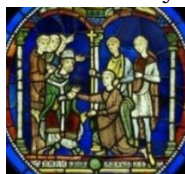


St Thomas of Canterbury

Archdiocese of Southwark CIO

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2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) 12 April 2026

Sat 11 Easter Saturday

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Sanctity of Life

Sun 12 2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

9am People of the Parish

11am Michael Joseph O'Grady RIP

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket Centre – all welcome

Mon 13 St Martin 1, Pope & Martyr

9.30am Deceased members of Williams & Conway families

Tues 14 Feria of Easter

9.30am Deceased members of Mariya & Tijo's families

11am Stations of the Resurrection–Sacred Heart Chapel

11am Deanery Meeting - Folkestone

Wed 15 Feria of Easter – no Mass today

Thurs 16 Feria of Easter

9.30am Mass: Peace among nations

11.30am Funeral Service (not Mass): David Smith RIP

1pm Committal at Barham Crematorium

Fri 17 Feria of Easter

12noon Special Intention

Sat 18 Feria of Easter

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 19 3rd Sunday of Easter

2nd collection for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral

9am Pope Francis RIP (1st anniv: 21 April 2026)

11am Intentions of Andrew & Margaret Keenan (55th wedding anniversary)

4.30-5.30pm Holy Hour for the Sanctity of Life

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2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER, p296

1st reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Response Ps 118: Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

2nd reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for April 2026, for priests in crisis: let us pray for priests going through times of crisis in their vocation; may they receive the accompaniment they need, and may their communities support them with understanding and prayer.

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the souls of David Smith and Denis O'Mahoney. David's Funeral Service (not Mass) is here at 11.30am on Thursday 16 April 2026, followed by Barham Crematorium at 1pm. Denis' Funeral Mass is here at 11.30am on Wednesday 29 April 2026 (received in church the night before at 4.45pm), followed by Barham Crematorium at 1pm. Our prayers are also asked for **Denis Sayers** who has died. Please keep their families in your prayers during these days.

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 and Paul Dale. Please continue to pray for the good health of HM The King. Please do let the parish know of anyone who is sick or housebound.

The Stations of the Resurrection are prayed every Tuesday at 11am at Sacred Heart Chapel during the Easter Season. A lovely way to meditate and reflect on the Resurrection in this Easter season. All welcome.

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is still in the **House of Lords** for scrutiny. **This is a very crucial time as the end of the Parliamentary session nears.** 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](#) [You](#)

Archbishop John Wilson of Southwark has issued a statement following the House of Lords' decision to keep clause 208 in the Crime and Policing Bill. The clause decriminalises abortion up to birth in some circumstances. Read the full statement at: [Archbishop Wilson: Unborn child "ignored and silenced" after vote to decriminalise abortion - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

Holy Hour for the Sanctity of Life: our Bishops have asked all parishes to have a Holy Hour for the sanctity of life next **Sunday 19 April 2026 between 4.30-5.30pm**. Please try to come along – if only for a few minutes.

A very grateful word of thanks to Beverley-Jayne Last, Community First Responder, for leading us in a very informative and excellent 90 minutes practical session on CPR last Wednesday. Thank you to all who attended and to Edward Gaskin for organising the session. Beverley-Jayne emphasised the role of volunteers in helping people survive cardiac arrest.

Please Register with The Parish - St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church - Deal - Kent Your information will only be accessed by authorised parish office staff for administrative purposes. It is very important to have up-to-date contact details.

Missio thanks all the parishioners of St Thomas of Canterbury, Deal, for raising **£1,214.42** through the red box appeal and direct donations in 2025. Thank you for supporting the missionary work of the Church.

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.

St George's Cathedral (close to the Imperial War Museum and the Elephant & Castle in London) is the Mother Church of our diocese. There is a 2nd collection next Sunday to help with its upkeep and maintenance.

The Easter Offering 2026: Priests in our diocese do not receive an annual salary. The weekly collection is for parish purposes and does not go to fr Brian. fr Brian's parish income comes from the Christmas & Easter offerings and stipends for Masses, Baptisms & Funerals. There are several ways you can make an Easter Offering: [1] By cash/cheque (cheques should be made payable to 'RCAS DEAL': please place your contribution in an Easter Offering envelope (available at the back of the church), including your name and address if you wish to Gift Aid. The Gift Aid goes to the parish and not to fr Brian. The envelope can be dropped in to the offertory basket at Mass or posted through the presbytery door. [2] By using the card machine in the church. [3] By using the DONATE button on our website. [4] By bank transfer to NatWest: Account Name: RCAS Deal Account No: 09658378 Sort Code: 52-30-23 Reference: Easter Offering.

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From the Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Team Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, 11 July 2026, at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location - DEAL.

Free Marriage and Family Life events for Parents and Married or engaged couples

For parents with teenagers:

Catholic CELEBRATE are offering free of charge 2 webinars

Confident parenting in a world of screens

29th April 8pm

Raising teenagers in a Catholic family

2nd June 8pm

To book a place contact: info@celebratetrust.org

For engaged and married couples 2 courses:

(1) Rooted in love – Online Group

Meets one hour a month on Zoom from 8.30pm to 9.30 pm. No travelling and no costs. It's free to attend **April**

23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26, December 10. FFI contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk To obtain further information go to **Southwark**

MFL webpage [Marriage and Family Life: Archdiocese of Southwark](#)

(2) Growing in Faith Together - Sycamore

From the comfort of your living room join us for **4 x 1 hour Sycamore Growing in Faith Together** (GIFT) for engaged and married couples **May 5, 12, 19, 26 or Sept 8, 15, 22, 29.** Other courses available. FFI contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

Please join us on a Mary's Meals walking pilgrimage

Details of all the pilgrimages are available here: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope>. Options include the Augustine Camino from Rochester to Ramsgate via Aylesford Priory, Canterbury Cathedral and Minster Abbey from 5-11 September and The Way of Our Lady of Consolation from West Grinstead to Storrington and onto Arundel Cathedral from 8-9 May. You are very welcome to join us for a single day, for several days, or for a whole pilgrimage. Come on your own or as a group. To find out more or to sign up, please go to <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope> or contact Roy Peachey from Mary's Meals at info@marysmeals.org

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO

LOURDES: 21-28 August 2026

Details for booking travel and accommodation can be found at:

[Catholic Association Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours](#)

Pilgrims are also asked to complete a form with details, including medical requirements (if any) at: [Catholic Association Join](#) For more information, please contact Canon Edward Perera (edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk) or Deacon John Fogarty (johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk) or Bishop Paul Hendricks (paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s and 30s)

Discerning God's Call in your life

15th - 17th May, Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). **Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.** There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, a chance to live alongside the religious community and to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. **For more information: Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org**

To register: <https://bit.ly/Vocation2026>

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: [Donate to an ACN project](#) 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:

[Sudan Crisis Appeal](#)

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 blessings for the Easter Season! fr Brian

