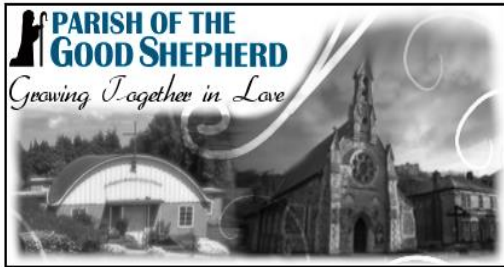




Don't forget that clocks go forward 1hour next weekend



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Sunday 19th March 2023

The 4th Sunday of Lent (Mass book pg.164)

Happy Mothering Sunday to all our Mothers and Grandmothers.

This Weekend there will be a Second Collection for Poor Parishes.

From Fr. Jeff It is a joy to write yet again to say Thank you all for another wonderful weekend. This time at St Finbarr's. I had had tummy bug during the week and was still not eating properly but it did not stop me having a wonderful time. As I returned to London I could not stop myself thinking we had a very good twenty years and thanking God for sending me to Aylesham. I loved the Mass and the reception and just could not get over how many old friends, who had moved away, and ecumenical ones you had gathered. Thank you to the workers who organised such a beautiful Mass and the lovely reception. Thank you to Fr. Leo for joining in the plot not to tell anyone I had been having a medical adventure. It all meant that as I travelled home I had great confidence in you all doing great things at both ends of the parish in the future and more certain The Good Lord wants me to do some great things during the next stage of my life even if at a gentler pace. Thank You Very Much Indeed. Fr. Jeff.

Gospel reflection. 4th Sunday of Lent. Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Jesus is the leader who has "come into this world" to accompany the humble on their journey to sight and, on the other hand, to expose the blindness of the arrogant. Discover in him the ideal for all in authority, and also for the church in its relationship with the wider community. We must depend on Him for healing from all kinds of Spiritual blindness that plagues our world today.

Let us Pray: Lord, we remember with great gratitude

the times when you opened our eyes to see that we needed to change:

- to relate at a deeper level with you, with members of our family, with friends;
 - to give ourselves more fully to the service of the poor;
 - to turn away from a relationship that had us in bondage;
 - to live more simply. We remember the long journey you led us on,
 - those first days when all we knew was that something important was happening to us; how it became clearer that it was you who were calling us.
 - the painful time when, as we became more confident,
- we faced opposition, ridicule and rejection.

We remember that beautiful moment

- when we were lost but knew that you had found us,
- when we felt certain that you were speaking to us,
- when very easily and spontaneously we worshipped you. Open the eyes of my heart that I may be healed of my Spiritual Blindness. Grant that I may see you in the little things of life. Amen. Fr Leo

The Parish Retreat is this weekend at St Paul's and offers parishioners the opportunity for an experience like the apostles who went off to a lonely place with Jesus. Jesus is eager to offer His peace, joy, and healing to those who heed His call to 'come away' and be with Him. I appeal to all to make the most of this opportunity. I invite those also from Aylesham to please make efforts and join the retreat and participate prayerfully. For those who are ill at home, kindly join through the livestreaming. Our retreat is to be led by **Fr. Matthew Madewa. Fr. Matthew will also be presiding in all our Sunday Masses for the retreat weekend at St. Pauls.**

PARISH RETREAT TIME TABLE

17th of March Start of Retreat	5pm Talk/prayers	6pm Stations of the Cross
18th of March	11am. Talks/Sharing	12pm Adoration, Rosary and Confessions
	4:30pm Individual prayers	5pm -6pm Confessions followed by the Holy Mass
19th of March	Mass 9:15am	Mass 11am

St Vincent de Paul Society (St Paul's) are having a Lenten Soup Lunch on Palm Sunday 2nd April in St Paul's Parish Hall, from 12.30pm. Tickets will be available after Saturday evening Mass and both Sunday Masses, at St Paul's, from the 25th March. Please come along and help SVP support those in need in our community. Due to limited space may I suggest you purchase your tickets, price £5, asap. If you need any further information, please contact Theresa 01304 206006 or Liz 07941234460.

St Jude's Prayer Group will be meeting on Monday 20th March at 2pm in St Paul's Hall. All are welcome.

The Repository will be open at St Paul's on Sundays in the church hall, after the 9:15am Mass, until 10:55am. Easter, R.I.P., Birthday and other cards will be on sale, plus rosaries and other items will also be available. Monica Pope.

Fides prayer meeting: We had fourteen people attending the last Fides Prayer Meeting. It was a wonderful meeting with the opportunity of praying together and reflecting on the scriptures. The next Fides meeting will be on the 12th of April. Fides is a platform for adult faith formation; it is a place of prayer and growth. All are welcome. Fr. Leo.

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

The Next Bible Study at St Paul's will take place on Thursday 23rd March after 10am Mass. The Rosary will be prayed at 9.30am.



Daffodil Tea Invitation. Do you like Tea, Cake and Conversation? Children of St Richard's Catholic Primary School want to spread love and kindness throughout the school and our local community by inviting older parishioners and especially those who are on their own, to a free special 'Daffodil Tea' at School on Tuesday 28th March at 1.30pm. If you would like to attend please contact Mary, Parish Secretary, 07936 573155 dover@rcaos.org.uk

CATECHISM.

WHAT SHOULD I GIVE UP FOR LENT?

Bad words! -Never say negative things about people-Reduce the gossips.
Too much of smart phone? Cut it down-Too much of television? Cut it down.
Give up anger; Angry with that fellow? Say a prayer for him or her!
"I never know what to give up for Lent!"

Lent is more than just "giving something up" and fasting from meat on Fridays. In fact, Pope Francis challenges us to think about fasting as something more powerful than we normally consider describing it as "learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to 'devour' everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts." However, Lent can be an unhealthy time for those who struggle with scrupulosity, or it can be overwhelming to people who are already in a time of suffering. For some, the best Lent might be to make sure they get at least 7 hours of sleep or making the commitment to attend therapy.


Prayers of Blessing for Mother's in our Church.

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.

Bless all our Mothers, Bless all women,
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honour and love them always
with a spirit of profound respect. Amen.

Stations of the Cross - St. Finbarr's - Stations of the Cross for Children will be said before Mass this Sunday, 19th March, from 10.15-10.45am and will be led this week by St. Joseph's School MiniVinnies.

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Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

At St Finbarr's: Gerard Christopher Whelan, Margaret Theresa 'Peggy' Donnachie, Frank Peter Golden, Julia Kelly, Rosanna Hancock, Michael Watts, Daniel Donnachie, Janet Anne Wiseman, Stella Willetts.

At St Paul's: Edith Jane MacKenzie, Ignace De Jarger, Edward (Ted) Arman, Alice Archer, George Redman, Sr. Joseph DC, Winifred Corbett, George Stratford, Violet Goddard, George Carr, Mary Jane (Maureen) Gibbs, Sean Thomas Ronan, Molly Townhill, Rita Charlotte Milford, Sheila Pople.

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 18 th March	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
	Sunday 19 th March	10.15am 11.15am	Stations of the Cross Mass for Dick & Lena Gammie RIP 'F' (Shivaun & Fiona) Fr Peter Geldard
	Wednesday 22 nd March	10.15am	Mass for People of the Parish Fr Leo
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Saturday 25 th March	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
	Sunday 26 th March	10.15am 11.15am	Stations of the Cross Mass for The Sick Fr Leo

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

	Saturday 18th March	10am 11am 11am 4.30pm 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Joan Adams RIP (Nicholas Harby) Fr Leo Confirmation Class in the Hall Talks/Sharing - Adoration, Rosary and Confessions until 12noon Individual Prayers Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Fr Matthew Mass for Helen Culling RIP (Anniversary) (Keith Graham) Fr Matthew
	Sunday 19th March	9am 9.15am 11am 3pm	First Holy Communion in the Hall Mass for G/E Fr Roger Nesbitt (Tim) & Marcela Pasecova Fr Matthew & Fr Jamie Coffee in the Hall after Mass Mass for Mary Clarke RIP (Jim) Fr Matthew Exposition and the Divine Mercy Chaplet until 4pm
SAINT JOSEPH	Monday 20th March	10am 2pm	Mass for G/E of Maureen Houghton (SVP) Fr Leo St Jude's Prayer Group in the Hall
	Tuesday 21st March	10am 2pm	Mass for Fr Edmund Hartley RIP (Tim) Fr Leo Mass for the Students of Koebe House St Edmunds School Fr Leo
	Wednesday 22nd March	10am 6pm	Mass for Amorsolo Escubio (Shai) Fr Jamie Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 7pm
	Thursday 23rd March	9.30am 10am After Mass	The Rosary Mass for G/E Dr Idawn & Dr Jain (Theresa McMenamin) Fr Jamie Bible Study with Deacon Barry
	Friday 24th March	10am 6pm	Mass for Paul & Lorrie Quigley RIP (Terry Q) Fr Leo Stations of the Cross
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Saturday 25th March	10am 11am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Holy Souls (Anon) Fr Leo Confirmation Class in the Hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Fr Leo Mass for Jackie Margeson RIP (Ronnie Mitchinson) Fr Leo
	Sunday 26th March	9am 9.15am 11am 3pm	First Holy Communion in the Hall Mass for Norma Nunn RIP (Kim) Fr Leo Coffee in the Hall after Mass Mass for Ted Arman RIP (Maureen) Fr Jamie Exposition and the Divine Mercy Chaplet until 4pm

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IRISH BLESSING: May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.' So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him, he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man

is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him. Jesus said: 'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind. 'Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see," your guilt remains.'

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen