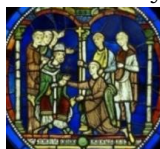


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29th Sunday (C) 19 October 2025

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 Wellbeing of Frans Nitzsche

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket

Centre – all welcome

Mon 20 Feria

12noon Hessie Edwards RIP

Tues 21 St Margaret Clitherow, Martyr

9.30am Aidan Kelly RIP (CW)

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 22 St John Paul II, Pope – No Mass today

Thurs 23 St John of Capistrano, Priest

12noon Fr Alan Sharpe RIP

Fri 24 St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

12noon Stephen Tasker RIP

6-6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ,

Rosary and simple Benediction

Sat 25 The Blessed Virgin Mary

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Aidan Kelly RIP

Clocks go back 1 hour during the night

Sun 26 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Planned Giving Drive 3rd weekend

9am People of the Parish

11am Josie O'Keeffe (90th birthday)

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket

Centre – all welcome

29th Sunday (C), p953

1st reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Response Ps 121: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

2nd reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! The word of God is living and
active, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the
heart. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

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.

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the souls of David Fillingham, Stephen Tasker and Aidan Kelly who died recently, and for their families. The funeral service for David Fillingham is at Barham Crematorium on 30 October 2025 at 3pm. The funeral service for Stephen Tasker is at Barham Crematorium on 3 November at 1pm. Aidan Kelly died in QEQM hospital on 13 October 2025. Funeral details are yet to be finalised. May their souls rest in peace.

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.

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.

Planned Giving Drive Weekend 2 - 18/19 October 2025: this weekend we concentrate on the finances of the parish. A financial statement will be given by members of our Parish Finance Committee (PFC) at all Masses: 5.30pm (Edward Gaskin), 9am (Richard Pond), 11am (Claire Middleton). The members of our PFC are: Maz Krupski (chair), Edward Gaskin, John Letts, Claire Middleton, Richard Pond and Fr Brian. Thank you to the PFC for all they do.

Parish finances: please see the leaflet entitled **OUR PARISH /OUR RESPONSIBILITY** for an overview of our financial situation. We receive no income from the diocese; indeed, the diocese levies each parish to the extent of around 30% on offertory and other parish income. We give the diocese in 2025 just under £1,000 per month as the levy, plus additional charges for safeguarding, health & safety and insurance. We are also required by the diocese to carry out annual / periodic checks on fire safety, asbestos checks, water safety checks, etc, at our expense. It is, perhaps, worth mentioning again that Fr Brian does not receive anything from the weekly collection. The priest's income in our diocese comes from a monthly stipend of £148, the Christmas & Easter offerings, Mass stipends and stole fees (funerals, baptisms, weddings). The priest also receives board and lodging in the presbytery.

Children's Liturgy is taking a break over half-term.

Thank you to the team for all they do to help our young children grow in their faith.

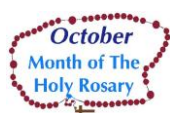
Children's Liturgy will resume on **2 November 2025**
when we celebrate All Saints.

All Saints and All Souls 2025: please note that All Saints is kept this year on the weekend of 1/2 November (missal p1054) and All Souls on Monday 3 November (missal p1058/1063). **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** is kept on the weekend of 8/9 November (missal p1068).

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/>

There is very helpful guidance on writing to a Peer on our Bishops' website: [How to write to Peers in the House of Lords - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)



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).

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News

This 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. There is a link on our card machine and a plate at the back of the church. Missio envelopes are available in the porch. **If you use the envelope, please post in the post box.** More information at: www.missio.org.uk

Baby Loss Awareness Week was 9-15 October 2025.

We prayed at Masses last weekend for all who have suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage, ectopic, stillbirth or infant loss. Our Bishops have written a short statement: www.cbcew.org.uk/baby-loss-awareness-week-2025

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.

In our **Advent** talk this year **Ben Bano** will explore the rich heritage of **Catholic Social Teaching** in a fragile world, starting from Leo XIII and 'Rerum Novarum' to the present day, including the latest Apostolic Exhortation **Dilexi te**, as well as insights from the writings of St Augustine. Pope Leo XIV is an Augustinian friar. Ben will give this very topical talk and discussion at **Golf Road Community Centre on Tuesday 2 December 2025 1.30-3pm. Please make a note in your diary.**

Dilexi te – Pope Leo XIV's first papal document
Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation sees the love of Christ incarnated in love for the poor, in caring for the sick, opposing slavery, defending women who experience exclusion and violence, making education available to all, accompanying migrants, charitable giving, working for equality and more. For more information on *Dilexi te* ('I have loved you' from the Book of Revelation 3:9)

[Dilexi te - Pope Leo XIV's first papal document - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)



A very restful and relaxing half-term to all school and college communities and families. Thank you to all involved in the great vocation of teaching.

A blessed week, fr Brian