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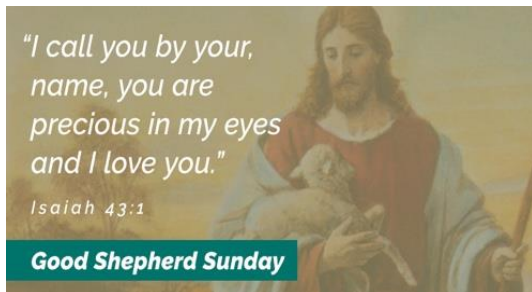
Sunday 30th April 2023 **4th SUNDAY OF EASTER** **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY (Mass book pg.262)**

There is a 2nd collection for the Priest Training Fund this weekend.

Good Shepherd Sunday: In 1964, Pope Paul VI established a World Day of Prayer for Vocations to coincide with Good Shepherd Sunday, now celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. For this reason, this day is also known in the Catholic Church as Vocations Sunday. We pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, to the religious life and we also pray for the vocations to the Married life. Our Parish is called the Parish of the Good Shepherd, may He lead us on our journey. Amen.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The Lord is my Shepherd, I will follow him with my life. Who do we follow? This is the question that today's gospel puts before us. Many of us would like to think that we follow no one, that we make our own decisions and choose our own paths. Yet, our experience tells us that we are often led — look at advertising— and often led astray: look at how many brigands have incited human beings so that the worst of crimes and destruction have been justified? But the choice of Christ as our shepherd is the choice to bear witness to the victory of life, and love, and forgiveness over the forces of death, domination, and vengeance. So where do we stand in terms of calling ourselves his believers, disciples, friends, followers? Do I listen to His voice in my life enough?



Induction of Father Leo, Friday 12th May. This will begin with a Holy Mass at 6pm to be presided over by Bishop Paul J. Hendricks. Can we remind you to please book for the reception as soon as possible. The reason is to enable us to make preparations for the refreshments at St. Mary's Hall. 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; dover@rcaos.org.uk or kindly book online using this link. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reception-for-fr-leo-illah-tickets-617659104007> 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.

Rev Andrew Bishop's Ordination 15th July at 12.30pm, St George's Cathedral Southwark. The parish has hired two 38-seater coaches to depart St Paul's at 9am, one of the coaches will go via St Finbarr's at approximately 9.30am, both arriving St George's around 11am – 11.30am. We shall depart St George's Cathedral at 3.30pm. The cost will be £30 per person. If you would like to reserve a seat, please contact Marie McMonagle tel 01304 827463 or 07540 999109. Payment is required up front when you book your seat. Please make cheques payable to RCAS DOVER or transfer to the parish bank account 60-50-01 79114784 ref 'Coach your name'.

Please pray for Joe Johnston & Maralyn Fleming who have died. Joe was a former parishioner of St Paul's, who with his late wife Maureen, moved to Devon about 5 years ago. We also remember his daughter's Paula & Siobhan and their family. Please also pray for Maralyn Fleming, who has died after a long illness. We offer our sympathy to her son, James, and his family, who are well known in Aylesham. Many will remember Maralyn's quiet and friendly presence when she joined us with James on the deanery pilgrimage to Rome. May both Joe and Maralyn Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Please Pray for Mrs. Susan Tophill who passed away on Easter Sunday. Susan is the mother to Ben Tophill who is a very active member of the Parish community at St. Finbarr's. May the gentle Soul of Susan rest in peace. We continue to pray for the grandchildren who are with us every Sunday for all the family at this very difficult time.



Priest Training Fund Second Collection, this weekend. This fund pays for the formation of men to become Priests in our Archdiocese. We are blessed to have 3 men in formation to the Priesthood. 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.

Please pray for Shirley Lazarus, who had an accident in her garden and is now in hospital for treatment to her hip.

Stella Maris. Around Britain Sailing Pilgrimage - Celebrating Stella Maris 100+ years of service to Seafarers & Fishers. Please come and join skipper Russ Fairman & Crew in the Mass. It will be Concelebrated by Bishop Paul and Fr Leo, with Deacon John Fogarty from Stella Maris, at St Paul's at 10am on Tuesday 2nd May. Hospitality will be provided in St Paul's Hall afterwards followed by a stroll down to the Marina to see the boat if you would like to. This voyage of 2,200 miles over 10 weeks will stop in over 50 ports and holy sites around the UK, with many crew changes. It will eventually return to Portsmouth for a closing celebration at the Cathedral on Sunday 9th July. Parishioners are welcome to take part in the sailing, or any of the shoreside Gatherings - for more details, go to <https://sailingpilgrimages.co.uk/stella-maris/> To apply for a sailing slot, please email sailing.pilgrimages@gmail.com To join a Gathering, please email info@stellamarismail.org

The Women's Guild Meeting on Wednesday 3rd May at 2.30 p.m. in St Paul's Parish Hall will be a **Coronation Tea Party** with Quiz, Raffle, Refreshments and Singalong. All are welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share.

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 Followed by a Reception in St Mary's Parish Centre	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 2nd July	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 Paul's 9.15am
Confirmation, St Paul's Church	Saturday 22nd July	St Paul's 3pm



The Bishops of England and Wales have requested that on Friday 5th May each parish celebrates Mass for His Majesty the King to mark his Coronation. To assist those celebrating the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, the Archbishop has granted a dispensation from Friday Abstinence on this day. The Archbishop would be grateful if you might share this information in your parishes and communities. The Archbishop remains grateful for all that parishes will be doing in the days leading up to the celebration of the Coronation, most especially in bringing together those communities in prayer for His Majesty.

The next Bible Study at St Paul's will take place following the 10am Mass on Thursday 4th May. The Rosary will be prayed at 9.30am preceding the Mass.

SUPPORT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON 2023- ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE IN BOTH CHURCHES.

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. 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

Christians Together in Dover. A total of £335.03 will be sent to the Turkey Syria Earth Quake Appeal by the end of April raised by donations taken during the Good Friday Walk of Witness (£296.53) and Easter Day Sunrise Service Hot Cross Buns £38.80. Thanks to all those who supported these two events and gave so generously. Deacon Barry

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/meeting/register/tZUPdOuprDMtH9wKUQ777ddSSjLBucMtsONt>

CATECHESIS FOR VOCATION SUNDAY. PRAY FOR MORE PRIESTS.



A priest is a person who, having already been baptised, receives the sacrament of holy orders when the bishop ordains him. The priest is ordained to serve as a spiritual leader of God's people in the local church. He imitates Jesus the Good Shepherd.

The essential nature of ordained priesthood that distinguishes it from baptism is that the ordained priest acts '*in the person of Christ*' (in Latin: *in persona Christi*) or stands in the place of Christ, especially when he presides at the celebration of the Mass and when he absolves sin. This is not in any way, to deny Christ's presence in the people assembled. No priest is perfect. Like all people, priests are always being called to conversion.

We live in a society where confusion abounds and, in a Church, where many members are burdened and disillusioned. We need priests today more than ever because our world is crying out for signs of hope and God's presence in many situations that have become distressing and futile. There is still much work to be done in building the kingdom of God in our world. Do you feel called to be a priest?

Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

At St Finbarr's: Margaret Dunn, Charles Shivers, Joan Phelan, John Donnachie, Frank Rush, Terence Edmund William Clark.

At St Paul's: Dorothy Winter, Bridget Cloke, Silvano & Vincenzo Gismondi, John Christopher Lee, William Chandler, Kitty Cahill, Daniel Adhern, Brian Golding, Helen Capon, Theresa (Toni) Walker, Stella Broom, May Gertrude Holder, Charles (Jimmy) Green, Pat Ward, Modesta Mercedes Blummers, Margaret Belsoy, Arthur John Evans.

Please Pray for those who are unwell at St Finbarr's: Elisabet Sulianti, 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 Lazarus, Shirley Jefford, Clare Quigley, 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			
St Catherine of Sienna	Saturday 29 th April	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
	Sunday 30 th April	11.15am	Mass for Catherine Rowe 'F' Fr Jamie
	Wednesday 3 rd May	10.15am	Mass for Roland Conyers 'F' Fr Leo
	Saturday 6 th May	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
	Sunday 7 th May	11.15am	Mass for HM King Charles III Fr Leo
EVENT'S THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
St Catherine of Sienna	Saturday 29 th 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) Fr Leo
	Sunday 30 th April	9am 9.15am 11am 3pm	First Holy Communion Preparation in the Upper Hall Mass for Theresa Gordon & Family (Kath Q) Fr Leo Coffee in the Hall after Mass Mass for Mark & Linda Kennett 40 th Wedding Anniversary (Laura & Henry Briant) Fr Leo Exposition and the Divine Mercy Chaplet
	Monday 1 st May	10am	Mass for the G/E of Sue and Deacon Barry Barton (Jane Francis) Fr Leo
	Tuesday 2 nd May	10am	Mass for all the Seafarers around the world. Pray for the Souls of dead seafarers. Bishop Paul Hendrick & Fr Leo Followed by a Reception in the Hall
	Wednesday 3 rd May	10am 6pm	Mass for Dawn Wells RIP (Theresa & Keith) Fr Jamie Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 7pm
	Thursday 4 th May	9.30am 10am After Mass	The Rosary Ordinariate Mass for Exam Success (Felicity Obiefuna) Fr Jamie Bible Study with Deacon Barry
	Friday 5 th May	10am	Mass for HM King Charles III Fr. Leo
	Saturday 6 th May	10am 11am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for the G/E of Len & Bernie & Family (Kath Q) Fr Leo Confirmation Class in the Hall Confessions in the Church until 5.45pm Mass for the G/E of the Quigley Family (Kath Q) Fr. Jamie
	Sunday 7 th May	9am 9.15am 11am 3pm	First Holy Communion Preparation in the Upper Hall Mass for Dawn Wells RIP (Simon) Fr. Leo Coffee in the Hall after Mass Mass for Jean MacKenzie RIP (Robert) Fr Jamie Exposition and the Divine Mercy Chaplet

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READINGS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 30TH APRIL 2023

First reading Acts 2:14,36-41

'God has made him both Lord and Christ'

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm 22(23)
The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second reading 1 Peter 2:20-25
You have come back to the shepherd of your souls

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured, he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation Jn10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!**

Gospel John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

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