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This newsletter covers THREE weeks

Sat 20 St Andrew Kim & Companions, Martyrs

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Stephen McCann RIP

Sun 21 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Evangelii Gaudium / Home Mission Sunday

2nd collection for the Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelisation

(1st national Mass count)

9am Joseph Davenport RIP

11am People of the Parish

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket

Centre – all welcome

Mon 22 Feria

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Tues 23 St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 24 Our Lady of Walsingham, Feast

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

6.30pm At the Cathedral: Annual Service for Hope & Healing for those harmed by abuse

Thurs 25 Feria – No Mass today

Fri 26 Sts Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Sat 27 St Vincent de Paul

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 28 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

(2nd National Mass count)

9am James Paterson RIP

11am Francis Higgins RIP

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket

Centre – all welcome

Mon 29 Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Tues 30 St Jerome, Doctor

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 1 Oct St Therese of the Child Jesus, Doctor

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Thur 2 The Holy Guardian Angels – No Mass today

Fri 3 Feria – Harvest Fast Day

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

6-6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & simple Benediction

Sat 4 St Francis of Assisi

(end of the Season of Care of Creation)

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm For the care of creation

Sun 5 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

(3rd National Mass count)

2nd collection – CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

9am People of the Parish

11am Patricia & Steve Hudd (40th wedding anniversary)

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket

Centre – all welcome

Mon 6 St Bruno

12noon Private intention

Tues 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

9.30am Hazel Lucas RIP

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 8 Feria – No Mass today

Thurs 9 St John Henry Newman

12noon Good health of Joseph Dower

Fri 10 Requiem Mass

12noon Hessie Edwards RIP

6-6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & simple Benediction

Sat 11 St John XXIII, Pope

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Vocations

Sun 12 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

(4th National Mass count)

Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Families

Planned Giving Drive 1st weekend

9am Liam & Peggy Ryan (60th wedding anniversary)

11am People of the Parish

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket

Centre – all welcome

Weekend Mass Readings:

25th Sunday (C), p937

21 September 2025

26th Sunday (C), p941

28 September 2025

27th Sunday (C), p945

5 October 2025

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for September 2025, for our relationship with all of creation: let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we may experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Hessie Edwards who died unexpectedly on 25 August 2025, and for Graham, her husband, and their five children. Hessie donated her body for medical research. A Requiem Mass (not a Funeral Mass) for Hessie will be celebrated here on Friday 10 October 2025 at 12noon. **Please also pray for the soul of Fr John Ryan MBE**, a retired priest of our diocese, who died recently.

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.

The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions have written to thank us for the Thanksgiving Mass on 1 September 2025 and the blessing of the plaque to mark their presence in Deal from 1870 to 2023. The Mass and plaque mean a great deal to them.

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 Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is now in the **House of Lords** for scrutiny. **The Catholic Union** has [21 suggested points](#) 'to put in your own words in letters to your local newspaper, or newsletters of organisations which you belong to' or to our local MP: mike.tapp.mp@parliament.uk

Archbishop John Sherrington, Archbishop Of Liverpool and the Lead Bishop on Life issues, has issued a recent statement: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/statement-from-archbishop-john-sherrington-on-assisted-suicide-bill-in-the-house-of-lords/>

Ben Bano writes: *We learn that a home for unaccompanied child asylum seekers will shortly be set up in our parish. Some of the children will be deeply traumatised, having in some cases witnessed the disappearance or killing of their parents. In time to come there may be opportunities to provide support. In the meantime, as one of the few Towns of Sanctuary in this country, let us hope that the children will have a positive and fruitful time here as we remember them in our prayers.*

Ride & Stride 13 September 2025: thank you to all who helped to ensure the success of the day.

October is the month of the Rosary: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and simple Benediction on Fridays at 6pm. Rosary every Tuesday in Sacred Heart Chapel at 11am. All welcome. ***It is Mary who will teach us how to be silent, how to listen to the voice of God in the midst of a busy and noisy world. It is Mary who will help us to find time for prayer. Through the Rosary, that great Gospel prayer, she will help us to know Christ. We need to live as she did, in the presence of God, raising our minds and hearts to him in daily activities and worries.*** (Pope St John Paul II, 1982).

A Planned Giving Drive takes place in our parish on the weekends of 11/12, 18/19, 25/26 October 2025. These three weekends allow us a privileged moment to reflect on what our parish means to us, what needs to be done in the short and long terms, and how we can share our time, treasure and talents to ensure that our parish continues to be a place of witness and outreach in Deal. It is OUR parish and OUR mission to proclaim Jesus Christ as Saviour of the world.

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News
Season of the Care of Creation 1 September – 4 October 2025. The Season of Creation is an annual celebration uniting Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home. The idea of celebrating 1 September as a day of prayer for creation began at the wish of the Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios in 1989, and was endorsed by Pope Francis in 2015. The season runs from September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

Home Mission Sunday is 21 September 2025. It is now called Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (the Joy of the Gospel Sunday). There is a 2nd collection to help our Bishops, and the various agencies of the Bishops' Conference, in their work of evangelisation and the spread of the Gospel in England and Wales.

The annual National Mass Count takes place over 4 Sundays starting on Sunday 21 September 2025. The diocese and the Catholic Church in England & Wales use the figures from all the parishes to help in forward planning in all areas of Church life.

Annual Service for Hope & Healing: Archbishop John Wilson, and the Diocesan Safeguarding team, invite all parishioners to join them at St George's Cathedral on 24 September 2025 at 6.30pm for the Service for Hope and Healing, for all those that have been harmed by abuse. The service is to express the archdiocese's commitment to all those who have been harmed, their families and friends and to come together as a community to demonstrate our solidarity for those harmed.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is Friday 3 October 2025
CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes are available in the porch, together with a QR code on the poster. Please post envelopes directly to CAFOD. CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. Its mission is to fight against poverty and injustice and help all people to fulfil their God given potential. 2nd collection on 5 October 2025.

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.



With many thanks to Mgr Philip Gilbert for being with us for weekend Masses in September.

A blessed week, fr Brian