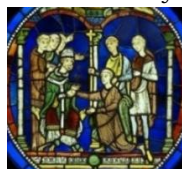


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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21 June 2026

Sat 20 St Alban, Martyr

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish – Ben Bano RIP

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

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

Mon 22 Sts John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs

9.30am Coral & Alex Ennis RIP

Tues 23 St Etheldreda, Abbess

9.30am Romily Meager RIP

Wed 24 Birth of St John the Baptist

12noon Ben Bano RIP

Thurs 25 FERIA

12noon Special Intention (MD)

Fri 26 Funeral Mass

12noon Keith Reynolds RIP

2pm Barham Crematorium

Sat 27 St Cyril of Alexandria

9am Children's First Confessions

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Philip Rawson RIP

Sun 28 Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles

2nd collection for Peter's Pence

9am People of the Parish

11am Suzanne & Friends RIP

12.30pm Baptism: George Alexander Silva-Smith

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12th Sunday (A), p619

1st reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Response Ps 69: In your great mercy, answer me, O
LORD.

2nd reading: Romans 5:12-15

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the

Lord, and you also will bear witness. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:26-33

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

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Ben Bano who died in QEQM hospital on 16 June 2026, and for his three children. Ben's wife, Marie-Claude, predeceased him. Ben was a former Mayor of Deal, a local town councillor at the time of his death, active in ecumenical activities, and very much involved in caring for migrants and refugees. Funeral arrangements are yet to be made.

Our prayers are also asked for Canon Alan McLean, the parish priest of The Most Holy Trinity, Bermondsey, a priest of our diocese, who has died.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

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: 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.

Day for Life In England, Wales, Scotland & Ireland today Sunday 21 June 2026: the theme this year is 'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'.

Pope Leo has sent a message via Cardinal Parolin, the Secretary of State:

His Holiness was pleased to learn of the theme chosen for this year, focused on the wonder of the full humanity of the child in the womb, as well as of your efforts to support mothers and fathers who have suffered the loss of an infant. Indeed, as he recently reminded us in the Encyclical Magnifica humanitas, from the very moment of conception every human being is endowed with an infinite dignity "simply by virtue of existing, of having been willed, created and loved by God" (No 52). This divine love fills the life of every person with meaning, and, far from ending with death, invites us to a new fullness in eternity.

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.

Thank you for your generosity.

For more information:

[Day for Life - Catholic Bishops' Conference](http://DayforLife-CatholicBishopsConference)

Re-introduction of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill: Lauren Edwards, the MP for Rochester and Strood, has announced that she will re-introduce the Bill from the last Parliamentary Session. A debate and vote in the House of Commons could be as early as this September.

The debate and scrutiny of the Bill in the last Parliamentary Session revealed many serious flaws in the Bill, as mentioned by many bodies and individuals and, most crucially, those with disabilities. It is vital that we continue to oppose this Bill, both in principle and to highlight its serious flaws. Archbishop John Sherrington, Archbishop of Liverpool and Lead Bishop on Life Issues, has issued a statement. It can be found at: [News - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

Please consider writing to Mike Tapp, our local MP, with your concerns: mike.tapp.mp@parliament.uk or House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

Archbishop John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark, has issued a *Pastoral Message on the Dignity of Every Person: There is no Place for Racism*. Copies are available in the porch. See, too: www.rcaos.org.uk

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: meets this Monday 22 June 2026 in the Becket Centre. Please arrive no later than **5.50pm to start at 6pm**. Punctuality is essential to ensure the prayerful atmosphere of the group.

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 has 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.

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.

Peter's Pence 2nd collection next weekend 27/28 June. This annual collection helps the Pope to support poor dioceses throughout the world, religious communities and all the People of God in grave difficulties: children, the poor, the elderly, the marginalised and victims of war and natural disasters. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Retirement collection for Father Brian. The Parish Pastoral Council wishes to hold a retirement collection for Father Brian. During the short time that Father Brian has been with us, he has brought new vigour and life to both our pastoral and social mission. The PPC considers it appropriate to recognise his contribution with the collection. If you want to make a cash donation please use the white Gift Aid envelopes at the back of the church and mark it "Father Brian's retirement". You do not need to Gift Aid your donation but if you can do so, please tick the Gift Aid box and provide your details on the back of the envelope and the parish (not Fr Brian) will benefit with an additional receipt of 25% Gift Aid from your donation. You will also find there is an option to donate through the contactless devices or on the parish website, both with the option of Gift Aiding your donation. Thank you very much for your support.

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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: [Home - Catholic Childrens Society](#)

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.

A very Happy Father's Day to all Fathers today: We pray and give thanks for all our fathers, living and dead.

Loving God, bless our fathers. May they, together with all mothers, nurture and care for their children and know the beauty of the vocation of being parents. Amen.

Many blessings for the coming week, Fr Brian