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Parish YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS-YO-03yeQ9om98ISW6zpQ>

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3rd Sunday of Advent

13th of December, 2020

Our churches have re-opened.

Masks must be worn unless exempt.

This weekend: 2nd 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. Leo

St. Finbarr's: 11.15am Fr. Jamie

St. Paul's: 11.30am Fr. Jeff

You will need a ticket

For St Paul's apply to Fr. Leo 07448 741186
illah@musician.org

For St Finbarr's apply to Carina 07766 406020
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Confessions

Confessions are allowed again under 'Safe' conditions. In Dover that means in the big room in the presbytery. In St. Finbarr's; to be decided.

Wednesday 16th in the Presbytery in Dover after the 10am Mass until noon: Fr. Leo.

At St. Finbarr's after the 10.15am Mass; Fr. Jeff.

Saturday 19th In the Presbytery 10.30am – Noon Fr. Leo. 5 – 5.45pm Fr. Jeff.

Sunday 20th In the Presbytery 10.45 – 11.15am Fr. Jamie. St Finbarr's after Mass: Fr. Leo.

More Times will be added in the following week.



Towards A Positive & Spiritual Three Tier Christmas in Our Parish: A Little Streamlined Retreat

Given by Fr Leo, Deacon Barry & Fr. Jeff via www.churchservices.tv/dover

Sunday 20th 7 – 7.30 pm. 'Prayer'.

Monday 21st 7- 7.30. 'Love'

Tuesday 22nd 7. 7.30 'Hope'

We are putting on a streamlined retreat, designed for the more thoughtful, from Sixth Formers to those of up to four score years and ten and over.

Priests Corner: I think we are more likely to have a better Christmas if we face the fact it is hardly going to be a normal one in many ways at all. If we resign ourselves to that fact, we will be much more likely to get something out of it in a spiritual

way. I found myself thinking on Thursday we are just going to have to concentrate on God, on his power, His loyalty to us and His love. It surely is going to be a Christmas when quietness is the order of the day. So, let's pray for each other. If you find it hard, offer the suffering up. Our world needs all the help and every blessing from God it can get. It won't do us any harm to get into a spiritual mode early. Fr. Jeff.

Joseph & Michael's Funeral: The Brady Family were very pleased with how things went on Wednesday. Thank you to all those who helped and to all who tuned in. The daily stats told us we had as nearly as many watching as we do on a Sunday, including a whole lot of their relatives in Ireland. Thank you for joining in and praying for two people very dear to a loving family as we commended a Father & Son to God. Fr. Jeff.

Catechism Corner

Was Mary only an instrument of God?

Answer on the third page~

My Latest Visit to Hospital: My scan on Tuesday went well. As I left the hospital I relaxed as I can lay the issues aside until January 16th, when I next see a specialist. I had got to hospital very early and was back in the car park by the time I had been due to arrive. I found myself congratulating those who work in the Health Service. That doesn't mean we can stop praying for them as they fight for the lives of sometimes very sick people and put loads of energy into vaccinating people. They need our prayers and our love and deserve both. Fr. Jeff.

We are pleased to say that the treatment our daughter, Melanie received has been successful and we thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes. Len and Bernadette Stevens.

Please say a Prayer for David Butcher, Matthew Sullivan's Uncle who is seriously ill.

Please Say a Prayer for Phyllis Middleton, who has died. She used to come to the 6pm Mass on Saturday Night and then transferred to watching the Streaming. May a Lovely Lady Rest in Peace. Fr. Jeff.

Please Pray for Derek Friend from Shepherdswell, who has died at the age of 96. May he Rest in Peace.

Pope Francis on Tuesday announced a special year dedicated to St. Joseph from 8 December 2020 until 8 December 2021, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church, as well as the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

The Apostolic Penitentiary also issued a decree granting special indulgences for the duration of the special year to celebrate the anniversary and "to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Custodian of Jesus."

More details can be found here:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-12/apostolic-penitentiary-plenary-indulgence-year-st-joseph.html>

The Repository: If you would like a 2021 Catholic diary, please contact Monica Pope 01304 202643.

CTiD Virtual Light Party:

The party continues with a Christmas Edition! See here: <https://bit.ly/lightpchristmasdover>

Fr Peter Madden

The third anniversary of Fr Peter's death is Wednesday 16th December 2020. Please remember him in your prayers and thank God for his 43-year priestly ministry spanning 7 parishes including St Paul's (2004 - 2017), 3

years (1988 -1991) Kent Traveling Mission, and 1996/7 the Children's Society. Deacon Barry.

12 Days of Christmas - Australian version

On the 1st day of Christmas my true love sent to me: an Emu up a gum tree

On the 2nd day of Christmas my true love sent to me: two pink Galahs (a type of parrot - white with pink chests)

On the 3rd day of Christmas my true love sent to me: three Jabirus (a type of stork)

On the 4th day of Christmas my true love sent to me: four Kookaburras

On the 5th day of Christmas my true love sent to me: five Kangaroos

On the 6th day of Christmas my true love sent to me: six Platypuses

On the 7th day of Christmas my true love sent to me: seven Koalas climbing

On the 8th day of Christmas my true love sent to me: eight Possums playing

On the 9th day of Christmas my true love sent to me: nine Wombats working

On the 10th day of Christmas my true love sent to me: ten Lizards leaping

On the 11th day of Christmas my true love sent to me: eleven Numbats nagging

On the 12th day of Christmas my true love sent to me: twelve Parrots prattling

My best wishes to you and All Good Shepherd Parishioners for a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year

Moya Munro - Tasmania

Clergy Christmas Offering: If you would like to contribute to the Clergy Christmas Offering and you are unable to come to Mass over the Christmas period, you can either make a donation through our JustGiving Page (See newsletter header), making clear it's the Christmas Offering or put your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Offering and post through the Presbytery door or by post for the attention of The Parish Secretary, 103 Maison Dieu Road Dover CT16 1RU (cheques made payable to The Parish of the Good Shepherd). Thank you, Mary (Parish Secretary).

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

Donate at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

Christmas Cards: 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.

Catechism Corner – the answer:

Mary was more than a merely passive instrument of God. The Incarnation of God took place through her active consent as well.

When the angel told her that she would bear “the Son of God”, Mary replied, “Let it be to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). The redemption of mankind by Jesus Christ thus begins with a request by God and the free consent of a human being—and a pregnancy before Mary was married to Joseph. By such an unusual path Mary became for us the “Gate of Salvation”.

On the Editor’s Recommendation:

There will be a **Christmas concert on the Chosen** YouTube channel, which will be live at 1am our time Monday morning(!), but it will be available at a more convenient time for you on YouTube afterwards. Many Christian groups will be performing their favourite Christmas songs. It will stream here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= 7J65DhhEcg>

Winter Night Shelter: 2020/21: Cooking for Jesus!

December 3rd until 31st March.

Support is for longer this year. Food will be cooked in the kitchen of St Peter’s and St Paul’s, Charlton church. 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.

We need volunteers to help cook on Thursday evenings. You can also donate via the parish website (amount WNS) or drop an envelope into the presbytery addressed: “Deacon Barry, WNS”. To volunteer or for information please contact Claudine Nutley, Parish WNS Coordinator claudinenutley@btinternet.com 01304 830275, or Deacon Barry barrybarton@rcaos.org.uk 07715 546938.

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.parityofthegoodshepherd.uk/parish>

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, 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:** Francis (Frank) Deary, Margaret Golden, Daniel Donnachie, Aiden Henneker, Sr. Louise Dunphy ; Harry Curtin, Audrey Margaret Naylor, Malcolm Brenchley, Joachim Elliott, Kathleen Laffey, Iris May, Kath Carswell, Frank Illingworth, Fr. Nicholas Broder, Hans Heuer, Ann Brett, Ronald Cloke, Anne-Marie Saueressig; Fr Peter Madden, Nora Townhill, Fr. Terence Tanner, Ken Knight, Ellen O’Halloran, Aubrey Watkins, Mary McMullan, Andrew Carr, Thomas McGowan, John Corkery, Basil Gummer, Peter Henneker, Irene Organ, Thomas Howels, Jim Gayson, Jack Ferris, Anne-Marie McDonald, and Frank Gaughran.

READINGS FOR 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT: 13TH OF DECEMBER 2020

First reading

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

He has sent me to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;

to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;

to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

‘I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,

for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,

he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.

‘For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of the nations.’

Responsorial Psalm

Luke 1:46-50,53-54

My soul rejoices in my God.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

May you all be kept safe for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all

things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel Acclamation Is61:1(Lk4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:6-8,19-28

'There stands among you the one coming after me'

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,

as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

OUR CHURCHES HAVE REOPENED FOR MASS

<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Saturday	6pm	St Paul's, Mass for Horace Munro RIP (Moya) (Fr Jeff)	
3^d Sunday of Advent	Sunday 13th December	9.15am	St Paul's, Mass for Harry & Mary Curtin RIP (John) (Fr Leo)	
		11.15am	St Finbarr's, Mass for George Gilchrist RIP (Bet) (Fr Jeff)	
		11.30am	St Paul's, Mass for Arthur Joseph Price (F) (Fr Leo)	
		3pm	St Paul's, Exposition until 4pm	
<i>St John of the Cross</i>	Monday	10am	Streamed Mass for The Bowles Family (Kath Quigley) (Fr Leo) (Church closed)	
	Tuesday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for G/E of Olga (St Paul's Women's Guild) (Fr Leo)	
	Wednesday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for Quigley Family (Kath Quigley) (Fr Leo) <i>Confessions after Mass in St Paul's Presbytery until noon (Fr. Leo)</i>	
		10.15am	St Finbarr's. Mass for Special Intention (St Paul's Women's Guild) (Fr. Jeff) <i>St Finbarr's, Confessions after Mass (Fr. Jeff)</i>	
		Thursday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for People of the Parish (Fr. Jeff)
	Friday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for Peter & Aiden Henneker RIP (Sheila) (Fr Leo)	
		Saturday	10.30am	<i>Confessions in St Paul's Presbytery (Fr Leo) until Noon</i>
			5pm	<i>Confessions in St Paul's Presbytery (Fr Jeff) until 5.45.</i>
4th Sunday of Advent	Sunday 20th December	6pm	St Paul's, Mass for Peter & Aiden Henneker RIP (Sheila) (Fr Jeff)	
		9.15am	St Paul's, Mass for Pauline Mahon RIP (Jim & Family) (Fr Jeff)	
		10.45am	<i>Confessions in St Paul's Presbytery until 11.15am (Fr. Jamie)</i>	
		11.15am	St Finbarr's, Mass for Family Kuchcik, Swigon, Gluchowski (Marek Swigon) (Fr Leo) <i>St Finbarr's, Confessions after Mass (Fr Leo)</i>	
		11.30am	St Paul's, Mass for Margaret Page (F) (Fr Jamie)	
		3pm	St Paul's, Exposition until 4pm	

Parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/parishofgoodshepherd

For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact Matthew Cloke, Editor: dovernewsletter@rcaos.org.uk

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