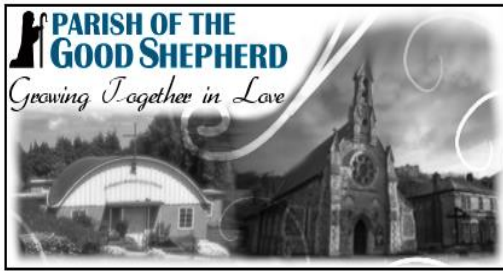


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Sunday 5th March 2023

The 2nd Sunday of Lent (Mass book pg.155)

There will be a second collection this week for Clergy Support.

Priests Corner. I want to graciously thank you for the amazing show of love and support in organizing the farewell do for Fr. Jeff last Weekend. It was all beautiful. So many people made sacrifices; from contributions of money, food, cakes, time, planning, dancing, singing, arranging, St. Edmunds hosting and all the coordination. Thank you so dearly. May we grow stronger together in love. Fr. Jeff was very happy and thankful. Thank you all. Fr Leo

Fr Jeff's Writes Thank You to everyone who contributed to an evening I will never forget. Everything was so beautifully organised. I can't help hoping on these occasions my family and friends will be impressed. You gave them lots of reasons to. Thank you for that and for the lovely present. Everything was so beautifully done. It was so funny, at the reception, when the three lovely young girls were dancing in their gorgeous blue dresses, I found myself thinking if only they could see their Mums dancing too. Then lo and behold there they were in lovely red ones. I was touched by the fact that people from both choirs joined forces for the Mass and by the huge effort put in by those who helped to provide such a lovely spread at St. Edmund's. Everything tasted as nice as it looked. I drove back to Bexleyheath with a song in my heart, proud of how things are at the Church of St. Paul's, now that I have handed it on, and confident you could achieve great things with Fr. Leo, Fr. Jamie and Deacon Barry at the helm. They are with, all their helpers and congregation, a fine body of people who have a love for God and a commitment to improving our world in their hearts. Thank you so much. Fr. Jeff

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT. YR. A.

THE TRANSFIGURATION

His face shone like the sun



Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday. We see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptized. We are a people of glory and our glory is found in the glory of Jesus. We see all this in the Transfiguration. In it we are invited to recognize who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent. He invites us to climb the mountain with him and stay with him in prayers through our Lenten journey, a time of a very special calling, and to follow the Lord of glory. Lord, fill our hearts with your glory and may we carry your glory along to the lives of those we meet. Amen.

Parish Lenten Retreat 2023: Retreat is important and beautiful during the Holy season of Lent. I wish to invite you for our Parish retreat scheduled for the 17th of March to the 19th of March. It will be led by Rev. Fr. Matthew Madewa. It will start with a talk on Friday evening, talks and confessions on Saturday and it will end on Sunday, the 19th. Prepare your calendar and benefit from this upcoming event. More details will follow on next Sunday. Fr. Leo.

Please pray for Canon Michael Bunce, the former parish priest of Canterbury, who has died. Many will remember him with great affection. His coffin will be taken into St. Thomas's Canterbury at 4pm on Monday 13th of March. His Requiem Mass will be at 11am Tuesday 14th March.

Please pray for Jackie Margeson who has died. Her funeral will be held in St. Paul's on Wednesday 15th March at 11.30am followed by burial at St. James Cemetery. We also pray for **Chris Francis**. His funeral will take place in St Paul's on 16th March at 11am. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Clergy Support Fund 2nd Collection this weekend. There are some envelopes at the back of church or donate through the CollecTins or our website.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection for Turkey & Syria. Please take an envelope from the back of church and put your donation in the collection or donate through the CollecTins or our website.

Confirmation Classes at St Paul's. We are now running the preparation classes for Confirmation at St. Paul's on Saturdays. The classes run every Saturday from 11am to 12pm in the Parish Hall. Two volunteers, Marisa and Renata, are kindly assisting us in this preparation. Send an e-mail to the parish office or call the parish phone, both above, to enrol your children or young adult above the age of 12. This preparation will run for some months and we will invite Bishop Paul for the Confirmation Mass.

Dover St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Conference now has a new phone number to call should you need our help 07596 544109.

Stations of the Cross – St Paul's will be said on successive Fridays of Lent at 6pm, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March. On Good Friday the stations will be said at 2pm prior to the Passion of the Lord at 3pm. Deacon Barry.

St. Finbarr's – 'Stations of the Cross' will be said at St. Finbarr's from 10.15 - 10.45am this Sunday, 5th March, and then on Sunday 19th March through to Palm Sunday. Do come if you can.

The St. Joseph's Mini Vinnies had a great afternoon helping with the afternoon tea at St. Finbarr's church. They helped serve food and drink, drew the raffle and provided entertainment. What a fantastic example of how to live out our school motto of Love God Love Learning Love Life!

Fr. Jeff's Retirement Reception, St. Finbarr's. If any Parishioner would like to contribute a cake for Fr. Jeff's reception, will they please bring the cake to the Church between 10am and 11am on Saturday, 11th March. Thank you. You can still donate to Fr Jeff's Retirement Fund here:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/bad08157-2f32-42ed-8eaa-23e1ab39b7e0>

Commemorating the 193 lives that were lost in the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster on 6th March 1987. On Sunday 5th March 2pm, at the Clocktower Square on the Seafront, there will be an act of Remembrance consisting of prayers, a 2-minute silence and the reading of the roll of names. In 2022 it was decided that a full service would only be held every 5 years. St Mary's Church, in Biggin Street Dover, will be open on the 4th, 5th, and 6th of March so that visitors can see the book of remembrance, the memorial window, the ship's bell, leave flowers and for private prayer.

The Next Bible Study will take place on Thursday 9th March at St Paul's after 10am Mass. The Rosary will be prayed at 9.30am.

Men's Weekend Retreat. A joyful weekend of learning and retreat for Christian men. The Topic this year is: The Father's Love, Healing the Father Wound. It will be led by Rev. Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy, CSSp. A Priest of the Holy Ghost missionary Order. It will be at Hayes Christian Centre, Derbyshire on the 14th to 16th of July. This is recommended for Men who may want a time of prayer and renewal. Speak to Tim Morris or Fr. Leo.



St. Richard's Catholic Primary School Governance Committee would like to invite you to join its committee as a Foundation Committee member. No specific qualifications are needed, the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active role in the Governance Committee's work, the relevant training will be supplied. If you have between 20 and 25 hours a year that you could spend supporting the school, please send an expression of interest (no more than 250 words) to the Clerk for the Governance Committee on the following email address mboxall@kcsp.org.uk

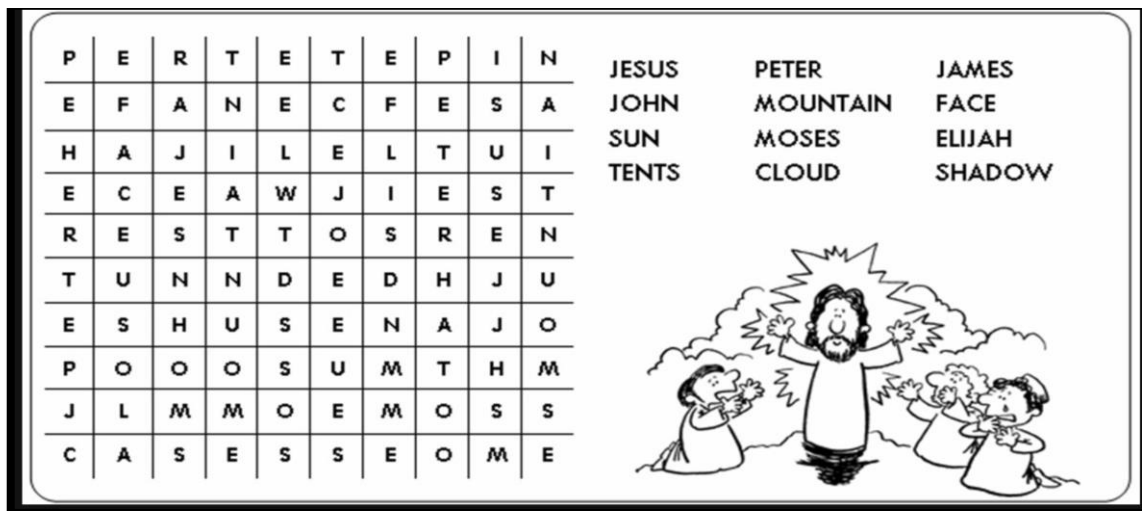
An Evening to Remember. I wish to thank everyone who made Father Jeff's retirement party, at St Edmunds School, a delight to attend. The Indian food, soup and the cakes, were all perfection. Mary, Anne, Moya, Sheila, Paul and everyone else who helped put this delightful evening together deserve a special mention. I was so proud to see, my former pupil, Mrs Parsons Headteacher of St Edmund's representing the school so well and making sure everything was in place for the party to run so smoothly. The whole evening was excellent. Kath Quigley.

CATECHISM.

What are the Corporal Works of Mercy? (cf Matt 25:34-46)

The Church teaches us about the seven-corporal works of Mercy. The Corporal Works of mercy are charitable actions by which we help our neighbours in their bodily needs. They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life. They are:

1. **Feed the Hungry:** Prepare an extra nice meal for your family or friends. The next time you make a recipe that can be easily frozen, make a double batch and donate one to your local food pantry or soup kitchen.
2. **Give drink to the thirsty:** Many of our brothers and sisters around the world do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity. Do not waste water, donate to help build wells for water for those in need
3. **Shelter the homeless:** There are millions of children and families who are on the move, fleeing from war, illness, hunger and impossible living conditions, and searching for peace and safety. Donate time or money to help. Donate a warm blanket.
4. **Visit the sick:** Those who are sick are often forgotten or avoided. In spite of their illness, these individuals still have much to offer to those who take the time to visit and comfort them. Take time on a Saturday or Sunday to stop and visit an elderly neighbour. Or make a phone call.
5. **Visit the Prisoner:** People in prison are still people, made in the image and likeness of God. No matter what someone has done, they deserve the opportunity to hear the Word of God and find the Truth of the message of Christ. Pray for them, donate to charities helping them.
6. **Bury the dead:** Funerals give us the opportunity to grieve and show others support during difficult times. Send a card to someone who has recently lost a loved one. Visit the cemetery and pray for those you have lost.
7. **Give alms to the Poor:** Find a charity that is meaningful to you and volunteer your time or donate money or clothes. Support the SVP; support the Spiritans and other missionary Charities working for the poor.



Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

At St Finbarr's: Winifred Wilson, Margaret Carton, Frederick James Tanner, Marie Clementine Dodds, Brian Michael Docherty, Mary Agnes Bancroft, Margaret Ford.

At St Paul's: Kenneth Clark, John O'Connor, Kathleen Ann Carmel Morris, Alan Medhurst, Noel Lee Vasquez, Siobhan Sinclair-McClire, 193 lives lost on Herald of Free Enterprise (1987), Archbishop Peter Smith, Virginia Marchant, George Reid, Mary Sherwood, Cyril Connolly, Jim Costello, Jim Carter, Albert George Goodacre, Margaret Buckingham, Salvatore Pasquino, Collette Berry, Gillian Thomson, Arthur Jones, Brian Blomfield, Philip Cloke, Ethel Gore, Keith O'Meara, John McSweeney, Agnes (Molly) Threadgill, Stan Newman.

Please Pray for those who are unwell at St Finbarr's: Gabriela le Bohec, Mary Robertson, Pam Osborne, Charlie Golden, Tina Isaacs, Ray Deverson, Lucy Purbrick, Amanda Dennis, Jadon Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Tara Conklin & Jamie Chitwood, Jeanette Peters.

At St Paul's: Shirley Jefford, Barbara Monclus, Maureen Houghton, Gail White, Neil Stevens, John & Joyce Nix, Bailey Turner, Peggy Merrell, Ryan Whittall, Denise Bishop, Sean O'Regan, Iris (Tilly) Ball, Jean Ann Dowle, Norman & Nina Woolhouse, Ted Peel, Christopher Browne, Angela, Ellen McGurk, Alice Wilson, Angela Henbrey, Madison Woodall, Julie Balston, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Cathy Huntley, Mary Nelson, Emin Jain, Pat Sherratt, Chris Roy.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
	Saturday 4th March	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
	Sunday 5th March	10.15am 11.15am	Stations of the Cross Mass for Zillah Quinn RIP (Brendan) Fr. Leo
	Wednesday 8th March	10.15am	Mass for James and Julia Gillan 'F' Fr Leo
	Saturday 11th March	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
	Sunday 12th March	11.15am	Mass for G/E of Father Jeff Fr Jeff

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S			
	Saturday 4th March	10am 11am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Margaret McCabe RIP (Geraldine Foran) Fr Leo Confirmation Class in the Hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Fr Leo Mass for Chris Francis RIP (Theresa G) Fr Leo
	Sunday 5th March	9am 9.15am 11am 3pm	First Holy Communion in the Hall Mass for G/E Maureen Houghton (SVP) Fr Leo Coffee in the Hall after Mass Mass for Jean MacKenzie RIP (Robert) Fr Peter Geldard Exposition and the Divine Mercy Chaplet until 4pm
	Monday 6th March	10am	Mass for Sister Martina RIP (Andrea Rees) Fr Leo
	Tuesday 7th March	10am	Mass for Unborn Babies & Victims of Abortion (Tim) Fr Leo
	Wednesday 8th March	10am 6pm	Eucharistic Service Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 7pm
	Thursday 9th March	9.30am 10am After Mass	The Rosary Ordinariate Mass for G/E of Andrea Rees (Marie) Fr Jamie Bible Study with Deacon Barry
	Friday 10th March	10am 6pm	Mass for Allan Roose RIP (Terry Ling) Fr Leo Stations of the Cross
	Saturday 11th March	10am 11am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Baby Eliza in Thanksgiving (Mary) Fr Leo Confirmation Class in the Hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Fr Jamie Mass for Chris Francis RIP (Marie) Fr Jamie
	Sunday 12th March	9am 9.15am 11am 3pm	First Holy Communion in the Hall Mass for Ernest Michael Huntley RIP (Mary) Fr Jamie Coffee in the Hall after Mass Mass for Chris Francis RIP (Jane) Fr Leo Exposition and the Divine Mercy Chaplet until 4pm

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