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28th Sunday (C) 12 October 2025

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**

Mon 13 St Edward the Confessor, King & Feast

12noon Wellbeing of Siobhan Gunning

Tues 14 St Callistus, Pope & Martyr

9.30am Deceased members of the Groombridge family

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

11am Deanery Meeting – Our Lady of Dover, Buckland

Wed 15 St Teresa of Avila – No Mass today

Thurs 16 St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

12noon Wellbeing of Michael Golding

Fri 17 St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

12noon Eve Morris RIP

2pm Eve Morris, burial of ashes, Hamilton Road

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

Sat 18 St Luke, Evangelist

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish - Prisons Week

**Sun 19 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
World Mission Sunday**

Planned Giving Drive 2nd weekend

9am Daisy Barden RIP

11am Fr John Ryan RIP

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

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1st reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Response Ps 98: The LORD has shown his salvation to
the nations.

2nd reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! In everything give thanks; for
this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the souls of David Fillingham and Stephen Tasker who died recently, and for their families. The funeral service for David Fillingham is at Barham Crematorium on 30 October 2025 at 3pm. Funeral arrangements for Stephen Tasker are yet to be finalised.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for October 2025, for collaboration between different religious traditions: Let us pray that believers of different religious traditions will work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

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.

Safeguarding in our parish: we now have two Safeguarding Representatives for our parish – Frances Pond and Peter Sykes. Their dedicated email addresses are at the head of the newsletter. Thank you to Frances and Peter for undertaking this important ministry in our parish. We all have a responsibility to ensure that our parish is a safe place for everyone, especially children and adults at risk.

Confirmation 2025: Congratulations to **Lucas and Zoe Goggins**, and their family, as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 12 October 2025 in Dover. Thank you, too, to Fr Leo and the catechists in Dover. It is good that parishes in the Dover Deanery are able to pray and work together in sacramental preparation.

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/>

Joshua Rozenberg, the well-known legal commentator, has a very interesting analysis of the scrutiny in the House of Lords in *A Lawyer Writes* for 12 September 2025.

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.

Thank you! Paul Jarvis walked the Augustine Cammino in September as part of the **Mary's Meals Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage**. The total raised in his sponsorship, mainly through the generosity of parishioners, came to the fantastic sum of £900. This means that 45 children who live in deprived areas of the world will receive meals along with education for a whole school year. Paul writes: *Please convey my deep gratitude for the support of our parishioners for Mary's Meals and the desperately important work they do for children around the world.*

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 many thanks.

Summary of Offertory Giving for August 2025: Cash and bank total: £2,919.67, standing orders £3,551.33, Dona contactless £985.48, Total £7,436.48, of which £979.87 is Gift Aid. Included in the overall figure of £7,436.48, was £575.75 for the Sisters' Plaque and £167.5 for the Buildings Maintenance Fund. Thank you all for your continued generosity!

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News
Prisoners' Sunday today 12 October 2025: PACT, the Prison Advice & Care Trust, is the national Catholic charity supporting prisoners, people with convictions and their children and families. If you are able to support the work of PACT go to: www.prisonadvice.org.uk / contactless machine / 2nd collection. Prisons' Week is 12-18 October 2025. PACT supports prison visits, helped family members through the Prisoners' Families Helpline and people with emergency welfare grants. Pope St John XXIII (Pope 1958-1963) paid a surprise visit to Rome's Regina Coeli prison at Christmas 1958. *I know it's tough*, he said to the prisoners. *One of my cousins ended up here.* One prisoner broke through the security barrier, kneeling at the Pope's feet, asking, *Holy Father, I am a delinquent, is there also hope for me?* John XXIII replied, *There is hope for all, there is also hope for you.*

Caritas Southwark and the Commission for Promoting Racial & Cultural Inclusion offer a timely webinar exploring how cultural and ethnic identities can be celebrated within our parishes: 16 October 2025 7-8.45pm. Join via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/QJ5vL4nURTmnH>

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Next Sunday 19 October 2025 is World Mission Sunday – a day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. There is a 2nd collection for Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission. Missio envelopes are available in the porch or go to www.missio.org.uk If you use the envelope, please post in the post box.

Seeking Married Couples: the Southwark Marriage and Family life (M&FL) Team are seeking married couples who are practising Catholics to join their growing team to present courses for Marriage Preparation, Building a Better Marriage and other initiatives in 2026. **Salary:** £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) for the couple. Mileage paid in addition. All training given. For full job description and further details, please contact liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk Closing date for applications: **October 31st 2025**

Kent Marriage & Life Team offer: Rooted in Love - an opportunity for married and engaged couples. Want to grow closer as a couple while deepening your faith and meeting new people? All engaged and married couples are invited to a **monthly online meeting** where we share friendship, reflect on real-life topics, and pray together as we grow in love rooted in Christ. Gathering monthly on Zoom **Thursdays:** 30 October at 8:30pm, 27 November at 8:30pm, 11 December at 8:30pm. Email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk to sign up or receive more information

Neurodiversity and our Faith research: the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith. If you are an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a Caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, we want to hear from you. Your experiences will help us to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. To find out more and to fill in our short surveys look here: www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/

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.



Many thanks to Mgr Philip Gilbert for celebrating the weekend Masses during my holiday, to you all for the warm welcome you gave him, and to all who helped in the church.

A blessed week, fr Brian

