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Sea Sunday & Archdiocese Diaconate Day

13th July 2025

<p>SATURDAY: 12th Jul: <i>Confessions: 11.30 am to 12 noon; 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm</i> 6.00 pm: David Wiles, RIP (A Lobo)</p> <p>SUNDAY: 13th Jul: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30 am: Intentions of Audrey Farrier (S Eatock) 10.30 am: All Our Parishioners <i>Refreshments after 10.30am Mass</i></p> <p>MONDAY: 14th Jul: <i>St Camillus de Lellis</i> 2.00 pm: Funeral Mass: Michael Stringer, RIP</p> <p>TUESDAY: 15th Jul: <i>St Bonaventure</i> 12.30 pm: Harriet & William O'Neill, RIP</p> <p>WEDNESDAY: 16th Jul: <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i> 1.00 pm: Well-being of Richard Glanville. <i>recovery from surgery (G Glanville)</i> <i>Please note change of time</i></p>	<p>THURSDAY: 17th Jul: 10.00 am: David Wiles, RIP (D Mulcahy) <i>Followed by Adoration and Benediction</i> 6.00 pm: <i>at Reeves Beach</i> – Blessing of the Waters</p> <p>FRIDAY: 18th Jul: 10.00 am: Intentions of Jennifer Austin (S Eatock)</p> <p>SATURDAY: 19th Jul: 10.40 am: Rosary 11.00 am: Those working at sea, harbour & ports <i>Followed by Adoration and Benediction</i> <i>Confessions: 11.30 am to 12 noon; 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm</i> 6.00 pm: Deceased relatives of Waters family, RIP</p> <p>SUNDAY: 20th Jul: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30 am: All Our Parishioners 10.30 am: Thanksgiving 75th Birthday (Seneviratne Family) <i>Refreshments: Croissant breakfast & SVP bacon rolls</i></p>
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SEA SUNDAY: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is this weekend. It is when the Church prays for all those who live & work at sea. Our support will make a big difference to seafarers & fishers in need. 'Stella Maris' is the Catholic charity which provides practical & pastoral support to seafarers, to their families. You can donate in church in the second collection this weekend, or by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. There are special Sea Sunday gift aid envelopes at the back of the church. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

VOCATIONS TO THE DIACONATE: Is God calling you to become a Deacon? If you are considering a vocation to serve at the altar & profess God's gospel ministry as a Deacon, visit rcaos.org.uk/TheDiaconate. There are a few brochures with real life stories of people who have dedicated their lives to this ministry at the back of the church, together with some prayer cards. Let us pray for all Deacons and those in formation.

PARISH BRING & SHARE LUNCH: A big thank you to all who brought along food and shared it with fellow parishioners last Sunday. Thank you also to all who helped out: coordinating, setting up & clearing up. There were many delicious dishes to sample and enjoy. A wonderful and lovely atmosphere.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS: As schools prepare to break for summer, I wish all children, students, families & teachers a joyful and refreshing summer. May the Lord give you a restful and enjoyable break.

Wishing you and your families a blessed week ahead. Canon Philip

BLESSING OF THE WATERS: The Annual Whitstable ‘Blessing of the Waters’ is this Thursday 17th July, 6 pm at Reeves Beach, Canon Philip will be at the service. All welcome to join the joint church service.

CONFIRMATION 2025: Details of preparation are being put together, Canon Philip plans to have a gathering before the summer, then to meet most weeks between September and December. It would be helpful if possible candidates (or their families) would email the parish to ‘register’ interest by the end of the month. Bishop Paul Hendricks will visit the Parish on 12th December to confer the Sacrament; do feel free to pass on the word to anyone in School Year 9 or above and their families.

THANK YOU: (Green Catholic Fellowship for the Disabled) Dear Friends, thank you for your support to the Quiz night on 21 June to raise funds for the disabled. The amount raised was £312. *Michael Robinson.*

SUNDAY’S 8.30 am Breakfast & Sunday 10.30 SVP Bacon Rolls: Next weekend (20th July) the parish croissant breakfast morning with tea and coffee (after 8.30am Mass) and the SVP cooked rolls with tea & coffee (after 10.30 am Mass) takes place. Come along; meet fellow parishioners and eat!

GARDENING GROUP: Next gathering 10am, Monday 21st July at 10am. Please come along & give a hand!

CHURCH CLEANING: Calling for a little extra help! Due to the roof works some extra cleaning is needed. If you are able to spare sometime on a Saturday morning between 9am & 10.30am please come along to help. The parish secretary or a volunteer will be there to assist & guide you. **Thank you.**

GIFT AID BOXES: Existing gift aid donors who have not collected their gift aid boxes this year should please contact the Parish Office. If you are new to the parish, a UK Tax payer and are able to ‘Gift Aid’ donations, please let us know. Gift aid forms are available at the back of the church. For every £1 donated, the parish can claim from the “tax man” 25p at no extra cost to the donor. Bank standing orders can be gift aided as well as non-gift aided using the form. If you need help completing the form or setting up a standing order please email whitstablegac@rcaos.org.uk or the parish office.

ARCHBISHOP’S CERTIFICATE: The Archbishop’s Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for those who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with confidence and joy. The course starts on 18 October 2025, cost £400 per year. Full cost, payable over 2 years is £800. Registration required with a non-refundable fee of £50. Visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert> for details.

HOLY FATHER’S JULY PRAYER INTENTION: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Alice Monk, Ilma Thomas, Mary Maher, Marie Clegg, Vera Haywood, Madge Field, Joyce Welch, Jean Shemeld, Celia Offer, Dorothy Dowling, Sophie Howell, Walter Phillpott, John Stacey, Pauler Seiler, Sr M Bernard, Maureen Cherry, Rachel Hollands, Ray Miller, Sr Leo, Jane Castle, Imre Szabados, Francis Harvey, Anthony Valente and Bernard Shepherd.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, & let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen.

SICK: Your prayers are asked for: Claire Christie, Duncan Forrester, Suzie Fowler, Katherine Harris, Madeleine Kavanagh, Amanda Maclean, Julia Atkins, Diarmuid O’Sullivan, Oscar O’Sullivan, Dominic Punch, Pauline Summers, Nicholas Watson, Margaret Webb, Leah Sheehan, Roman Sheehan, Colin Henson, David Rose, Catherine Richardson, Reita Mugford, Jack Murphy, Gillian & David Black, Teresa Way, Nigel Bates, James Shepherd, Tina Bezer, Margaret Morgan, Gillian Lampard, Jenny Beaman, Neil Lawson, Mikhael Brown, Pamela Bavington-Brown, Michelle Gilbert, Shelia Slater, Les Hill, Graham Hill, Paul Regan, Christopher McDonnell, Terry & Ellie Kemp, Marian Ahern, Bernard Glandfield, Alanna Grant, Julliete Beaumont and Ian Swabey. Please pray for all who are sick & their carers.

<i>Collections</i>	<i>Gift Aid</i>	<i>Non-Gift Aid</i>	<i>Total</i>
5 th & 6 th July 2025	£301.23	£298.41	£599.64
Standing Order and other regular giving: Weekly average for April 2025*	£438.85	£17.54	£456.39

Thank you for your continued support of the parish collection.

Second collection this weekend for Stella Maris (formerly known as the Apostleship of the Sea).

*This is the calculated ‘weekly equivalent’ of contributions received direct to the Parish account from parishioners for April.

ONLINE NEWSLETTER EXTRA...

Some items that we receive or find won't fit on two sides of A4 but we can still share them with you here on the e-edition of the newsletter on the website. This can be information we have been asked to share, but that may not be of immediate import to the parish; it might be interesting information, or it may be items that can be useful to look up. Additionally, some items can be repeated.

Weekly Parish Email: Canon Philip sends an email each week to let parishioners know the Newsletter is on the website. If you would like to be added to the list please email whitstable@rcaos.org.uk

NEW TO THE PARISH? If you have moved to the parish since 2019 (when the last parish census took place) please let us know via email. We can email our 'new parishioner form' and add you onto our parish database; information provided only used for Church purposes.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025: Bishop Paul Hendricks will visit the Parish on 12th December to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation; pass on the word to anyone in School Year 9 or above and their families. Please email the parish to 'register' interest in join the preparation process.

FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY: With the School holidays on the horizon the next time the Pupils from St Mary's will come along to lead the rosary will be Friday October 3rd at 9.30am. Prayers are offered particularly for the children and staff of the school, & their families.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There will be a break of a couple of months in the Children's Liturgy as Theresa, who leads the group, is unavailable until August. Theresa does a wonderful work of gathering the young people during the part first of the Sunday 10.30am Mass, then providing children the chance to listen & reflect on the readings. Canon Philip would like to invite all parishioners to consider if they, or someone else, might (later in the year) join a team with Theresa to help keep the Liturgy group going.

2025 JUBILEE YEAR: "PILGRIMS OF HOPE": Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica on the night of Christmas Eve, inaugurating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with the theme "*Hope does not disappoint*" (Rom 5:5) Archbishop John formally opened the Jubilee in the Diocese on the Feast of the Holy Family, when Bishops throughout the world did likewise. May all people of good will unite in hope, joy & prayer during this Jubilee year. As a parish we gathered this Saturday morning in prayer as part of our participation in the Jubilee; we united in the Holy Mass, prayed the rosary & spent time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This will continue most Saturday's as we deepen our hope & faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

JUBILEE PRAYER FOR THE 2025 JUBILEE OF HOPE

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos

in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen

<https://www.iubilaum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/preghiera.html>

SVP: The local SVP manage a foodbank and they are grateful for all the regular donations they receive. They would be particularly grateful at this time for any of the following donations: Long life milk, coffee (including decaff), tinned tomatoes and tinned fruits. Other donations of items with a reasonable shelf life are always welcome. There is a drop off point at the back of the church. *Thank you in advance for your generosity.*

SAVE THE DATES: Please make a note of the dates of these future Parish events on your calendar or in your diary (even if it is in pencil). More details as events draw near.

PARISH RAMBLE: Summer Bank Holiday: 25th August. 11 am to 1 pm: We walk in Blean woods starting from Rough Common entrance, following the red route, find somewhere to sit down and enjoy a picnic with fellow walkers and cyclists.

GARDENING GROUP: Future gatherings: Mon. 21st July 10am, Mon. 1st September 10am, Tuesday 30th September 10am, Saturday 15th November 12 noon. Do come along and give a hand to help keep the church grounds looking clean and tidy. Sessions are usually about two hours long, followed by a sit down with refreshments and nibbles; a great way to get involved. *Winston Waller*

WEDNESDAY TEA CLUB: meet most Wednesdays 2pm to 4pm in the church hall. £1 entry gets you a raffle ticket, refreshments and cakes, plus frequent bingo, games, music, and lots more!!!!

NEW “PARISH MASS BOOKS”: There is an opportunity to arrange a prayer ‘dedication’ in a copy of the New Parish Mass books while also donating towards their cost, enabling prayer for our families, departed family or friends. Forms for dedications & donations are now available, from the back of the church.

CHURCH CLEANING: Calling for a little extra help! Due to the roof works some extra cleaning is needed. If you are able to spare sometime on a Saturday morning between 9am & 10.30am please contact the Parish.

Events taking place in or with the Diocese

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: There are places available on the pilgrimage to Lourdes - 22 to 29 August this year. For booking, please see www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/. Further information is available from Bishop Paul paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk or Canon Perera edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August, 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie 07957594646 for more information.

Volunteers welcome for roles in the parish...

Canon Philip writes: I am sure many of you help in many different ways of outreach; may God bless you for all that you do! However, it would be wonderful to see even more parishioners getting involved in various parish ministries and activities. There are so many things that happen to keep the Parish flourishing, and we need volunteers (existing **and new**) to keep everything going. Rather than give a long list here, there is a sheet (in church) listing (most) of the various roles, ministries & tasks of our volunteers.

“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts.

Use them well to serve one another” 1 Peter 4:10.

Volunteer roles include:

ALTAR SERVERS: Our altar servers assist during Mass and at other liturgies. It is a role open to young & old, normally after making First Holy Communion. Altar Servers help prepare the church before Mass, have particular tasks during Mass, and finally assist with clearing the altar afterwards. If you would like to join in please speak to Canon Philip.

BIDDING PRAYER Writers: Volunteers kindly help by writing bidding prayers for weekend Masses. Some new members have joined the rota and so the workload is now spread out further, but we would still be very grateful if more people would join the rota. Please contact the office if you are interested (guidance given).

CHURCH FLOWERS: Our teams of arrangers help us by looking after church flowers on a rota about once a month. Thank you for all you do! We are looking for new volunteers to join the rota – help and direction provided, no experience required. Also, the parish needs help with collecting flowers (twice a week) from the Whitstable High Street branch of Sainsbury’s; a group willing to make a rota would be ideal; let us know!

CHURCH CLEANING: With so many people coming to Mass each weekend, plus visitors praying during the week, it is important for the church to be spruced up each week. Volunteers give time, an hour or two, once every four weeks to help with the church cleaning. Thank you to all involved in keeping the church so smart. Could you spare some time to help & join the rota? Please get on touch. Volunteers are usually paired up with someone else.

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE: Volunteers help to ‘host’, (on a rota basis) the T&C’s after 10.30am Mass. If you are interested in helping or want to know more, contact Sarah Hinchliffe after Sunday 10.30 Mass, or by email sarahhinchliffe1610@gmail.com, or phone 07788 671213. Additionally, a different group of volunteers arrange an “occasional breakfast” after the 8.30am Mass; they too would welcome any offers of help – contact the Parish Office.

SUNDAY'S 8.30 am Breakfast & Sunday 10.30 SVP Bacon Rolls: The next parish croissant breakfast morning with tea and coffee (after 8.30am Mass) and the SVP cooked rolls with tea & coffee (after 10.30 am Mass): will be on 20th July. Come along; meet fellow parishioners and eat!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: They assist by helping to distribute the Sacred Host or the Precious Blood. This will often be during Mass but may also be taking Holy Communion to those in the wider parish community who are housebound due to health, age or disability. If you know a parishioner who might be able help with this work (or if you might like to offer) please let Canon Philip know. There is preparation, first in the parish (including safeguarding clearance) and commissioning at the Cathedral.

READING AT MASS: If you would like to join the teams of readers at our weekend Masses, speak to Canon Philip and also contact the parish office via whitstable@rcaos.org.uk

Items from past newsletters

ORDINATIONS, of parishioners or people associated with Whitstable: Fr Chris Benynon, a priest of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton (retired), visited the parish as he is an 'old boy' of the parish. In the course of a conversation he was asked how many priests had come from the parish, and he thought, including himself, about fifteen. This is an impressive number and Canon Philip would like to draw a list up of all Ordinations with connections to Whitstable. If you can supplement the list below please get in touch:

Bishop Michael Evans,	Fr Hatchard (<i>Christian name?</i>)	Fr John Slater
Mgr Pat Wall,	Fr Bruce Keller,	Deacon Dan Mulcahy
Fr Chris Benynon,	Fr Anthony Pile	<i>also:</i> Fr Richard Calcutt MHM
Fr Tim Forbes-Turner,	Fr Jack Pledger,	<i>whose mother lived in the parish.</i>
Fr Barry Grant,	Fr Maurice Pledger,	<i>possibly also:</i> Fr Tony Hughes?

LISTENING TO THE READINGS AT MASS: When we read or listen to the bible it is almost always in a translation – unless you are gifted enough to understand Hebrew, Aramaic and ancient Greek! We rely on the gifts and talents of translators and scholars to bring us a more widely understood text. It has been decided by our Bishops that the 'translation' we listen to during Mass will be changed and we will use a new version of the Lectionary (the book used to read from in Mass). This started on the 1st December, the First Sunday of Advent. The Parish has received its ordered copies of the books to be used in the Sanctuary by the Readers and Clergy. Described as "*Exquisitely bound... adorned with gold-blocking, gilded edges and multiple ribbon markers, these [4] volumes are both sturdy & worthy for the proclamation of the Word of God.*" Additionally, the "Parish Mass Book" we use has been replaced. In our parish we deferred replacement of these books at the end of 2010 when the Mass prayers changed, presumably anticipating the future change of the Lectionary, and so Advent was the time to replace these books. Other options exist but, although having a significant up-front cost, the weekend 'Parish Mass Book' seem to be more environmentally friendly and financially cost effective over the long term. (*revised 30th Nov*)

HOPE IN ADORATION: As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John is encouraging people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic adoration and have their hopes "fulfilled by Christ" (visit youtu.be/oq1oOeNQ2Nc to watch his message). The campaign, '*Hope in Adoration*', will share individual testimonies throughout the year on how Eucharistic adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus. Resources will also be made available for free and there is a comprehensive list of times of Eucharistic adoration in parishes across the Archdiocese. Find out more about the campaign at rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration – a Parish summary sheet has been prepared for those who wish to read a paper version of this information. Adoration can take place simply, just spending time in pray in front of the Tabernacle, or in a more formal way as we do on Thursday after Mass (10.30am to 11am) and Saturday after Mass (11.30am to 12noon) both of which usually conclude with Benediction, a blessing given using the 'Monstrance' (the vessel which allows the Blessed Sacrament Host to be displayed for veneration).

Long Term Parish Items – for information

PARISHIONERS IN HOSPITAL: It is important to let Canon Philip and the Parish know if you or any parishioner is admitted to Hospital, or due for a stay in hospital. Due to Data Protection rules most hospitals will not pass on information about religious practice... sometimes even to an official chaplain. If you would like a visit from a priest in hospital you need to specifically ask the staff to arrange this for you. In some circumstances it may be appropriate to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before going into hospital. Please get in touch if you would like to receive this Sacrament, often appropriate before significant surgery.

A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL: If you are kind enough to be considering making a legacy donation through your will to the parish please contact Canon Philip or the Parish Office. The Parish community is very grateful and acknowledges such kind donations which can help develop the Parish, assist with its running and support the practice of our Catholic Faith for future generations. *Thank you*

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: The Parish has a Book of Remembrance in the church, found in the display case in the St Mary's Transept. If you would like names of your loved ones displayed in it then please complete our parish form, available at the back of the church, or contact the parish office for a form. These are gathered and the book updated by a parish volunteer from time to time.

SAFEGUARDING: *The Diocesan Safeguarding Team include the following in every email they send:*

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations directly to the safeguarding office for your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the Police. If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police and also to the safeguarding office in your diocese. You can contact the Southwark Safeguarding Office by phone 020 7261 1606 or email safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk

REQUESTING MASS FOR A PARTICULAR INTENTION: A laudable Catholic custom is to have a Mass said for a specific intention. All Masses, of course, are offered to the glory of God and for the salvation of the whole world, but often there is also a specific intention; here in the Parish the intentions are usually printed in the newsletter. Anyone may request a Mass to be said for their particular intention and these can be offered for a variety of intentions. We often see Masses offered for the welfare of an individual or family, or for the repose of a soul; It is customary, when requesting a Mass, to make an offering as a way of being especially associated with that Mass. However, it is not necessary to make an offering. The suggested donation is £10; some give less, some give more, some give nothing. Please never feel that you cannot have a Mass said for your intentions due to lack of funds. A Mass costs nothing – except, of course, the life-saving death and resurrection of Jesus. Mass Intention envelopes and forms are available by the entrance of the church.