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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14 June 2026

Sat 13 The Immaculate Heart of the BVM

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 14 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

9am Thomas & Eileen Dobbyn RIP

11am Kath Savage RIP

4.30-5.30pm Vigil for Peace

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

Mon 15 Feria

9.30am Deceased members of Mariya & Tijo's families

Tues 16 St Richard of Chichester – no Mass today

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 17 Feria – no Mass today

Thurs 18 Feria

12noon Intentions of Peter & Theresa Roger
(20th wedding anniversary)

Fri 19 St John Rigby, Martyr

12noon Thomas & Eileen Dobbyn RIP

Sat 20 St Alban, Martyr

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

Sun 21 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Day for Life / Father's Day

2nd collection for Day for Life

9am Intentions of Gwen Lagan

11am John Edward Andrews RIP

12.30pm Baptism: Tino Suarez-Pavic

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11th Sunday (A), p615

1st reading: Exodus 19:2-6a

Response Ps 100: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

2nd reading: Romans 5:6-11

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:36-10:8

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 Mass is at 12 noon on 26 June 2026, followed by Barham Crematorium at 2pm.

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.

Vigil for Peace – today 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.

Congratulations to Fredrick & George Bottom, who were baptised into the faith of the Church last Saturday, to their parents, godparents and wider family. Let us pray that the newly baptised will always experience the love of God in their lives.

First Holy Communion Sunday is 5 July 2026 at the 9am Mass. The children will make their **First Confession** on Saturday 27 June 2026. Please continue to pray for Georgia, Henry, Jane Mary and William, their families and catechists. Thank you to all who volunteered to be prayer sponsors for our children.

Prayer Group: we had our first meeting last Monday. Our next meeting is on Monday 22 June 2026. There is still time to join us, if you wish. The prayer group meetings 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.

Parish Day of Prayer & Reflection in the idyllic surroundings of **Minster Abbey: 18 July 2026**. Meet at St Thomas' at 10.15am and car share. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. We now have 20 parishioners who wish to attend. If you would like to join the group, please do not delay in contacting 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.

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.

Summer Garden Party – Change of date! Bring & Share a picnic lunch. A message from the Parish

Pastoral Council: In view of fr Brian's retirement, the Parish Pastoral Council have changed the date of the Summer Garden Party to **Sunday 30 August 2026 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.

In a particular way, it is an opportunity to express our thanks to fr Brian for his ministry as our parish priest since 2023. Envelopes will be available shortly if you

would like to donate towards fr Brian's farewell gift, which we will present to him on the day. There will also be a link on our contactless machines.

Can you help in preparing for or assisting at the Summer Garden Party? Please contact Libby Gibbins: 07763 938797 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.

Day for Life next **Sunday 21 June 2026**: the theme this year is 'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'. There is a 2nd collection for the Bishops' **Day for Life Fund**, which provides financial assistance each year to organisations working to support the Church's mission to protect human life from conception to natural death.

Each year the money donated on the Day for Life is dispersed to various organisations to assist them in undertaking specific projects relating to life issues. These range from educational workshops to advocacy campaigns, commissioning research and practical support. For more information:

[Day for Life - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

Summary of Offertory Giving for May 2026: Cash and bank total: £8,158.08, standing orders £4,884.00, Dona contactless £1,479.88. Total £14,521.96, of which £1,256.45 is Gift Aid. Included in the overall figure of £14,521.96 was £3,296.81 for the Building Fund, £132.80 for Communications Sunday, £3,242.32 for Our Lady's Statue and £241.66 for car parking charges. We thank you very much for your continued generosity and for supporting your Parish.

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 have started a **Parish Building Fund**. It is 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

Request for transport to 11am Sunday Mass: a parishioner who lives close to Walmer station would greatly appreciate a lift to 11am Sunday Mass. Is there a parishioner who could offer transport? If so, please contact fr Brian for further details: deal@rcaos.org.uk **With many thanks.**

Deanery, Diocesan, National & International News

Discernment Retreats at St Mildred's Abbey, Minster, nr Ramsgate: the Benedictine nuns at Minster Abbey invite single Roman Catholic women aged 18-35 to discern a possible vocation to the monastic life. The next retreats are: 7-9 August 2026 and 9-11 October 2026. For more information and to book a place, please contact Sr Walburga:

minstervocations@gmail.com

Please also see the poster in the porch.

Catholic Children's Society (CCS) Summer Trips: the CCS runs summer trips for vulnerable children and families. For many, this is the first time they have left inner London, seen the sea, or felt sand beneath their feet. Children are given the chance to laugh, play and experience simple family joy. These days out bring lasting memories of shared happiness. If you can help by sending a donation, please contact the Catholic Children's Society: info@cathchild.org.uk or 020 8969 5305. For more information: www.cathchild.org.uk

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 the diocese 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.

Today, Sunday 14 June 2026, we have a time of prayer for peace between 4.30-5.30pm in the church. You are all warmly invited, and you are invited to invite others, too, to this time of prayer, for 5 minutes or for longer.

Pope Leo'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!

Thank you for your very kind wishes and gifts for my 70th birthday last Sunday. I am very grateful.
A blessed Sunday and week, fr Brian