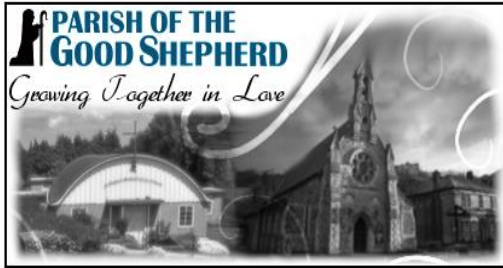


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Sunday 23rd April 2023 ***3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass book pg.258)*** ***There is a 2nd collection for St George's Cathedral Maintenance this weekend.***

Priest's Corner: Dear Beloved Parishioners; Remember that last year, our Parish raised a lot of money to support the victims of a terrible storm that killed almost seven thousand people in the Philippines and destroyed so many homes. Thank you for your support and for all your generosity. The Holy Ghost fathers in Leyte, Philippines have completed the projects and the Provincial Superior has written to thank the Parish with accounts and reports. Thank you for all you do. Your donations got directly to the people and it was diligently managed for the benefit of the people. I am placing part of the written reports here, but the complete reports are on the board at the back of the Church and on the parish website <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/newsletters/>. I can't include the full reports on the newsletter as it is too long. Do take a little time to look through. God bless. Fr. Leo



REPORTS FROM THE PHILIPPINES. PRESENT SITUATION

One year and four months after the terrible typhoon Odette we can see that almost everyone has been resettled and things have returned to normal. However, this normal is not as it was before the tropical cyclone. It is a "new normal" where people have adapted and have moved on with the basic necessities of the life that they have now. People now have very simple shelters and have picked up the pieces of their broken lives, and shattered dreams, with determination to live. Listening to some people I have spoken to they fear what would



happen if they are visited again soon by another strong typhoon. This has been one of the greatest fears of the poor in the Philippines. Let's not forget that the Philippines is located around the "pacific ring of fire" and is constantly at the mercy of natural disasters such as recurrent earthquakes, typhoons or cyclones, flooding, and landslides. I would like to use this medium to say thank you to all people of good will who supported the cause of the poor in the Philippines. Permit me to express thanks to Kibanda, (Brussel), SOMA (USA), Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover, (United Kingdom), who all worked tirelessly to make this possible. My gratitude goes to those who responded to our appeals and to those who permitted the fund-raising in places under their jurisdiction. The Bishops, superiors of the United States, British Province, the General Council of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. We

have received commendation on your behalf from two of the affected dioceses for our commitment to the cause of the disadvantaged and at the margin of society. Words indeed would not be enough to show our appreciation; but that is all we have coming from the deepest recesses of our hearts and those who have benefited from your generosity and goodwill. We assure you of our prayers. Maraming salamat po. FR. PETER WADZANI MATTHEW, C.S.Sp. PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR - SPIRITANS, PHILIPPINES.

I WILL BE AWAY FOR MY ANNUAL RETREAT along with the members of my Order at the Carmelite Monastery, at Boaz Hill in Oxford, from the 24th to the 29th of April. Do remember me in your prayers. For all pastoral concerns and emergencies, kindly contact Fr. Jamie Houghton and Rev. Barry Barton. For administrative matters, kindly contact Mary in the Parish Office. God bless. Fr. Leo

GOSPEL PRAYER REFLECTION FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER.

JESUS WALKS ALONG WITH HIS TWO DISCIPLES ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS.

Lord, there have been times when we were totally discouraged. We walked aimlessly along the road, our faces downcast, as we remembered the sad events of previous days: - a project which we thought would change our family and country had failed. We were disappointed in a relationship that had seemed destined to fulfil all our longing. In a Church community we had hoped would be a true body of Christ was torn apart by conflict. Then, quite suddenly, unexpectedly, you sent your son Jesus to walk with us, even though we did not recognize him. He came in the guise of a friend, a spiritual guide, a grandparent, who listened in silence as we told our story once more. Then, when the moment was right, that Jesus whom you sent showed us how foolish we were. How slow to believe the full message of the prophets. He explained the passages throughout the scriptures that were about ourselves while we listened in silence, our hearts burning within us. Lord, help us to recognize you in the many uncountable ways that you come to us every day. Open the eyes of our hearts to experience the power of your resurrection. Amen.

Induction of Father Leo: It is scheduled for Friday the 12th of May. This will begin with a Holy Mass at 6pm to be presided over by Bishop Paul J. Hendricks. After the Holy Mass we shall have a light refreshment at St. Mary's Anglican Hall in Cannon Street. I wish to kindly request you to book for the reception. Kindly make a call to Mary or send an e-mail to indicate that you will be attending the reception. Send a message to: 07936 573155; doover@rcaos.org.uk or kindly book online using this link. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reception-for-fr-leo-illah-tickets-617659104007> The reason is to enable us to make preparations for the refreshment at St. Mary's Hall. It will be a single event for the entire Parish, both for St. Paul's and St. Finbarr's. Let us all pray and look joyfully to this event.

Hosts Needed for Priests and Guests during the Induction of Fr Leo. During Fr Leo's induction ceremony, we are expecting many Priests and visitors to be with us. We are looking for families who will be willing to host a Priest or guest for a night in their home. This will be the 12th to the 13th of May. If you have space in your home, and you are willing to have a Priest in your family home, do please indicate to Fr. Leo. Thank you and God bless.

Please pray for those who have died recently. Angela Moyes who died on 23rd February aged 97. Angela was a parishioner of St Paul's for most of her life and left the parish ten years ago to live in Rainham. Her funeral took place on 30th March. Also, Pauline Coulter. Her funeral will take place at Barham Crematorium on Thursday 27th April at 11.20am. May they both rest in peace and rise in glory.

Parish Diary Dates		
Stella Maris, Service to Seafarers and Fishers Centenary Mass and Talk- Mass by Bishop Paul Hendricks. (All are invited- Teas and coffee after in the hall.)	Tuesday 2nd May	St Paul's 10am
Father Leo's Induction Mass as Parish Priest	Friday 12th May	St Paul's 6pm
Marian Procession, Rosary, and Crowning	Sunday 21st May	St Paul's 3pm
Conclusion of 9-day Novena to the Holy Spirit	Pentecost Sunday 28th May	St Paul's 3pm
Children's First Holy Communion Mass	Sunday 11th June	St Paul's 9.15am
Children's First Holy Communion Mass	Sunday 18th June	St Finbarr's 11.15am
Revd Andrew Bishop's Ordination Mass to the Sacred Priesthood	Saturday 15th July	Southwark Cathedral London 12.30pm
Fr Andrew Bishop's First Mass	Sunday 16th July	St Pauls 9.15am
Confirmation, St Paul's Church	Saturday 22nd July	St Paul's 3pm

UK Emergency Alerts test will take place at 3pm on Sunday 23rd April. This is to inform our people so that they do not panic. The test of the new Emergency Alerts system will see people receive a message on the home screen of their mobile phone, along with a sound and vibration for up to ten seconds. You do not need to take any action - the sound and vibration will stop automatically after ten seconds. You may be able to turn off your phone if you do not want it, click the link to read more. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/time-set-for-uk-emergency-alerts-test>



Priest Training Fund Second Collection, next weekend. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our Priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become Priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our Priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent, and Surrey. We are blessed to have 3 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. However, it costs £30,000 a year to sponsor each seminarian. They study for 6 years before being ordained a Catholic Priest. We therefore rely on your generous support and prayers. Please support our Priests of the future with a gift today. Thank you! · Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right) Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504. Cash / Cheque – please use the Priest Training Fund envelopes provided at the back of the church.



The next Bible Study at St Paul's will take place following the 10am Mass on Thursday 27th April. The Rosary will be prayed at 9.30am preceding the Mass.

Have you ever considered you may be called to the Priesthood or the religious life? Southwark Vocations will be hosting a 60-minute webinar on Tuesday 9th May at 7pm, entitled The Good Shepherd Calls, where different presenters will share their experiences about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Please join us by registering for this event in advance by using following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUPdOuprDMtH9wKUQ777ddSSjLBucMtsONT>

SUPPORT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON 2023

Dear beloved Parishioners, if you look in our Churches today, you will notice that the young people are gradually missing. We must challenge this trend by investing in the little number we have and by encouraging them in the paths of faith. For this year; our Parish is sending 13 young people to attend the World Youth Day in Lisbon. They will be meeting with Pope Francis with an opportunity to deepen their faith in a period of ten days of pilgrimage with youth from all over the world. I humbly wish to solicit for your donations and support for this cause. Plant a seed by supporting these young people. Some of them are paying their own costs, and their families are all supporting too, but we need to support them and give them a sense of belonging. You can call Mary at the office or any of the clergy to make your donation. We shall be providing envelopes for this appeal. We shall also be organizing fundraising events such as Bingo nights, cake-bake sales, other sales, and different events to be planned by our young people. Let us make it our project to support this cause. I must thank you always



for all you do to support all of fundraising and the many connected activities of the Parish. You have all been consistent in helping constantly. May the Lord reward you all. Fr Leo

Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

At St Finbarr's: Patrick Ronald Devereux, Michael John Leamy, Grace Henderson Park Walker, Julia James, Barbara Anne Lilford, Brenda Bass.

At St Paul's: Edward Bayliss, Doreen Mitchell, Michael FitzPatrick, Russell Wills, John Clithero, Ada Doolin, John William Siddle, Eileen Agnus Sayers, Thomas Connolly, Michael Nolan, Anthony Chalwin Carter, Veronica Lawson, Doug Hawkins, John Creed, Anton Bury, Doris Louisa Jones.

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

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 22nd April	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
	Sunday 23rd April	11.15am	Mass for Birthday Thanksgiving (Esiri) Fr Leo
	Wednesday 26th April	10.15am	Mass for Julia James RIP Fr Jamie
St Catherine of Sienna	Saturday 29th April	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
	Sunday 30th April	11.15am	Mass for Catherine Rowe 'F' Fr Jamie
EVENT'S THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
	Saturday 22nd April	10am 11am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Brian McDermottroe RIP Fr Leo Confirmation Class in the Hall Confessions in the Church until 5.45pm Mass for Elizabeth Graham RIP (Keith) Fr Leo
	Sunday 23rd April	9am 9.15am 11am 3pm	First Holy Communion in the Hall Mass for the G/E of Sue & Deacon Barry & Family (Jane Francis) Fr Jamie Coffee in the Hall after Mass Mass for the G/E Mary-Ann Hart (Marie) Fr Jamie Exposition and the Divine Mercy Chaplet
St George	Monday 24th April	10am	Mass for the G/E of Sheila & Family (Kath Q) Fr Jamie
St Mark Evangelist	Tuesday 25th April	10am	Mass for the G/E of Marie & Sean (Kath Q) Fr Jamie
	Wednesday 26th April	10am 6pm	Eucharistic Service (Deacon Barry) Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 7pm
	Thursday 27th April	9.30am 10am After Mass	The Rosary Mass for Barry Pape RIP (Jean) Fr Jamie Bible Study with Deacon Barry
St Louis Grignion de Montfort	Friday 28th April	10am	Eucharistic Service (Keith)
St Catherine of Sienna	Saturday 29th April	10am 11am 5pm 6pm	Eucharistic Service in St Edmund's Chapel (Paul) Confirmation Class in the Hall Confessions in the Church until 5.45pm Mass for Mike Sheppy RIP (Theresa McAuley)
	Sunday 30th April	9am 9.15am 11am 3pm	First Holy Communion in the Hall Mass for Theresa Gordon & Family (Kath Q) Fr Leo Coffee in the Hall after Mass Mass for Mark & Linda Kennett 40th Wedding Anniversary (Laura & Henry Briant) Fr Leo Exposition and the Divine Mercy Chaplet

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READINGS FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 23RD APRIL 2023

First reading **Acts 2:14,22-33**

It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.

You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm **15(16):1-2,5,7-11**
Show us Lord, the path of life.

Second reading **1 Peter 1:17-21**

Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was

made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation **cf. Lk24:32**
Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Gospel **Luke 24:13-35**

They recognised him at the breaking of bread
Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief Priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven

assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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