

St Thomas of Canterbury

Archdiocese of Southwark CIO

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29th Sunday: World Mission Day -18th October

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

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Wellbeing of Ernesto Arturo Pradilla

Sun 18: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Day of Prayer for the Evangelization of the World

9am Elizabeth Pond thanksgiving RIP

11am Sarah Spooner wellbeing

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

Mon 19: St. Philip Howard, Martyr

9.30am Robert Baker wellbeing

Tues 20: Feria

9.30am People of the Parish

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 21: St. Margaret Clitherow, Martyr No Mass

Thurs 22: St. John Paul II, Pope.

12noon Shehan Prakash Xavier RIP (one month anniversary)

Fri 23: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

12noon for sick Parishioners

6.00pm **Rosary**

Sat 24: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

29th Sunday (A) p688

1st reading: Isaiah 45:1. 4-6

Ps 96(95): 1.3.4-5.7-8.9-10a.c.R.7b

Response: **Ascribe to the Lord glory and power**

2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Alleluia, Alleluia

Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 15-21

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.

Prayer Group (Lectio Divina): the next date is **Monday 26th 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.

Induction Mass for Father John: The Mass of Induction and the 10th Priestly Ordination Anniversary celebration of Reverend Father John Eyike is to take place on **Friday, 11th December 2026, at 6:00 pm** at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Deal. It will be celebrated by Rt. Rev. Paul Hendricks, Auxiliary Bishop of the Kent Area. The Mass will be followed by refreshments at the Becket Centre. All are warmly welcome to join in this celebration of faith and priestly ministry.

In preparation for this special event we will need volunteers for catering, decoration of Church and preparing the Becket Centre. Please consider joining the team to prepare for Father John's Induction Mass and to support the parish to celebrate together.

Saturday 7th November at 10am: An initial planning meeting will be held on November 7th in the Becket Centre at 10 am. Please join us at the meeting if you are able to help in any way. For further details or any questions please speak with **Anne-Marie Brockway (07950 317505)** or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council. With many thanks.

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 and to pray for Pope Leo's quick recovery and healing. If you have anyone sick or housebound to be included in our prayers, please inform Father John or the parish office.

Becoming Confirmed: at this time, we have two young people in the parish wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Father John will support these young people as they begin the preparation for Confirmation to take place. Confirmation is the sacrament in which a person fully commits themselves to live a Catholic Christian life. If there are any other young persons age **12 or older** (school year 8 and above) who wish to begin this continued journey of faith please contact Father John with your name, age and address at: deal@rcaos.org.uk We would also ask that a parent is registered with the parish if the young person is younger than 18, please register here: [Register with The Parish - St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church - Deal - Kent](http://RegisterwithTheParish-StThomasofCanterburyCatholicChurch-Deal-Kent)

Do you have a van? Father John has a kind offer of a table tennis table from a parishioner, but has no way to organise collection in Deal and delivery to the Becket Centre. If you are able to help please do let the Parish office know: deal@rcaos.org.uk

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.

Please do ensure that you have registered with us:
[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.

Mass intentions: There is availability for Mass intentions in the months of October and November. 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. 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

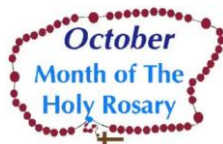
To find out more about our local area Foodbank or to volunteer locally please visit: [Deal Area Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#)

Your donations are greatly appreciated, thank you.

October is the month of the Rosary: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary on **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.

"It is Mary who will teach us how to be silent, how to listen to the voice of God in the midst of a busy and noisy world. It is Mary who will help us to find time for prayer. Through the Rosary, that great Gospel prayer, she will help us to know Christ. We need to live as she did, in the presence of God, raising our minds and hearts to him in daily activities and worries."

(Pope St John Paul II, 1982).



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 message from Pope Leo XIV, his first since surgery:

"As you know, I have been unable to be among you during these days. I thank you warmly for your prayers. I ask you to please pray for me, as I pray for you. To all of you I gladly impart my Apostolic Blessing" **Pope Leo XIV**

Second collection this weekend is for Missio
This Sunday 18 October 2026 is World Mission Sunday – a day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. There is a 2nd collection for Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission. There is a link on our card machine and a plate at the back of the church. Missio envelopes are available in the porch. **If you use the envelope, please post in the post box.** More information at: www.missio.org.uk

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/>

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 milkent@rcaos.org.uk

Give to God what belongs to God

Jesus refuses to be trapped by the false choice between loyalty to God and responsibility within society. His command to "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God" reminds us that while we may owe taxes, respect, and civic participation to earthly authorities, our deepest allegiance belongs to God. Coins bear Caesar's image, but we bear God's image; therefore, our whole lives - our choices, relationships, gifts, and worship - should be offered to the One who created us.

Prayer for evangelization of the world

Lord Jesus, send your Holy Spirit upon your Church, that we may proclaim your Gospel to all nations. Strengthen missionaries, inspire the hearts of believers, and bring those who do not yet know you into the light of your love. May every corner of the world come to know you as Lord and saviour.
Amen

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