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This newsletter covers THREE weeks

Sat 2 St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Fr Ray Blake RIP

Sun 3 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9am People of the Parish

11am Good health of Mary Collins

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket

Centre – all welcome

Mon 4 St John Vianney, Priest

9.30am Nora Lillicrap RIP

Tues 5 The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major – No Mass today

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

**Thurs 7 St Sixtus & Companions, Martyrs
No Mass today**

**Fri 8 Anniversary of the Dedication of the
Parish Church in 1928 (140th anniversary of
building of the church in 1885)**

12noon All parishioners, past and present

Sat 9 St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

12.30pm Baptism

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 10 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9am Eve Morris RIP (JP)

11am Fr Stephen Trafford (newly ordained)

12.30pm Baptism

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Mon 11 St Clare

9.30am Intentions of Elizabeth Ejoh & Family

Tues 12 St Jane Frances de Chantal

9.30am Deceased members of Mariya & Tijo's families

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 13 Sts Pontian & Hippolytus – No Mass today

Thurs 14 St Maximilian Kolbe, Martyr am

Vigil Mass of the Assumption pm

6.30pm Eve Morris RIP (MS)

Fri 15 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

12noon Kate & Joe Lenny (60th wedding anniversary)

6.30pm Burma Star Memorial Service

(opposite Deal Castle – 80th anniversary of VJ Day)

Sat 16 St Stephen of Hungary

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm William Rons RIP

Sun 17 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9am People of the Parish

11am Safe return of Richard & Gill Harris

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Mon 18 Feria

9.30am Thanksgiving (MA)

Tues 19 St John Eudes

9.30am Leslie Lucas RIP

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 20 St Bernard – No Mass today

Thurs 21 St Pius X, Pope

12noon Int of Jean Ellis (101st birthday)

Fri 22 Funeral Mass

11.30am Eve Morris RIP

1pm Barham Crematorium

Sat 23 Sts John Wall & John Kemble, Martyrs

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 24 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9am Teresa Maciaszczyk RIP

11am Alexander Grant RIP

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18th Sunday (C), p907

1st reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23

Response Ps 90: O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.

2nd reading: Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

19th Sunday (C), p911

1st reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Response Ps 33: Blessed the people the Lord has
chosen as his heritage.

2nd reading: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Stay awake and be ready, for
the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not
expect. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-48

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Please note that the Vigil Mass is at 6.30pm on
Wednesday 14 August and Mass at 12noon on
Thursday 15 August. The Burma Star Memorial
(opposite Deal Castle) Service is at 6pm for 6.30pm
on 15 August, hence the Vigil Mass on 14 August.
This year marks the 80th anniversary of VJ Day.**

20th Sunday (C), p916

1st reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

Response Ps 40: Lord, make haste to help me!

2nd reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! My sheep hear my voice, says
the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me.

ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-53

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for August 2025, for mutual coexistence: Let us pray that those societies, where coexistence seems more difficult, do not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Parish News

HOT WEATHER It is important during this very hot weather for all of us to keep properly hydrated. Bottled water can be found in the porch if needed.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eve Morris who died unexpectedly on Monday 21 July 2025. Eve's Funeral Mass is here on Friday 22 August 2025 at 11.30am, followed by Barham Crematorium at 1pm.

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.

A warm welcome to all visitors to Deal this summer and to those returning home for the holidays. Thank you for being with us for Mass and we wish you all a very restful stay in Deal.

Children's Liturgy: if you would like to help with Children's Liturgy please contact Clare Hoile in the parish office. Gospel activity sheets are available for the children at the 9am Mass throughout the summer weeks at the back of the church. Children's Liturgy at the 9am Sunday Mass resumes on 7 September.

Deal Area foodbank requests: Tinned meats, 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.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has launched a campaign: JOIN THE FIGHTBACK to campaign against the proposed legislation to decriminalise abortion up to birth and to legalise assisted suicide: please fill out one of the cards at the back of the church, place a stamp on the card and post it. SPUC will then send you information.

The Rosary for Evangelisation: The Archbishop is keen that the Rosary is prayed in parishes for evangelisation, that is spreading the good news of the Gospel. As a parish family, we pray the Rosary every week on Tuesdays at 11am at Sacred Heart Chapel. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and pray the Rosary with fellow parishioners. Coffee is served afterwards and copies of *The Rosary for Evangelisation* are available.

Friday 8 August 2025 is the anniversary of the dedication of our church in 1928. Mass is at

12noon. This year also marks the 140th anniversary of the building of the church in 1885.

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. Everyone is welcome to the Mass and reception in the Becket Centre.

Ride & Stride (Deal Heritage): Saturday 13 September 2025. St Thomas' & Sacred Heart Chapel will open during the day to welcome visitors to our churches. **We need volunteers to help on the day. A list for volunteers to help at St Thomas is in the porch. Two volunteers are needed per hourly slot.** A separate list is available at Sacred Heart Chapel. **Please do sign up on the list in the porch.**

A Planned Giving Drive takes place in our parish on the weekends of **11/12, 18/19, 25/26 October 2025.**

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED, a Catholic charity, needs your help in supporting those suffering in Gaza and the Holy Land. You can donate via: www.acnuk.org/holyland-donate or call 0345 646 0110 (quote Holy Land).

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.

From the Message of the Holy Father for the fifth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly (27 July 2025)

The life of the Church and the world can only be understood in light of the passage of generations. Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment, and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future. In the book of Genesis, we find the moving episode of the blessing given by the aged Jacob to his grandchildren, the sons of Joseph; his words are an appeal to look to the future with hope, as the time when God's promises will be fulfilled (cf. Gen 48:8-20). If it is true that the weakness of the elderly needs the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly in order to build the future with wisdom. How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials! The precious legacy that they have handed down to us with hope and love will always be a source of gratitude and a summons to perseverance. The full Message is at www.vatican.va



A blessed week, fr Brian