

St Thomas of Canterbury

Archdiocese of Southwark CIO

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14th Sunday of the Church's Year (C)

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

*Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket
Centre – all welcome*

Mon 7 Feria

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

(7.30pm Translation Mass at **Canterbury Cathedral**)

Tues 8 Feria – No Mass today

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 9 Feria – No Mass today

Thurs 10 Feria

12noon Lynne Ethel Oliver RIP

Friday 11 St Benedict, Patron of Europe

12noon Jerome Dillon RIP

(Rebecca Hoekstra-Rusiecki RIP, 1st anniversary)

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

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14th Sunday [C], p890

1st reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c

Response Ps 66: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

2nd reading: Galatians 6:14-18

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Let the peace of Christ rule in
your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-12.17-20

**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:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Hardy.

John's Funeral Mass was here on Wednesday 2 July 2025. Please keep Judy, his wife, Kathleen, his sister, and the family in your prayers. Thank you to all who were able to attend.

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 **ARTHUR, AUBREY, DAVIO, EMMA, PRAISEGOD, QUINN, SOFIA & THANKGOD**, our 8 children who will receive their First Holy Communion at the 9am Mass today 6 July 2025. Photographs of the children are in the porch. Please pray for them, their families, catechists and our parish on this important day. A special word of thanks goes to Clare Hoile, coordinator of the First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Programme.

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?](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/) [Survivors' Work With Us](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/)

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.

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 today Sunday 6 July 2025. Eleven Musicians of the Royal Marines Band Service were killed in the terrorist attack in Deal on 22 September 1989.

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.

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News

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).

SEA SUNDAY is next 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 next 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.

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!

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/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-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.

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 londonswcatholicsocial@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.

This weekend we celebrate the **First Holy Communion** of eight of our young parishioners. Do you remember your First Holy Communion? The Mass (the Holy Eucharist) is at the very heart of our Christian life – the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) speaks of the Eucharist as the 'source and summit' of the Christian life. As St Augustine of Hippo famously said, 'the Eucharist makes the Church and the Church makes the Eucharist'. Let us pray for our First Holy Communion children as they receive the Lord for the first time in Holy Communion! Let us pray, too, in thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist. May the Sacrifice of the Mass always be at the centre of our lives. Very many thanks to our parents and catechists for all you do.



A blessed week, fr Brian