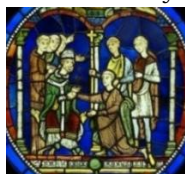


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This newsletter covers two weeks:

19 & 26 April 2026

Sat 18 Feria of Easter

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 19 3rd Sunday of Easter (A)

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

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

Mon 20 Feria of Easter

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Tues 21 St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor – no Mass today

11am Stations of the Resurrection – Sacred Heart
Chapel

Wed 22 Feria of Easter

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Thurs 23 St George, Martyr, Patron of England

9.30am Mary Collins RIP

Fri 24 St Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

12noon Fr Padraig Faughnan RIP

Sat 25 St Mark, Evangelist

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Megan Rembridge RIP

(Patricia McKenna RIP – 1st anniversary)

Sun 26 4th Sunday of Easter (A)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

2nd collection for the Priest Training Fund

9am People of the Parish – for Vocations

11am Thanksgiving: Michael & Anne Cullen
(60th wedding anniversary)

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

Mon 27 Feria of Easter

9.30am Elizabeth Hamer RIP

Tues 28 St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr

9.30am Intentions of Gowtham Indirajith

11am Stations of the Resurrection – Sacred Heart
Chapel

4.45pm Reception of body & Vigil: Denis O'Mahoney RIP

Wed 29 St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe

11.30am Funeral Mass: Denis O'Mahoney RIP

1pm Barham Crematorium

Thurs 30 St Pius V, Pope

10.30am John Deveney RIP

Fri 1 May St Joseph the Worker

12noon For all who work in NHS & care sector

Sat 2 St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 3 5th Sunday of Easter (A)

Safeguarding Sunday

9am For all who work in Safeguarding

11am For all victims of abuse

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

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER, p301

1st reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14.22-33

Response Ps 16: O Lord, you will show me the path of
life.

2nd reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our
hearts burn within us when you speak to us.

ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER, p306

1st reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14a.36-41

Response Ps 23: The LORD is my shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want.

2nd reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

I am the good shepherd says the Lord. I know my
sheep and my own know me. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

**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 Denis
O'Mahoney and Mary Collins.** 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. Mary died on 14 April
2026. Funeral details yet to be finalised. Our prayers
are also asked for **David Smith** whose Funeral Service
took place last week. 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: Mike
Sykes, June Bartels, Josie O'Keefe, 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.

Children's Liturgy resumes on **Sunday 26 April** at the
9am Mass. We look forward to seeing you. A reminder
for the First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
candidates to please bring your **'I Belong'** book along
with you to the 9:00 Mass. Thank you.

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 on **Sunday 19 April 2026 between 4.30-5.30pm**. Please try to come along – if only for a few minutes.

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.

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 on Sunday 19 April 2026 to help with its upkeep and maintenance.

Priest Training Fund (Ecclesiastical Education): there is a 2nd collection on Sunday 26 April 2026 to help meet the cost of the formation of students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday is on Sunday 3 May 2026. The **National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse** is on Tuesday 5 May 2026. Our Parish Safeguarding Reps are **Frances Pond** and **Peter Sykes** (contact details at top of newsletter).

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News

St Thomas of Canterbury, CANTERBURY
The world premiere of **The Canterbury Trails – Live This May!** "From all the shires of England to Canterbury they come" Step into a powerful new musical inspired by *The Canterbury Tales*—reimagined for today. Expect music, dance, story telling and unforgettable characters on a journey like no other. ♀
St Thomas of Canterbury RC Church 📅
[Fri 15th May \(7:30pm\) & Sat 16th May 2026 \(2:30pm\)](#)
📞 £20 (£15/£10 restricted view) | Ages 10+ only (we love our children but this is not designed for them) 🍷
75 mins (no interval) ✨ Created to celebrate the church's 150th anniversary ✨ Written and directed by our own parishioner, internationally renowned choreographer Sir David Bintley, with music by celebrated composer Colin Towns ✨ Performed by our very own local parish talent ✨ A unique blend of tradition and modern storytelling
📞 Buy your tickets from the Church shop now - online from 25th April 2026 – limited seats (200 per show)
canterbury@rcaos.org.uk

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.

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)

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](#)

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus,
you conquered death without weapons or violence:
you shattered its power with the strength of peace.
Grant us your peace,
as you did to the women filled with doubt on Easter morning,
as you did to the disciples who were hiding in fear.
Send forth your Spirit,
the breath that gives life and reconciles,
that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters.
Inspire in us to trust in Mary, your mother,
who stood at the foot of your cross with a broken heart,
firm in the faith that you would rise again.
May the madness of war cease
and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still
know how to bring forth, protect and love life.
Hear us, Lord of life!
(Prayer Vigil for Peace, Rome, 11 April 2026)

The Easter Season is a period of fifty days leading to Pentecost. It is a time when we can reflect on the meaning of the Resurrection and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives and world. How **is** the Resurrection changing me/us?

A blessed week, especially to our school and college communities for the new term and forthcoming examinations.

Many blessings for the Easter Season! fr Brian

