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THE SEASON OF EASTER – ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

EASTER SUNDAY 5 April 2026

Sat 4 HOLY SATURDAY

11-12noon Confessions

8pm THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL

People of our parish

(Mgr Canon John O'Toole RIP – 1st anniversary 3 April)

Sun 5 EASTER SUNDAY

9am Dr Isabelle D'Cruz RIP

11am Leonard Lucas RIP

Renewal of Baptismal Promises at both Masses

No refreshments after Easter Sunday Masses

Mon 6 Easter Monday

12noon Raymond Joseph Cassidy RIP

Tues 7 Easter Tuesday

9.30am Frank & Jenny Mallon RIP

(Fr Sunith Nonis RIP – 1st anniversary)

11am Stations of the Resurrection – Sacred Heart

Chapel

Wed 8 Easter Wednesday

12noon Eileen Cairns RIP

Thurs 9 Easter Thursday

12noon Fr Michael Breslin RIP

Fri 10 Easter Friday

12noon Catherine Dobbyn RIP

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

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.

THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL, p251. Please note the three readings for the Vigil are: Genesis 1:1-2:2 (p261); Exodus 14:15-15:1 (p267); Ezekiel 36:16-17,18-28 (p275). All three readings are followed by sung responsorial psalms and proper prayers.

After the Gloria there is the Epistle reading (Romans 6:3-11, p278) followed by the triple sung alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10 (p279)

EASTER SUNDAY, p291

1st reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34.37-43

Response Ps 117: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

2nd reading: Colossians 3:1-4

SEQUENCE – to be said by all from missals

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

Parish News

WELCOME TO ALL VISITING OUR PARISH FOR THE EASTER WEEKEND.

THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH US.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Smith.

David's Funeral Service (not Mass) is here at 11.30am on Thursday 16 April 2026, followed by Barham Crematorium at 1pm. Our prayers are also asked for **Thomas Bramwell and Denis O'Mahoney** who have 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.

Deal's Warm Welcome: please see the poster in the porch for locations and times of opening.

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.

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](#)

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.**

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion 2026:

please pray for our five children – Amanda, Henry, Georgia, JaneMary and William – and their families, together with all supporting them in the parish, as they set out on their preparation for these two great sacraments.

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.

Last chance to book a place – this Wednesday
Deal Community NHS First Responders are offering this
First Aid Training course:(for 20 participants)

A 1½ hour *Training Course in CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and AED (Automated External Defibrillator)*.

Venue - Becket Centre on Wednesday 8 April 2026 at 2pm. There is no charge for this training.

This course is designed to give participants a greater understanding of how to support those who may fall seriously ill whilst waiting for paramedics to arrive. It does not provide participants with any formal certification.

Those interested should contact Edward Gaskin on 07787 666344 or edwardgaskin@live.com

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

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)

Spring Pilgrimage to Canterbury

April 18th 10.30am from St Mary's Church, Chilham via St Mary's Church, Chartham, to Canterbury and finishing with evensong in the Cathedral. Contact:

Eddie Gilmore at gileag@gmail.com
www.eddiegilmore.org

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.

VERY MANY GRATEFUL THANKS

to all parishioners for the magnificent way in which everyone has contributed to and participated in the celebration of the SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM and EASTER DAY.

So many parishioners give to the parish in a multitude of ways to ensure that we celebrate worthily the sacred mysteries of our faith and grow as a community in the life of faith, witnessing to Christ in the world in which we live.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COMMITMENT.

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad (psalm 117)

May these 50 days of the Easter season be a time of blessing for our world, for peace and justice, and for renewal in our Easter faith.

May our school and college communities enjoy a restful Easter break. May we all find time this week to rest and be with family and friends.

Many blessings for Easter! fr Brian

