy Peachey, the Mary's Meals Supporter Engagement Officer for Kent, Surrey, Sussex and South London, on roy.peachey@marysmeals.org or 07593 447297.

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.

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and support in recent months as I underwent radiotherapy treatment for prostate cancer. The treatment has now ended and I am on three monthly check ups. There have been a few side effects of the treatment. Most of these have now gone, although fatigue remains. Some days I am fine, other days I do feel very tired and my energy levels are low. I am also now in my 70th year! I am conscious that there are lots of things I would like to do but I simply am unable to do them – at the moment. Thank you for your understanding and patience. Renewed thanks for all your kindness.



A blessed week, fr Brian