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*Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021*

*The 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Masks must be worn unless exempt

A Big welcome back to Father Leo

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today for CAFOD



This weekend Maggie Bray, the lovely speaker from Cafod, who came to us a couple of years ago, was due to be paying us a visit to talk about Family Fast Day. Unfortunately, due to the petrol crisis, she now cannot join us.

**Bon Voyage & Thanks From Andrew.** All being well I am returning to Rome this Sunday, so I want to thank you all for welcoming me and being so kind during my time here this summer. This parish really does feel like home thanks to you. I hope to be able to visit at Christmas this year. I owe an apology to those of you in Aylesham as I haven't had access to a car since I got back from placement and was unable to come when I wanted.

**Please pray for Mary Jones,** who died on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Mary played a beautiful part in many lives and was a member of the choir at St. Finbarr's in later years. She was someone who was always pleased to see us all. Mary and Derek were married at St Paul's and her funeral will be at there on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 11am. We offer our sympathy to her lovely daughters who looked after her so well. May a Lovely Mary Rest in Peace.

**Please pray for Joseph (Joe) Laval Moonsamy.** from Coombe Valley Road who has died. We offer our sympathy to his wife Jane and their family. His funeral will be in St. Paul's on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of October at 1pm.

**Stewards' Reminder-St Paul's.** The stewards' wine, cheese and certificate presentation evening takes place in the Church Hall on the 16<sup>th</sup> October after the Saturday evening mass. Thank you. David Evans (Chairperson St Paul's Management Group).

**First Holy Communion (FHC) Programme Timetable** Weekly preparation classes commenced on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 9am and are now on each successive Sunday and at the same start time until December with the exception of half term week; Sundays 24<sup>th</sup> October and 31<sup>st</sup> October. FHC Masses will take place around Christmas 2021 / New Year which will be quite magical. Deacon Barry and Fran Honis

**First Holy Communion (FHC).** It has been a great pleasure to welcome 14 children for this year's FHC programme at St Finbarr's. Please keep them in your prayers. If you would like to be a prayer sponsor for one of the children, please let Fran or Carina know.

**St. Finbarr's SVP.** Our next meeting will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October in the Church.

**Come and Welcome at St Finbarr's** If anyone would like to be one of our welcomers to Mass at St. Finbarr's, greeting people as they come in, and making sure they have a Mass book, a hymn book, a newsletter, please contact Myrna Gray on [mylooroll@gmail.com](mailto:mylooroll@gmail.com) or 07702 825737.

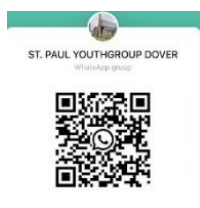
**Little Amal. One little girl. One big hope.** Little Amal will travel 8,000km to focus awareness on the refugee crisis. *The Walk* is an international arts festival meets endurance event. Little Amal, a 3.5-metre-tall puppet, will walk across the European continent to shine a light on the stories of millions of young refugees. She will travel through 8 countries, welcomed by hundreds of cultural events in cities, towns and villages all along her route. The length and sheer size of the challenge is capturing imaginations even before her first step. She will walk for all the children – many unaccompanied and separated from their families – who are forced to undertake extraordinary journeys under life-threatening conditions. Little Amal will walk so that we don't forget them. <https://www.walkwithamal.org/> Little Amal is in our area on the following dates: 19<sup>th</sup> October – Folkestone, 20<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> October – Canterbury. Please see website for more details.

**Seeking Sanctuary** held a prayer service to mark the eve of the World Day for Migrants and Refugees, on the 25<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon, at the Migrants Memorial on Dover Seafront led by Bishop Paul McAleenan. Seeking Sanctuary aims to raise awareness about people displaced from their homes and to channel basic humanitarian assistance from Faith Communities and Community Organisations via partnerships with experienced aid workers. For more photographs from the event please visit. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/catholicism/albums/72157719967861880/with/51522997191/> There is also a video of the event on YouTube [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtUMGw\\_yppi](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtUMGw_yppi)



**Would you like to volunteer as a ship visitor?** Stella Maris is looking for volunteers. Thousands of seafarers and fishers arrive in our local port every year. They depend on people like you for a friendly welcome, a listening ear and practical help. As a volunteer you could help by going onboard vessels in port to support seafarers. They also would appreciate help from drivers to take seafarers to church and local shops. Please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@stellamarismail.org](mailto:volunteer@stellamarismail.org)

**Bible Study** The weekly bible study, Peter 1 led by Deacon Barry, continues on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October**, in the parish hall, following the 10am morning Mass at St Paul's. All are welcome. A bible will be provided if you do not have your own to bring with you. Deacon Barry.



**Parish Youth Group Meeting.** We are inviting all the young people in our Parish, from age 13 upwards, to become part of the growing group. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2021, 2pm at the Parish Hall at St. Paul's Dover.** Come and let us support each other in Faith. Use the QR code to join our whatsapp group. Please ask Mum and Dad for permission if you are under 18 yrs. old. God bless. Fr. Leo and Christina Empson.



**Request for Volunteers.** As the Foodbank moves forward further volunteers are required. If you, or anyone you know, would like to know more about what being a DFB volunteer involves or would like to volunteer then please contact Laura at [projectmanager@dover.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:projectmanager@dover.foodbank.org.uk). The Foodbank is also contactable on [info@dover.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@dover.foodbank.org.uk) and also 07870 361180. The Foodbank team would love to hear from you.

**Dover Outreach Centre is looking to recruit a Centre Manager.** If you're interested in this role and would like to see the full job description, please email Noel Beamish at [noel.beamish@doveroutreachcentre.com](mailto:noel.beamish@doveroutreachcentre.com), or call him on 01304-339022. Job Title. Drop-In Centre Manager, reporting to the CEO and based mainly at Dover Outreach Centre, Victory House 168 Snargate Street, but you may be asked to work at other locations as necessary. Hours: 20 hours a week. The normal working hours are 08.00 to 12:00 Monday to Friday but you may be asked to be flexible on occasion.

**Free Books and Pictures.** All the books and pictures in the porch have been donated by Kathy Gobel who ran the Centre for Peace for many years. They are free to whoever would like them.

# READINGS FOR SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2021

**First reading**                      **Genesis 2:18-24**

*A man and his wife become one body*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

**Responsorial Psalm**                      **Psalm 127(128)**

**May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

**Second reading**                      **Hebrews 2:9-11**

*The one who sanctifies is the brother of those who are sanctified*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death

for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Jn17:17**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Your word is truth, O Lord:**  
**consecrate us in the truth.**  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mark**

**10:2-16**

*What God has united, man must not divide*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

**Please pray for those who are unwell, especially Fr Jeff. St Finbarr's:** Charlie Golden, Brendan Quinn, Tina Isaacs, Ray Deverson, Lucy Purbrick, Amanda Dennis, Jadon Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Tara Conklin, Jamie Chitwood ; **St Paul's :** Gail White, Peggy Merrell, Ryan Whittall, Denise Bishop, Sean O'Regan, Iris (Tilly) Ball, Jean Ann Dowle, Diane Jones, Norman and 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, Chris Roy, Danielle Sutton. **and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. St Finbarr's:** Robin Quinn, Rita Mary Morgan, Clare Muriel Theresa Kelsall, Francois Borgarello, Kathleen Mather, Malcolm Albert Whitehouse, Tom Peters, Margaret Scott. **St Paul's:** Bernard FitzPatrick, Sr Elizabeth DC, Dr Cecily Janet Partridge, Tiny Douglas, Marcella Mary Rudd, Daisy Letchford, Bridget Mulligan, Frederick Gibbons, Archie Clayton, John Corry, Sidney Padfield, Michael Siddle, Johnny McDermott, Fr. Donal Lowenzs, Steve Atmore.

<b>EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S</b>			
<b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm 6pm</b>	<b>Confessions in St Paul's Presbytery (until 5.45pm) Mass for Deceased relatives of Olga Wills (Colin) Fr Leo</b>
<b>Rosary Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>9.15am 11.30am 3pm</b>	<b>Mass for Fr Ghislain De Jaeger RIP (Anne-Marie) Fr Leo Mass for Sybil Veronica Pearce 'F' Fr Jamie Exposition until 4pm</b>
<b>St Francis of Assisi</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass for Anita Cadman RIP Fr Leo</b>
<b>St Faustina Kowalska</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass for Mary Jones RIP (Ronnie) Fr Leo</b>
<b>St Bruno Priest</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10am 7pm</b>	<b>Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood Fr Jeff Exposition until 8pm</b>
<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10am 10.30am</b>	<b>Ordinariate Mass for All refugees Fr Jamie Bible Study: Parish Hall. Deacon Barry</b>
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass for People with mental health issues. Fr Leo</b>
<b>St John Henry Newman</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm 6pm</b>	<b>Confessions in St Paul's Presbytery (until 5.45pm) Mass for Erin and Tom O'Hare (Colin) Fr Leo</b>
	<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9.15am 11.30am 3pm</b>	<b>Mass for Dorothy O'Meara 'F' Fr Jamie Mass for People of the Parish Fr Jeff Exposition until 4pm</b>
<b>EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S</b>			
<b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Mass</b>
<b>Rosary Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Mass for Mary Jones RIP (St Finbarr's Choir) Fr Jeff</b>
<b>St Bruno Priest</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.15.am</b>	<b>Mass for Wendy Herve RIP (Christine Dobson) Fr Leo</b>
<b>St John Henry Newman</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Mass</b>
	<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Mass for Carers of the sick Fr Leo</b>

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