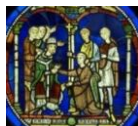


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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time [C]

Sat 12 St John Jones, Priest & Martyr

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Fr Eamonn Whelan RIP

Sun 13 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sea Sunday / Archdiocesan Diaconate Day

2nd collection for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea)

9am Wellbeing of Joseph Dower

11am People of the Parish

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket

Centre – all welcome

Mon 14 St Camillus de Lellis, Priest

9.30am Tony Porter RIP

Tues 15 St Bonaventure, Priest & Doctor

9.30am David Morris RIP

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9.30am Fr Vincent Convery RIP

Thurs 17 Feria – No Mass today

Fri 18 Feria

12noon Fr William Ethelbert Arnold OSB RIP

Sat 19 St John Plessington, Priest & Martyr

12.30pm Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon

Stephen Trafford – at the Cathedral

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Marjorie Halldron RIP (1st anniversary)

Sun 20 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9am People of the Parish

11am Fr Martin O'Connor RIP

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket

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1st reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Response Ps 69: Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

2nd reading: Colossians 1:15-20

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of eternal life. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for July 2025, for formation in discernment: let us pray that we learn how to discern, how to choose the right paths in life, and how to reject everything which leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Parish News:

HOT WEATHER It is important during this very hot weather for all of us to keep properly hydrated. If you do not have water with you, bottled water can be found in the porch.

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 Renewed thanks to all for making last Sunday's celebration such a prayerful and joyful moment in the life of the parish. A special word of thanks also to our prayer sponsors. Please keep our eight young parishioners and their families in your prayers.

SEA SUNDAY is today Sunday 13 July 2025: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives. They often work in difficult and dangerous conditions. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. The support we give makes a huge difference to seafarers and fishers in need. Donate in church (plate or contactless) or www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate / or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is the Catholic charity which provides welcome for seafarers in ports in this country and worldwide. The chaplains and volunteers provide vital pastoral care. Please see the poster in porch, together with a QR code.

Archdiocesan Diaconal Day today Sunday 13 July 2025: we pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our diocese and for new vocations to this ministry. If you are a man between 21-58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love God and God's people, are involved in your parish and community, and feel drawn to deepen your relationship with Christ and His Church, you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon? If you require further information about the Permanent Diaconate, please speak to your Parish Priest, or contact the Diaconate Formation Director via e-mail:

IanBlack@rcaos.org.uk

www.rcaos.org.uk/TheDiaconate

Brochures are available in the porch.

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill & the Crime & Policing Bill

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.

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! Mgr Philip Gilbert is with us for the Saturday 5.30pm Mass as fr Brian is at the Ordination at the Cathedral.

Public address system in the church: thanks to a very generous donation from a parishioner, we have been able to upgrade part of the public address system in the church. Some of the existing parts of the system are 30+ years old and badly in need of renewal. The work has cost just over £4,000. Without this generous help this work would not have been possible. Very many thanks. The sound engineers have tested the Loop system as part of the upgrade – those needing the Loop should sit in the central area of the church for maximum effect.

Help needed - fr Brian seeks help in the Sacristy Preparing for Mass, clearing up, etc. It would be ideal if we could form a team of sacristy helpers. If you can help, weekdays or weekends, please see fr Brian.

With many thanks.

Friday 8 August 2025 is the anniversary of the dedication of our church in 1928. Mass is at 12noon. The anniversary of the dedication is an important moment in the life of the parish for it speaks not only of the significance of the church building as the house of God, but also our dedication as the church – the People of God.

Monday 1 September 2025 Mass at 12noon to give thanks to God for the Sisters of the Congregation of Our Lady of the Missions who left Deal in 2023. A commemorative plaque will be blessed and unveiled. We look forward to welcoming a good number of the Sisters to Deal. Bishop Paul Hendricks will preside at Mass. The Deputy Mayor of Deal will represent the town and council. Everyone is welcome to the Mass and reception in the Becket Centre.

Ride & Stride (Deal Heritage): this annual event is on Saturday 13 September 2025. St Thomas' & Sacred Heart Chapel will open during the day to welcome visitors to our churches. **We will need volunteers to help on the day. A list for volunteers to help at St Thomas, will be in the porch next weekend.** A separate list will be available at Sacred Heart Chapel.

A Planned Giving Drive will take place in our parish on the weekends of 11/12, 18/19, 25/26 October 2025. This is an opportunity to look at how we want to move forward as a parish, building on all we have received from those who have gone before us, and pledging our time, treasure and talents for the present and the future.

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AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED, a Catholic charity, supporting Christians who are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need, writes: *Right now, the faithful in the Holy Land are struggling to keep the faith alive in the birthplace of Christianity. The conflict in Gaza has*

resulted in humanitarian and economic crisis, causing much pain and suffering to our brothers and sisters in Christ. As the crisis continues, so many of the faithful in the Holy Land are relying on us for urgent aid, so we ask for your help. Together, we can shine the light of Christ's love in dark places of despair. You can donate via:

www.acnuk.org/holyland-donate or call 0345 646 0110 (quote Holy Land).

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.

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.

London Catholic Social Group have a number of upcoming events for Catholic adults over 30. Saturday July 12th, Monthly Social at the One Tun pub, Goodge Street. Sunday 20th July, from 12, Mass, Italian Street Fête and Procession of Our Lady of Saint Carmel in Clerkenwell. Saturday 26th July, day trip to Waddesdon Manor. Sunday 3rd August, picnic in Regent's Park.

Contact us on: WhatsApp Brendan 07425549408, Facebook – 'London Catholic Social Group' or londonswcatholicssocial@gmail.com.

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.

All good wishes and prayers to our schools and college communities as they come to the end of the academic year and look forward to the summer holidays. We remember especially St Mary's Catholic Primary School and St Edmund's Catholic School, Dover, and all schools and colleges attended by our parishioners. We thank all teachers, support staff and governors for all they do for the pupils in their care.



A blessed week, fr Brian