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This newsletter covers two weeks

The Most Holy Trinity – 31 May 2026

Sat 30 The Blessed Virgin Mary

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 31 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)

9am Special Intention (JP)

11am Albert Ennis RIP & Steve Harding RIP

Refreshments after both Sunday Masses in the Becket

Centre – all welcome

Mon 1 June St Justin, Martyr

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Tues 2 Sts Peter & Marcellinus, Martyrs - no Mass today

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 3 St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

12noon Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Thurs 4 FERIA – no Mass today

Fri 5 St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

12noon Deceased members of the O'Nion family

Sat 6 St Luke Kirby, Priest & Martyr

1pm Baptisms: Fredrick & George Bottom

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Lisa Rist RIP

**Sun 7 THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
CORPUS CHRISTI (A)**

9am People of the Parish

11am Private intention (VI)

Refreshments after both Sunday Masses in the Becket

Centre – all welcome

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are
invited to renew their commitment at whichever
Mass they attend this weekend.**

Mon 8 FERIA

12noon Intention of Robert Hughes

Tues 9 St Columba, Abbot

9.30am Mary Sear RIP

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 10 FERIA – no Mass today

Thurs 11 St Barnabas, Apostle

12noon Patricia Bridges RIP

Fri 12 Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity

12noon Wellbeing of Catherine Fant

Sat 13 The Immaculate Heart of the BVM

1pm Baptisms: Fredrick & George Bottom

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 14 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9am Thomas & Eileen Dobbryn RIP

11am Kath Savage RIP

4.30-5.30pm Vigil for Peace

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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, p418

1st reading: Exodus 34:4b-6.8-9

Response Ps Daniel 3: To be praised and highly
exalted for ever!

2nd reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit, the God who is and who was and who is to
come. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 3:16-18

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST, p422

1st reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14b-16a

Response Ps 147: O Jerusalem, glorify the LORD!

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

I am the living bread that came down from heaven,
says the Lord. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live
for ever. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

**Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for June 2026, for the
values of sports:** let us pray for sports to be an
instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among
cultures and nations; may they promote the values of
respect, solidarity and personal growth.

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Keith

Reynolds who died on 26 May 2026, for Finula, his
wife, and for their children and family. Keith's Funeral
is on 26 June 2026 – further details to follow.

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, Moyra Carey, 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.

Pope Leo's 1st encyclical: MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS
offers powerful insights into the protection of the human
person in the age of artificial intelligence, recognising a
profound epochal shift. It places the dignity of the
human person at the centre as the criteria for guiding
technical progress. The Church's **social teaching**
accompanies these transformations, pointing to the
common good, solidarity and subsidiarity as the
fundamental benchmarks for understanding and
interpreting the transformation currently underway. It
proposes, as an alternative to the culture of power and
war, a civilisation of love founded on justice, dialogue
and shared responsibility.

The encyclical is available here: [Pope Leo's 'Magnifica
humanitas' - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

Here you can watch a video about the encyclical and
read a series of infographics to guide you to a deeper
understanding of *Magnifica Humanitas*: [Magnifica
humanitas - Overview - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

CAFOD has much useful information on the
encyclical: [Magnifica Humanitas explained: What is
Pope Leo's first encyclical?](#)

Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ) is celebrated on 6/7 June 2026. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to renew their commitment at whichever Mass they attend. Sheets are provided with the words of renewal. Thank you to our Ministers who minister both at Mass and to our sick and housebound parishioners.

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.

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 are invited to join us. Please do mention this to your friends. All are welcome to this time of silence and prayer for peace.

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.

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

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.**

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.

Deal & Walmer Handelian Choral Society announces 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

Children's Liturgy resumes next Sunday 7 June 2026. We look forward to welcoming children and parents, together with the First Holy Communion children.

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.

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News

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, 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.

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.

The Most Holy Trinity

How does one speak about God and who would be able to understand him? In his presence, we are like a child before the vast ocean which seems to be endlessly renewed; he fills his bucket from the waves without leaving a trace; he empties it into a hole in the sand; the water soaks in and disappears. How give expression to that which knows no bounds? How attempt to do so, without at least having some experience of the immensity of its waters? Surely the best way to know the ocean would be to approach it and lose oneself in it?

Those great men and women who are versed in prayer are witnesses to the fact that we cannot speak about God until we learn to speak to him. We are only acolytes answering the initiative of a God who makes himself known and reveals his name to us in the intimacy of faith. God alone can speak adequately about God. This he has done by becoming man in Jesus Christ – the divine love in human form – and his Spirit murmurs within us the hidden name: Abba, Father!

We must go back to the deep life of God if we are to grasp what the love of the Father for mankind brings about – eternal life for those who believe in Jesus Christ.

(from the Glenstal Bible Missal)

St Augustine of Hippo wrote, 'If you see love, you see the Trinity'. We can meditate on the Trinity by reflecting on the love so many people show in their daily lives. What is the source of this love, a reflection of the love of Father, Son and Holy Spirit?



Let us keep in our prayers all who are sitting examinations. A blessed week, fr Brian