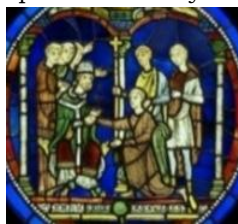


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28th Sunday -11th October

Sat 10: Saint Paulinus of York, Bishop

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm For Peter A. Murphy

Sun 11: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families

4th National Mass count

9am Maura Griffin RIP

11am Thanksgiving of John Higgins

Refreshments after the 9am and 11am Masses in the Becket Centre – all welcome

Mon 12: St. Wilfrid, Bishop

9.30am Peggy Mallon RIP

Tues 13: St. Edward the Confessor, King, Feast

9.30am Aidan Kelly RIP – 1st anniversary

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 14: St. Callistus 1, No Mass

Thurs 15: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor

12noon People of the Parish

Fri 16: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

11am Funeral mass of Catherine Boundy

6.00pm Rosary and Benediction

Sat 17: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Wellbeing of Ernesto Arturo Pradilla

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1st reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

Ps 23(22):1-3a, 3b-4, 5.6. R.6cd

Response: ***In the LORD'S own house shall I dwell for length of days unending***

2nd reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Alleluia, Alleluia

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 1-14

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for October 2026, for mental health ministry: let us pray for mental health ministry to be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination towards people with mental illnesses.

Parish News

Sunday Refreshment: Enjoy company with coffee, tea and biscuits every Sunday after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses in the Becket Centre. All are welcome.

Lectio Divina: the next date for our *lectio divina* is **Monday 12 October at 6:00pm** in the Becket Centre. Come along and let us share the word of God and grow in faith. All are welcome.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Catherine Boundy** who died 12 September 2026 and for her family. Her Funeral Mass is 11am Friday 16 October.

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: Bernadette Hunter, John Mizzi, Moyra Carey, Mike Sykes, June Bartels, Josie O'Keeffe and Paul Dale. Please continue to pray for the good health of HM The King. If you have anyone sick or housebound to be included in our prayers, please inform Father John or the parish office.

A Passionate Appeal: A number of our parishioners require transport to Mass as many of them no longer have cars or cannot drive. Jim Davenport has been very involved in this process for many years along with Maz Krupski. We always need more drivers, particularly for the 11:00 o'clock Mass. As time goes by, more parishioners require transport. If you are able to help, speak with Father John or Jim Davenport, or send an e-mail to the parish e-mail: deal@rcaos.org.uk. Thank you.

Summary of Offertory Giving for September 2026:

Cash and bank total: £1,931.83, standing orders £5,627.75, Dona contactless £1,764.61.

Total £9,324.19 of which £1,356.74 is Gift Aid. Included in the overall figure of £9,324.19, was £12.78 for the Building Fund, £1,037.20 for Fr Brian's retirement collection, £187.66 for Education Sunday, £156.07 for Missions Sunday, £40 for Mass intentions and £216.66 for car parking charges. The total amount collected for Fr Brian's retirement is £5,598.85.

We thank you very much for your continued generosity and for supporting your Parish.

With very special thanks for your generous donations for father Brian's retirement.

Please do ensure that you have registered with us:

[Register with The Parish - St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church - Deal - Kent](http://RegisterwithTheParish-StThomasofCanterburyCatholicChurch-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.

The annual National Mass Count: this weekend is our fourth and final National Mass Count.

Mass intentions: Offering a Mass for a loved one, whether living or deceased, is a profound act of love and faith. Let us continue to pray for one another

through the powerful gift of the Eucharist. There is availability for Mass intentions in October. Mass Intention envelopes can be found at the back of the Church and in the porch.

Supporting our local Foodbank for the Deal area, updated requests:

Tinned meats, mince, corned beef or ham, tinned fish, baked beans or tinned spaghetti, pasta and pasta sauces, rice, noodles, jams and spreads. Fruit squash, long life milk, cooking oil, custard, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit and sponge and rice puddings. Sanitary products, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, cat and dog food, cleaning cloths and cleaning products. Food, cleaning and hygiene items can be left in the baskets inside the church porch area. It is also possible to donate within these local supermarkets:

Sainsbury's, Deal CT14 6AH

Aldi, Deal CT14 6FN

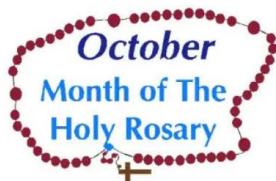
Co-op Food, Mill Hill, Deal CT14 9EZ

Tesco, Mill Hill CT14 9HZ

To find out more about our local area Foodbank or to volunteer locally please visit: [Deal Area Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#)

Your donations are greatly appreciated, thank you.

October is the month of the Rosary: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & simple Benediction on the **Fridays in October at 6pm for 30 minutes**. The Rosary is prayed also every Tuesday at Sacred Heart Chapel at 11am. All are welcome to come and pray.



Meeting with all Parish Groups: as Father John begins his time working in Deal he is hoping to meet with the many groups of volunteers supporting our parish. These informal meetings will be held after the Sunday Masses over a cup of tea or coffee in the Becket Centre. Please look out for an invitation to a meeting via a **ChurchSuite email** informing you of a meeting date and time.

Thank you for all those who support our parish in so many different ways.

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A Day with Mary at Westminster Cathedral: A Day with Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7 November 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). The Most Reverend Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster will be the Celebrant & Preacher at 10.30am Cathedral Mass on that day. Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/>

Prisoners' Sunday: Our warmest thanks to all in the parish for their support in raising **£186.07** for Prisoners' Sunday last year.

The second collection this weekend is for

PACT (Prison Advice & Care Trust) For more information about the work of this vital charity please visit: [Prisoners' Sunday – National Day of Prayer & Support | Pact](#)

Second collection next Sunday 18th October is for World Mission Sunday (Missio)

Rooted in Love: an opportunity for engaged and married couples to meet for one hour, once a month on Zoom. Each session we share friendship, reflect on real life topics, and pray together as we grow in love, rooted in Christ. We meet on the **22nd of October at 8:30pm, 26th November at 8:30pm, 10th December at 8:30pm**. Email mfikent@rcaos.org.uk



The Freedom to Choose God

The parable of the wedding feast reminds us that God invites everyone into a relationship with Him, but we must be willing to respond. Sometimes, the demands of daily life, personal ambitions and worldly interests can take priority over God's invitation. Yet, accepting the invitation is not simply about attending Mass or belonging to the Church; it also means allowing the Gospel to shape our attitudes, choices and actions. The man without a wedding garment reminds us that faith must be reflected in the way we live. God has invited us to His feast, but are we living in a way that shows we are ready to meet Him?

Prayer for Prisoners and Their Families

Loving and merciful God,
we pray today for all prisoners and those who are separated from their families. Give them strength, hope and the courage to seek a new beginning.
Comfort their families, especially those who carry the pain of separation, loneliness and uncertainty. Give them peace, patience and the grace to forgive.

May your mercy touch every heart, bring healing where there is brokenness, and guide all prisoners towards a life of dignity, responsibility and freedom.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



**Have a wonderful week ahead,
Father John**