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Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury

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Daily Readings

Week beginning: Sunday, 1st February, 2026.


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Daily Readings

Day and date	Holy Mass and Services	Intentions
Sunday 1 st February Fourth Sunday of the Year.	Sunday Holy Mass at Holy Rosary at 10.00 AM	Parishioners
Monday 2 nd February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord / Candlemas	Holy Mass with Procession at Holy Rosary at 10.00 AM	Darren Taylor
Tuesday 3 rd February	No Mass	
Wednesday 4 th February	Exposition and Evening Prayer at Holy Rosary at 6:15 PM	
	Holy Mass at Holy Rosary at 7.00 PM	Len Young
Thursday 5 th February St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	No Mass 11.30 AM - Funeral Service for Michael Hitchens at Stockton Crematorium	
Friday 6 th February St Paul Miki and Companions	Holy Mass at St John's at 10.00 AM	Michael Finn
Saturday 7 th February Vigil of the 5 th Sunday of the Year	Vigil Holy Mass at St John's at 5.30 PM	Parishioners
Sunday 8 th February Fifth Sunday of the Year	Sunday Holy Mass at Holy Rosary at 10.00 AM	Sally Paczynski

Please pray for the sick:

Sheila Allen	Maureen Braithwaite	Carol Brownlee	Ann Christeson	Robert Dalton	Anne Ward
Bill Devine	Judy Houchen	Sheila Hunt	Brian Kane	Mary Langsdale	
Sarah McAllister	Rev. Dan Mokie	Grace Ollie	Christine Rooney	Bill Simpson	
Fr John Skivington	Peter Smith	Judith Sowerby	Margaret Wilkie	Kate Williams	

Please pray for those who have died recently. May they rest in Peace. Amen.

Michael Green	Sheila Holmes	Mary Bewley	Thomas Peters	Brian Nicholls	Denis Murphy
Bridget McGoldrick	Georgina McQuilling	Peter Horan	Vivian Suttil	Helen Webb	Tony Canty
Christopher Madden	Edmund (Eddie) Wilson	Carol Stoves - Funeral Service in St John's at 11.30 AM on 9 th February.			
Chris Allison	Stephen Allison	Kathleen Grainger - Requiem Mass in St John's at 1.30 PM on 12 th Feb.			
Trevor Pennington	Durnan Clarke-Barnes	Edith Robinson - Funeral Service in St John's at 1.45 PM on 13 th February.			

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham - 2026

This will take place from Friday, 21st to Sunday, 23rd August, 2026. All places have now been taken.

The deposit this year will be £ 50.00 which should be given to Callum Walker by the end of the day on Sunday, 8th February, 2026. You can pay this in cash, or by cheque (please make cheques payable to St Thomas of Canterbury).

If you would prefer to pay by bank transfer, then please email Callum at callum.walker100@gmail.com and he will email you with the necessary details.

Baptismal Preparation Meeting

There will be a meeting on Thursday, 12th February at 6.15 p.m. in The Medway for parents/carers of children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism in the near future.

St Patrick's Day Party

Jig the night away with the fabulous 'Blind Stag', supporting CAFOD and SVP fundraising. Synthonia Suites, Belasis Avenue, Billingham TS23 1LH This takes place on Friday, 20th March, 2026 from 6.30 pm to 11.00 pm. Adults: £8 Children: £4. For tickets, please call 07843 245257 or collect them at the end of weekend Mass.

Anointing of the Sick Mass

The World Day of Prayer for the Sick is kept on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, 11th February. We shall have a special Mass at 10.30 AM on that day during which there will be opportunity to receive the Anointing of the Sick. Refreshments will be served in the Medway afterwards. Please come along on that day and let anybody know whom you think would like to receive the Sacrament.

Confirmation Programme

The next meeting is on Monday, 2nd February at 4.30 PM in the Medway.

RCIA Programme

This continues on Wednesday after Mass for those preparing to become members of the Church.

Holy Island SVP Summer Camps 2026

There is more information about this which can be found on the Parish website.

SVP Food Hub

The SVP Food Hub continues to run, in the Medway, on Fridays and is open from 12 NOON to 2 PM Everyone is welcome.

This weekend (31st January/1st February)

There will be a Collection for the White Flower Appeal.

CAFOD

There will be a CAFOD Coffee Morning after Mass on Sunday, 1st February.

Medway Thursdays

Please join us for tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat every Thursday morning from 11.00 AM in the Medway. Everyone is welcome.

Lourdes Pilgrimage - Youth Section

A reminder that bookings for the Youth Section of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will close on 31st January, 2026. If you, or any young people you know, are interested in joining this pilgrimage, then please get in touch as soon as possible to secure a place.

Holy Rosary Crib - and the Crib at St John's

Thanks to Kevin, Bill, Peter, and Brian for the Holy Rosary Crib. Read the full story, including construction photos and a tribute to John Huitson, on our website. Thanks also for the beautiful crib at St. John's.

Light a Virtual Candle

Please join us at the Prayer Wall - We invite you to visit the Prayer Wall on our parish website - a dedicated space where our community comes together in spirit.

Last week's colour leaflet

This is available on our website.

January Puzzle Challenge

Results of high scorers for Fr Adrian's puzzle include: Elizabeth, Olivia, The Chihuahua, Buzz lighter , Patty, The Chihuahua and Pauline. Well done all.

All Our Yesterdays

Do you have photos, videos, or memories to share? Please speak with Fr Adrian. We specifically need help identifying a 1981 (estimated) Holy Land Parish pilgrimage photo shared by Jane Simpson. Please view it on the All Our Yesterdays page - your memories would be wonderful.

SVP Crib Collection: Sudan Infant Feeding Stations

The SVP collection raised over £470 - thank you! Please visit the website to see how your generosity helps our brothers and sisters in Sudan.