

St Thomas of Canterbury

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7th Sunday of Easter – 17 May 2026

Sat 16 St Simon Stock

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Ints of Jeremy & Christina Clarke

(35th wedding anniversary)

Sun 17 7th Sunday of Easter (A)

World Communications Sunday – 2nd collection

9am Kay Paterson RIP

11am People of the Parish

Refreshments after both Sunday Masses in the Becket

Centre – all welcome

Mon 18 St John 1, Pope & Martyr

9.30am Ints of Gill & Tom May – 60th wedding anniv.

Tues 19 St Dunstan

9.30am Dec'd members of Mariya & Tijo's families

11am Stations of the Resurrection-Sacred Heart chapel

Wed 20 St Bernardine – no Mass today

Thurs 21 St Christopher Magallanes & Companions

12noon Mike Abbott RIP

Fri 22 St Rita of Cascia

12noon John Hardy RIP (1st anniversary)

Sat 23 Feria of Easter

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Fr David Fox RIP

Sun 24 PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)

Day of Prayer for the Church

9am People of the Parish

11am Johanna Higgins RIP

Refreshments after both Sunday Masses in the Becket

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The end of the Season of Easter

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER, p322

1st reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14

Response Ps 27: I believe I shall see the LORD'S
goodness in the land of the living.

2nd reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am
going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will
rejoice. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11a

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for May 2026, that everyone might have food: let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoiding food waste, and to ensuring that everyone has access to quality food.

Parish News

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: Ben Bano, Keith Reynolds, 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.

Going into hospital: it is very important to tell the hospital if you would like to see a Catholic priest. The hospital may not ask you. Both QEQM, Margate, and Kent & Canterbury Hospital have Catholic priests on call. Please let fr Brian know, too. It is always possible to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick before going into hospital.

The Stations of the Resurrection are prayed for the final Tuesday of the Easter Season at 11am at Sacred Heart Chapel this week. All welcome.

Parish Day of Prayer & Reflection in the idyllic surroundings of **Minster Abbey: 18 July 2026.** The Benedictine nuns extend a warm welcome for us to spend a day of prayer in their chapel and beautiful grounds. 20 available spaces. Meet at St Thomas' at 10.15am and car share. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. To book a place, please have a word with Anne-Marie Brockway: at church, or **07950 317505** or ambrockway@hotmail.com A donation of £5 per person to help the nuns in their work is suggested.

Prayer Group: it is proposed to have a fortnightly prayer group based on the Sunday gospel (lectio divina). If you are interested, please come to an introductory meeting at the Becket Centre on Monday, 8 June 2026, at 6pm. The prayer group meetings will run from 6-7pm. Please arrive no later than **5.50pm to start at 6pm**. Punctuality is essential to ensure the prayerful atmosphere of the group.

This Sunday 17 May 2026 is World Communications Day and an opportunity to pray for all involved in communications. There is a 2nd collection to support the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN). The CCN supports the Bishops of England and Wales in promoting the Gospel; it seeks to develop the public profile of the Church and her teaching; and provides current news releases, etc, and forms men and women to speak on behalf of the Church.

Summer Garden Party - Save the date! Bring & Share a picnic lunch. Please join us in the presbytery garden on **Sunday 12 July 2026 between 12noon – 3pm**. This is an opportunity to gather and meet parishioners and families. It is also a chance to thank everyone for their contribution to the life of the parish in so many ways. **If you can help in preparing for or assisting on the day, please contact Libby Gibbins: 07763 938797 or libbyn23@gmail.com**

Suggestion Box: we have a new suggestion box in the Lady Chapel. We all have a role in ensuring that our parish fulfils its mission to be a caring and vibrant community and the presence of Christ in our society. Your suggestions are important as to how we fulfil our vocation as disciples. The Parish Pastoral Council welcomes your suggestions.

Vigil for Peace - Sunday 14 June 2026 4.30-5.30pm: we will have a time of prayer in our church to pray for peace in our world and in our lives.

Christians from other churches in Deal will be invited.
Please do mention this to your friends. All are welcome to this time of silence and prayer for peace.

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.

May is the Month of Mary: thank you very much for the generous response to the appeal for the restoration and painting of the statue of Our Lady. We hope that the work will be carried out by the end of the summer.
Many thanks.



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.

Summary of Offertory Giving for April 2026: Cash and bank total: £4,329.17, standing orders £5,283.50, Dona contactless £2,448.62, Total £12,061.29 of which £1,646.56 is Gift Aid. Included in the overall figure of £12,061.29, was £535.39 for the Holy Places, £175.64 for the Priest Training Fund, £246.54 for St George's Cathedral, £3,534.92 for the Easter Offering, and £0.98 for the Easter Flowers. We appreciate that many of you face financial pressures and we thank you very much for your continued generosity.

Parish Building Fund: every parish has ongoing maintenance work, as well as capital expenditure on major projects. At the initiative of the Parish Finance Committee we are starting a **Parish Building Fund**. It will be a standing item on the contactless machines. In recent weeks we have had the following works: tree surgery in the back presbytery garden, emergency lighting and electrical work in the church and Becket Centre, work to the flat roof at the back of the Becket Centre and water ingress at the back of the church. In the near future we also need to do some work on church heating, including replacing the two large radiators at the back of the church. All these works total nearly £13,000 (excluding VAT). **Please be careful entering the church through the main side door – there is restricted access because of scaffolding.**

Deal & Walmer Handelian Choral Society announce an 80th anniversary concert of music by Handel: 27 June 2026, 7pm, at St George's Church, Deal. Full details and ticket prices on notice board in porch or go to: www.dwhsociety.co.uk

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Marriage Enrichment Day: Saturday 13 June 2026

Couples are invited to a day where they can **privately** explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into the communication and the call of the Church to be married at **Our Lady of Good Counsel, 2 Lower Blackhouse Hill, Hythe, Kent, CT21 5LS** from 9.00am till 4.30pm.

The one-day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriages better and to improve their communication skills and learn how to raise issues without hurting each other. **There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple.** The unique selling point of this day is it is NOT marriage counselling - Marriage Care and Retrouvaille do a brilliant job at this! Refreshments will be provided but please bring a **packed lunch**. **Booking is essential.** To apply please contact: **Carole** on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or by phone on **07983 524 727**

Rosary For Life. Archbishop John Wilson is calling on all of us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly and vulnerable. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife. **Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.**

St Jude – Apostle of Hope Summer Celebration 30 May 2026

Shrine of St Jude, 34 Tanners Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 7JW: 11am Devotions with Anointing, 1.30pm Open Air Mass, 2.30pm Procession to the Shrine

Musical Pilgrimage on the Augustine Camino June 8th-14th 2026 From Rochester to Ramsgate, via Canterbury, with Eddie Gilmore performing a little concert each evening in a pub en route. Contact Eddie for more details: 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.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday: may the Holy Spirit be ever more powerful in our lives, empowering us to witness to the Risen and Ascended Christ. May the Holy Spirit continue to give us that peace so much needed in our world.

Let us keep in our prayers all who are sitting examinations.

Many blessings for this final week of the Easter Season! fr Brian

