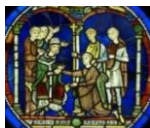


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PENTECOST

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 – Mary Sear RIP

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 Day for Life Fund

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

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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 John
Hardy.** Funeral arrangements are yet to be finalised.
Please also keep Judy, his wife, Kathleen, his sister,
and the family in your prayers. Please also pray for the
repose of the soul of **Juliana Madewa**, the mother of Fr
Matthew, who has died in Nigeria, and for Fr Matthew,
his family and Mongeham & Sandwich parish.

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.

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.

This Sunday is PENTECOST when we celebrate the
gift of the Holy Spirit given to the Apostles and given to
us! We are children of God! Please pray for all
preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation later in
the year in Dover, including our own, Lucas and Zoe
Goggins.

The annual Day for Life is next 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.

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is next in the House of Commons on 13 June 2025

Archbishop John Sherrington of Liverpool, the lead
Bishop on Life issues, has written: *The Catholic
Bishops of England and Wales have consistently
maintained that the bill is wrong in principle as well as
being fundamentally flawed. Moreover, the
parliamentary process used for this bill has been shown
to be woefully inadequate and has lacked time for
proper and sustained debate. Information about the bill
and its amendments has been repeatedly published
very close to key debates, leaving MPs with insufficient
time for consideration. During the Report Stage, MPs
had only five hours to discuss nearly 60 pages of
amendments.*

*We are deeply concerned that parliament has rejected
an amendment which would have allowed hospices and
care homes not to participate in any way in assisted*

suicide. If this bill should pass, we have serious concerns about the ability of Catholic hospices and care homes to function effectively and continue delivering high-quality palliative care. We are also concerned that people will find it difficult to find institutions where they can feel safe. Hospices and care homes will not be able to prevent an employee from facilitating assisted suicide. Further, there is no guarantee that NHS or local authority funding will not in the future be tied to the provision of assisted suicide by care homes and hospices.

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/>

Weekday Masses It would be so encouraging to see a greater attendance at weekday Masses. The weekly rhythm of prayer in a parish, and especially Sunday Mass, is at the very heart of who and what a parish community is. Many parishioners are not able to attend weekday Mass because of commitments. For those who can, please consider coming to Mass on a weekday when there is Mass. It makes all the difference to the life of the parish.

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: 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.

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.

The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions There is a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Thomas' on Monday 1 September 2025 at 12noon. After the Mass we will unveil a commemorative plaque to the Sisters, followed by a reception in the Becket Centre. 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.

Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis visiting St George's Cathedral - 26-29 June 2025

On Thursday 26 June an evening of adoration & veneration of the relic for young adults is taking place. On 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. On Saturday 28 June there is a "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.

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.

Diocesan Education Service vacancy: The Education Service is looking to recruit a person to support the diocese's schools and academies. Details for the Trust Relationship Officer are available

at <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/trust-relationship-officer-education-service/>

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.



A PENTECOST REFLECTION

Such is the difference between the Church before the Spirit of Christ came, and after. Before, God's servants were as the dry bones of the prophet's vision connected by profession, not by an inward principle; but since, they are all the organs as if of one invisible, governing soul, the hands, or the tongues, or the feet, or the eyes of one and the same directing mind, the types, tokens, beginnings, and glimpses of the eternal Son of God. Such is the Christian Church, a *living* body, and *one*; not a mere framework artificially arranged to look like one. Being alive is what makes it one; were it dead, it would consist of as many parts as it has members; but the living *Spirit* of God came down upon it at Pentecost, and made it *one*, by giving it *life*. (St John Henry Newman, Parochial and Plain Sermons, IV, 11)

