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**St Paul's Mass Streaming Live Every Day (for times see below):** [www.churchservices.tv/dover](http://www.churchservices.tv/dover)

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

6<sup>th</sup> of December, 2020

**Our churches have re-opened.**

**Masks must be worn unless exempt.**

Next weekend: 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Peter Pence. There will be a separate collection basket as you leave the church.

### Masses in our Parish Over Christmas

#### Christmas Eve

St. Finbarr's: 5pm Fr. Leo

St. Paul's: 6pm Fr. Jeff

St. Finbarr's: 9pm Fr. Jeff.

St. Paul's: 10pm Fr. Leo

#### Christmas Day:

St. Paul's: 9.15am Fr. Jeff

St. Finbarr's: 11.15am Fr. Jeff

St. Paul's: 11.30am Fr. Leo

#### **You will need a ticket**

For St Paul's apply to Fr. Leo 07448 741186  
[illah@musician.org](mailto:illah@musician.org)

For St Finbarr's apply to Carina 07766 406020  
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**Priests Corner:** The news the specialist gave me on Wednesday was not so good but manageable. The naughty cells have spread a bit, but the situation is treatable. I am to have the hormone therapy I had after my operation years ago.

In light of all this I want to change the way we work a bit. We know Fr Leo well enough to know he is a very good egg. I have asked him to take charge of what happens in our churches, to be the one the musicians, the sacristans and everyone who does things in our churches talks to and arranges things with. Leo and I think alike the arrangement should

work beautifully. He is very good at emails and likes using his mobile phone. The number is at the top of the newsletter. So here I am saying let's sail on together with me being a bit more laid back. I will have to do my best to make it work. Have a good week Fr. Jeff.

**Congratulations to Ann-Marie de Jaeger** on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, this Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of December!

**Christmas Cards:** Because of the virus we are not allowed to have any books or sheets of paper in church, apart from the newsletters that should be picked up as you exit the church. This means we will not be able to have our Christmas Card post-boxes this year. We are sorry about this but have to abide by the COVID rules.

**A Change in The Presbytery:** My niece, Antonia, has moved out, thanking the many people who were so helpful to her during her stay. Thank you everyone very much indeed. Fr. Jeff.

**Winter Night Shelter: 2020/21: Cooking for Jesus!**  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> until 31<sup>st</sup> March.

This year's provision differs because support is for longer i.e. it includes March. Food will be cooked in the kitchen of St Peter's and St Paul's, Charlton and not in St Paul's Hall. Meals (main course and pudding) will be taken to the Dover Outreach Centre who will take it to the homeless in temporary B&B accommodation, with no cooking facilities.

We need volunteers to help cook on Thursday evenings. If you can't volunteer but want to support financially, please donate via the parish website (amount WNS) or drop an envelope into the presbytery addressed: "Deacon Barry, WNS". To volunteer or get more information please contact Claudine Nutley, Parish WNS Coordinator



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**Collections for November:** Cash £809.00; Bankers Orders £1480.67; Just Giving £145.00; Thank you to those who continued to give during the second lockdown.

**You May Remember** several weeks ago we asked you to pray for Michael James Brady from Park Avenue, who had died at the age of 46. His funeral was originally put off until this Wednesday (9th) as his Father, Joseph was seriously ill, in the hope he would be able to attend. Sadly, that wasn't to be. Joseph died earlier this week. The Funeral Mass on Wednesday will now be our opportunity to commend them both to God. Owing to the restrictions we won't be able to open the church to anyone, just to the 30 allowed but I am hoping many of you will pray with Margaret, three other sons and their other relatives via the internet as they commend two dear ones to God. May They Rest in Peace. Fr. Jeff.

**Dear Parishioners,** I have great pleasure in announcing that we have enough stewards to safely open St Paul's Church for you to attend mass on weekdays from Tuesday to Friday inclusive. For Monday, mass will be livestreamed only for the time being. Thank you, Happy Advent. David Evans (Chairperson St Paul's Church Management Group)

#### **St Finbarr's Corner:**

**Adult English Language Classes:** Our community is a diverse one made up of people of different nationalities, many of whom do not have English as a first language. We would like to offer classes on English as a second language to interested adult parishioners. To launch this scheme, we require volunteers to teach. If this would be of interest to you, kindly contact Jeremy Rowe: [jeremycrowe@btinternet.com](mailto:jeremycrowe@btinternet.com) 01304 840824.

**Bishop Pat Retires:** The priests and people of South East London will be sad their Area Bishop is retiring early on health grounds. I first got to know the then Fr. Pat when he came to the presbytery in Nunhead to explore the possibility of his order taking the parish over, which they did six months later. The first act of the next provincial was to appoint Pat as a curate at St. Thomas The Apostle, where he did a lot of good. Pat has served the diocese beautifully as an area bishop for many years and has been very good to me especially because of his humour. He

once asked a contingent of people from Aylesham who were attending a do in the cathedral where I was. When they said I had stayed at home because of Evening Mass, he said 'I thought the place was quiet'. Thanks, Pat, for being such a good friend to us all and for helping us to stay near to The Lord and his values. Fr. Jeff.

#### **Quick update re Joe and Maureen Johnston;**

They are both a lot more settled now in Sidmouth and the care that they receive at Malden House is outstanding. Gabby, one of their main carers is also a Catholic and sets up the iPad for them to see live streamed and recorded masses both from St Paul's and from back home in Magherafelt.

This is a great source of comfort for them. Before Covid 19 came to visit Gabby would also take them out to mass with her.

When restrictions allow, I'm sure that the priest will go into Malden to see them and give them communion.

They are kept busy with lots of different activities, Dad is still singing and likes to lead the choir! We are shipping in a regular supply of whisky as the dram in the evening is something that he really enjoys (although the bottle has to be taken away as he forgets that he's already had a drink!).

Dad is much the same, but Mum now is more restless and really struggles to find the right words at times which is very frustrating for her.

The big news is that on 17<sup>th</sup> November they became great grandparents to baby Keira, when Siobhan's daughter, Anna, was safely delivered of a baby girl.

I can't believe that my big sister is now a granny!

If anyone would like to send them a Christmas card their address is; Malden House, 69 Sidford Road, Sidmouth EX10 9LR.

As a family we are very grateful for all your love and prayers and we would like to send our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you all.

Paula Johnston

**Mary's Meals Double The Love appeal:** Until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021, public donations made to our Double The Love appeal will be doubled by the UK government, up to £2 million.

This generosity will bring new hope to families in Liberia where hunger prevents children from going to school. Together we can help transform the lives of more than 43,000 hungry children, across 167

primary schools in Liberia. See this video message from our founder Magnus McFarlane-Barrow: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyTQtQUUB1M&feature=youtu.be>

Visit <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/> to donate.

**A Warning from The Dean's Meeting.** We have been asked to tell everyone you to be very careful about unexpected phone calls supposedly from a bank, even our own bank or from BT. One story from fairly nearby was fairly bleak. Someone rang saying they were from the person's bank, asking could they give their banking details to confirm they were the account holder. You can see it. When once we believe it is our bank, we would probably say anything. It is better to say can I ring you back and ring a number already in your possession. Fr. Jeff.

**The Weigh Inn Christian Bookshop and Coffeeshop:**  
Temporary Opening Times

**Please pray for those who are unwell**, especially Charlie Golden, Brendan Quinn, Peg Lecerf, Tina Isaacs, Ray Deverson, Lucy Purbrick ; Denise Bishop, Sean O'Regan, Jean Ann Dowle, Diane Jones, Melanie Melone (daughter of Len and Bernadette), Nina Woolhouse, Ted Peel, Maureen & Joe Johnston, Christopher Browne, Angela, Ellen McGurk, Helen Davies, Christine Mackenzie, Chris Francis, Alice Wilson, Angela Henbrey, Julie Balston, Madison Woodall, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Cathy Huntley, Mary Nelson, Emin Jain, Pat Sherratt, **and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Sir Hugh Bidwell, Michael McIntyre, Joseph Arthur Kelly, James Connolly ; Samuel Marsden, Maureen Tugwell, Richard Marshall, Daniel Scannell, James Mahon, Mary Butcher, Eric Smitten, Charlotte Hill, Ilona Parker, Arthur John Evans, Baby Lucia Horvathova, Howard Wilson, Colin Todd, Christian Heynen, John Peers, Adrienne Wright, Gertrude Iverson, Betty Chapman, Albert Fletcher, and Horace Francis Munro.

## READINGS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT: 6<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER 2020

**First reading:**

**Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11**

*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it*

'Console my people, console them'  
says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem  
and call to her

that her time of service is ended,  
that her sin is atoned for,  
that she has received from the hand of the Lord  
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness  
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God  
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low.

Let every cliff become a plain,  
and the ridges a valley;

then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed

Mon. Wed. & Fri 10am – 2pm

Tues & Thur 2pm – 4pm

Sat. 10am – 12noon

**CTiD Christmas Newsletter**

There are many interesting outreach activities that our parishioners are involved with in respect of CTiD. If you would like to know more, please see our parish website. Regards, Deacon Barry  
<https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/newsletters/>

### Test & Trace

**The Government Says Everyone Must Fill in a Form Every time they go to Church or register their presence through their phone. Forms available at church and on the website:**

<https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/parish>

and all mankind shall see it;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,  
joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice,  
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,  
say to the towns of Judah,  
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,  
his arm subduing all things to him.  
The prize of his victory is with him,  
his trophies all go before him.  
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,  
gathering lambs in his arms,  
holding them against his breast  
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 84(85):9-14**

**Let us see O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help**

**Second reading:**

**2 Peter 3:8-14**

*We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth*

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

**Gospel Acclamation Lk3:4,6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight,

and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

**Mark 1:1-8**

*A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

**EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

**OUR CHURCHES HAVE REOPENED FOR MASS**

	Saturday	6pm	St Paul's, Mass for Fr Timothy Sr Clair Garrett RIP ( <i>Fr Jeff</i> )
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9.15am	St Paul's, Mass for Antonio Decicco RIP (Lina) ( <i>Fr Jeff</i> )
		11.15am	St Finbarr's, Mass for Norah Neylan (F) ( <i>Fr. Leo</i> )
		11.30am	St Paul's, Mass for People of the Parish ( <i>Fr Jeff</i> )
		3pm	St Paul's, Exposition until 4pm
<i>St Ambrose</i>	Monday	10am	Streamed Mass for G/E of Anne Castle (Sheila) ( <i>Fr Leo</i> ) ( <b>Church closed</b> )
<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Tuesday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for Libera Pacifico Manella (Angela Gismondi) ( <i>Fr Leo</i> )
<i>St Juan Diego Cuahltloatzin</i>	Wednesday	10 30 am	St Paul's, Requiem Mass for Joseph and Michael Brady RIP ( <i>Fr Jeff</i> ) ( <b>church closed</b> )
		10.15am	St Finbarr's. Mass for Success of the Covid Vaccine ( <i>Fr. Leo</i> )
<i>Our Lady of Loreto, St John Roberts,</i>	Thursday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for Roberto Bruno Gismondi RIP (Angela Gismondi) ( <i>Fr Jamie</i> )
<i>St Damasus I</i>	Friday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for G/E of Margie ( <i>Fr Leo</i> )
<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Saturday	6pm	St Paul's, Mass for Horace Munro (Moya) ( <i>Fr Jeff</i> )
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9.15am	St Paul's, Mass for Harry & Mary Curtin RIP (John Curtin) ( <i>Fr Leo</i> )
		11.15am	St Finbarr's, Mass for George Gilchrist RIP (Bet) ( <i>Fr Jeff</i> )
		11.30am	St Paul's, Mass for Arthur Joseph Price (F) ( <i>Fr Leo</i> )
		3pm	St Paul's, Exposition until 4pm

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