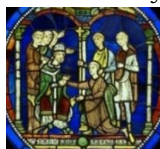


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ALL SAINTS DAY 2 November 2025

Sat 1 Nov The Blessed Virgin Mary

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

(Jean Collinson RIP – 1st anniversary)

Sun 2 ALL SAINTS

9am Deceased members of the Povey family

11am Deceased members of the Hunter/Ennis families

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

Mon 3 ALL SOULS DAY

9.30am John Andrews RIP

1pm Barham Crematorium: Stephen Tasker RIP

6.30pm Stephen Tasker RIP, deceased parishioners,
relatives and friends

Tues 4 St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

9.30am Peace & justice and all victims of natural
disasters

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 5 Feria – No Mass today

Thurs 6 Feria

12noon Aidan Kelly RIP (CW)

Fri 7 Dedication of St George's Cathedral

9.30am Wellbeing of Frans Nitzsche

Sat 8 St Willibrord, Bishop

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Remembrance Sunday

Archbishop's Appeal – 2nd collection

9am Deceased members of the Mallon family

11am For all who have fallen in war and for peace

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All Saints, p1054

1st reading: Revelation 7:2-4.9-14

Response Ps 24: Such are the people who seek your
face, O Lord.

2nd reading: 1 John 3:1-3

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! Come to me, all who labour and
are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.

ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12a

**Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for November 2025, for
the prevention of suicide:** Let us pray that those who
are struggling with suicidal thoughts will find the
support, care and love they need in their community,
and be open to the beauty of life.

Parish News

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of Stephen
Tasker and Aidan Kelly who died recently, and for
their families.** The funeral service for Stephen Tasker
is at Barham Crematorium on 3 November at 1pm. The
Funeral Mass for Aidan Kelly is here on Tuesday 11
November 2025 at 11.30am, followed by burial at
Hamilton Road cemetery at 1pm. Aidan's body will be
received into the church the evening before at 5pm
Please also pray for David Fillingham whose funeral
service at Barham took place on 30 October 2025. 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, Frans
Nitzsche and Jean Ellis. Please continue to pray for the
good health of HM The King.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. Why do we
we pray for the faithful departed? The Church's teaching
on Purgatory is one of great hope and encouragement:
*From the beginning the Church has honoured the
memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage
for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so
that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific
vision of God* (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1032).

All Souls 3 November: 2 Masses at 9.30am &

6.30pm, to give as many as possible the chance to
attend Mass to pray for their deceased relatives,
friends and parishioners.

Holy Souls envelopes are available in the porch.

Please place the names of those you wish to be prayed
for in November and place in the envelope. Please give
to fr Brian and all names will be on the altar in
November for all Masses. It is central to our Christian
faith that Heaven and Earth are united in the
Eucharistic sacrifice.

Sunday 9 November 2024 is Remembrance Sunday

The 11am Mass will be a Requiem Mass to pray for all
who have fallen in war, for all victims of war and
violence, and for peace in our world. The readings at
Masses will be those for the Dedication of the Lateran
basilica (Missal, p1068).

Cemetery Sunday 16 November 2025: fr Brian will
lead a short service in Hamilton Road Cemetery at 3pm
and then bless the graves of parishioners. All welcome
and please let others know of the blessing of graves.

The Book of Remembrance is on the Lady altar. If
you wish, please enter the names of those who have
gone before us in faith, together with the year of death.
The name and year should be on one line, if possible.

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

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](#)

Planned Giving Drive

Thank you all very much for giving your time, attention and prayer to our Planned Giving Drive over the last three weekends. It has been an opportunity to reflect on our parish and how we wish to be the presence of Christ in Deal. Also, we want to hand on to future generations all that has been handed on to us by the generations of parishioners who came before us. If you have completed **the form inviting you to share in the ministries and activities of the parish**, please do hand it in this weekend to fr Brian or members of our Parish Pastoral Council. **Completed Gift Aid forms** can also be handed in as well. If you are a UK tax payer Gift Aid makes a huge difference to our parish finances and at no cost to you. **Standing Order forms** can also be given if you have not been able to set one up online or by visiting your bank.

Very important: you are only asked to consider giving what your means and commitments allow.

Your family and other important commitments come before any time or financial commitment to the parish. We are very grateful to you for all you do and give in so many ways.

ADVENT 2025

Please make a note of these dates in your diary:

Tuesday 2 December 2025: 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.**

Advent Course: as part of our Advent preparation there will be 4 evenings of live-streamed presentations from Catholic speaker Mauro Iannicelli, which will be screened at Golf Road Community Centre. In these interactive sessions Mauro will take a detailed look at each of the 4 Advent Sunday gospels on the following Wednesday evenings between 6.45pm-8.15pm: 26 November and 3, 10 & 17 December. All welcome. For more information about Mauro and his ministry go to: www.comeandsee.org

Weekend of 6/7 December 2025: a speaker from the **Forward Trust** will give a short talk at the end of all the weekend Masses about the work of the Trust. There will be a 2nd collection for its work. The **Forward Trust** helps many with addiction, mental health issues, homelessness and helping people gain employment. It is a non-denominational organisation and extends its outreach to anyone and everyone. Members of the Trust will also be available for an **Information Evening on Monday 8 September 2025 between 7-8pm in the Becket Centre** if you would like to discuss something

in confidence or gain more information about the Forward Trust.

Tuesday 16 December 2025: Advent Reconciliation Service with individual confessions at 7pm at St Thomas'. This is a joint service with Mongeham & Sandwich parish.

CHRISTMAS 2025 - Mass times

Wednesday 24 December Christmas Eve: Masses at 5.30pm and 10pm (Carols at 9.30pm)
Thursday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY
Mass at 11am

Monday 29 December, Solemnity of St Thomas of Canterbury Mass at 12noon, followed by Christmas lunch in the Becket Centre.
Details to follow soon.

Christmas cards and gifts – there are brochures from CAFOD and the Catholic Children's Society in the porch.

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Archbishop's Appeal 2nd Collection 8/9 Nov 2025

funds areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will fund innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please see poster on outside noticeboard, the link on our card machine and plate at the church door.

www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal

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).

Sudan: the situation is very grave for so many people. If you are able to donate to help, please go to: cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis

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.

St John Henry Newman - Doctor of the Church

Our Bishops' Conference website has a series of very interesting articles on St John Henry Newman: www.newman-doctor-of-the-church

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. (John Henry Newman, Meditations & Devotions, 1848)

A blessed week, fr Brian

