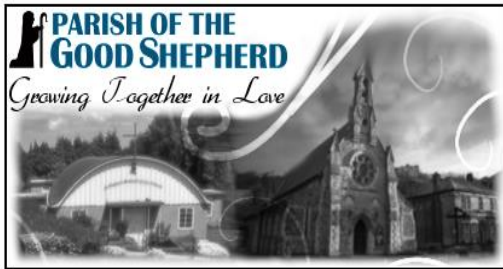


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Sunday 7th May 2023

The 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass book pg.265)

Prayer for King Charles: O God, to whom every human power is subject, grant to your servant King Charles III success in the exercise of his office that he may please you and serve the people entrusted to his care with love and compassion, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Happy 80th Birthday to Mrs. Theresa Wells. We pray and celebrate your amazing life. Blessings and best wishes from the parish community. We appreciate you and thank you for all your service to the parish. Congratulations.

100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE STELLA MARIS, APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA.

Tuesday the 2nd of May was a very memorable day. We joined the Stella Maris- apostleship of the Sea



to celebrate the 100th anniversary of their ministry of helping and serving all the sea farers around the world. Sometimes, we forget that thousands of people are constantly away on the sea from their families to serve the needs of our world. We were joined by Captain Russ who led the pilgrimage crew on the boat from Southampton. Bishop Paul presided over the



Mass with Rev. John Fogarty preaching to us about this mission. We had a lovely prayer for all the dead seafarers of our Parish and we prayed for all their families who are always with us. We remember that our parish is a parish of the many generations of people whose families settled in Dover over many hundreds of years. May the Lord bless and protect those who must be on the sea to serve humanity. Amen.

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER JESUS IS THE CENTER. (John 14:1-12)



The gospel presents Jesus as the guide in life, the 'way, truth and life'. The Christian centre is the person of Christ. Our work with Jesus and our love for people, no matter what our calling in life, flows from this. Mother Teresa was once asked why she did what she did, and she simply said 'for Jesus'. This centre always holds, it cannot be unhinged. It is a deeply personal relationship. We are led by Jesus 'one by one', known by name, not as one of a group. We follow him as one we know, not a stranger.

We study his life and times, getting to know the places and events of his life, we become familiar with the gospels and get to know him in the heart. Prayer is the way of keeping our centre of conviction and motivation strong. Freedom grows and we begin to find him everywhere.

Different types of people and spirituality stress different aspects of Jesus. The Eastern approach to Jesus is very much the 'way'; while the African is the 'life'. The European stress is the 'truth'. In Europe we need to rediscover also the joy and vibrancy of the African and Latin American expressions of faith, and also the presence of God in all life's moods and journeys of the Indian and Eastern traditions. We can get so caught up in small or even big truths and doctrines that we miss other centres of faith. All faith needs the balanced approach to Jesus - way, truth and life. Recall people who guided you well in your life. Pray for them. **PRAYER:** *Jesus, our way - guide me in life. Jesus, our truth - teach me your meaning of life. Jesus, our life – Fill me with your love.*

**A BEAUTIFUL TESTIMONY FROM ANDREA FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.
PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YOUTH GROUP.**



Dear Fr. Leo, It is good to have you back with us after your week away. Fr. Leo, you mention in our parish newsletter of our youth going to Lisbon on a pilgrimage. This takes me back to when I was a child, 10 to 11 years old. I was seriously ill and off from school for a few months. Our family Parish, Our Lady Queen of Peace in South Wales added me to the parish sick list. Our parish asked my parents if they could take me to Lourdes. My parents agreed but they didn't have any money, so our Church paid for me. Father, now in similar circumstances, our Parish of Good Shepherd is offering a similar story. Some youths are paying while others don't have the money to pay. Fr. I am enclosing a donation. I hope this small amount helps. I've never forgotten my pilgrimage in Lourdes. Father, May God help the youth for a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon. Many Blessings, **Andrea**.

This is to thank all those who are making donations to support the youths of our Parish. Just like I say thank you to Andrea, I want to thank you all. We must keep investing in our young people and pray for them especially in a very difficult society of today. Your support will help to plant the seed of faith in the hearts of our young people. Thank you and God bless. Fr. Leo.

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'.

The next SVP tea (St Finbarr's) will be at 2pm at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Ackholt Road, Aylesham on Wednesday 17th May. This will be the venue for all future teas. All welcome.

A chance for adults to try stand-up paddle boarding with Fr. Jamie (British Canoeing Coach). The deal is that I am looking for six adults from each church (who must be able to swim and don't mind getting wet) for a one hour stand up paddle boarding lesson at Seapoint Canoe Centre, Prince's Parade, Hythe, Kent, CT21 5RL. It's on the Royal Military Canal, Hythe. All kit provided. It is a beginner's session aimed at adults who have never done it before but would like to give it a go. There is no cost for the lesson BUT each adult will be charged a minimum of £20.00 each and the money raised will sponsor our young people to go to the World Youth Day in Lisbon in August. The first session is for 6 adults from St Finbarr's and is at 3pm. on Sunday 4th June. The second session is for six adults from St Paul's is at 3pm on Sunday 25th June, address as above. Family and friends are encouraged to watch and bring a picnic. To book please contact Fr. Jamie on 07955 242324, Money raised will be collected on the day.

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/j/8441111111>

FIDES PRAYER MEETING:

The next Fides prayer Meeting will be on the Wednesday the **17th of May 7pm** at the Parish Hall at St. Paul's. The second at St. Finbarr's will be on the **26th of May 7pm**. These meetings will be focused on the Holy Spirit as a preparation for the feast of the Pentecost Sunday.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP:

Dear Youngsters, our next meeting will be on the **20th of May, by 2pm**. We meet at St Paul's hall and we shall move together to the presbytery garden. We shall be inviting all those preparing for their confirmation to join us on this date. Confirmation classes will not hold in the morning, it will be combined with our Youth Group meeting in the afternoon. Those on the confirmation class, please do take note. It will be sunny. We shall have lovely games in the Presbytery Garden and enjoy with music. Bring your friends.

Collections for April: Cash & CollecTin £2224.07; Bankers Orders £1329.75; Easter Offering for the Clergy £2,225.73; St Georges Cathedral £350.98; Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Diary Dates		
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 Next Bible Study at St Paul's will take place following the 10am Mass on Thursday 11th May. The Rosary will be prayed at 9.30am preceding the Mass.

Smoking Therapy. Do you want to quit smoking and you need help to stop the craving? A parishioner who is an expert has volunteered to help anyone who needs help in this area. Speak to Fr. Leo and he will direct you to her. Only for those who may need it. Thank you.

<p>Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: At St Finbarr's: Arthur Duck, Peter Mulligan, Daniel Deary, Gerard Rodes, Simone Rodes, Monica Celilia Pereira. At St Paul's: Margaret Henneker, Mabel Gill, Nora Ryan, Alex Easton, Mabel Rose Gill, Tony McGurk, Frederick Walter Hodgson, John Quinlan, Christina MacKintosh, Umberto Corbo, Margaret Chalmers, Fr Sean Rice, Patsy Hedges, Enid Carroll, James James, Elizabeth (Lena) Gammie, May Marsh. 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.</p>

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
St John Paine	Saturday 6 th May	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
5 th Sunday of Easter	Sunday 7 th May	11.15am	Mass for HM King Charles III Fr Leo
St John de Avila	Wednesday 10 th May	10.15am	Mass for Pat Ward 'F' Fr Jamie
Our Lady of Fatima	Saturday 13 th May	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
6 th Sunday of Easter	Sunday 14 th May	11.15am	Mass for The People of Sudan Fr Jamie
EVENT'S THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
St John Paine	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
5 th Sunday of Easter	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
	Monday 8 th May	10am	Mass for Frank Stevens RIP (Sheila) Fr Leo
	Tuesday 9 th May	10am	Mass for Unborn Babies & Victims of Abortion (Tim) Fr Leo
St John de Avila	Wednesday 10 th May	10am 6pm	Mass for Charles 'Jimmy' Green RIP (Mary) Fr Leo Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 7pm
	Thursday 11 th May	9.30am 10am After Mass	The Rosary Mass for the G/E of Sue and Rev Barry (Jane Francis) Fr Jamie Bible Study with Deacon Barry
St Pancras	Friday 12 th May	10am 6pm	Mass for Fr Leo's Induction and Priestly Ministry Fr Leo Fr Leo's Induction -Bishop Paul
Our Lady of Fatima	Saturday 13 th May	10am 11am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Lena Gammie RIP (Sheila) Fr Leo Confirmation Class in the Hall Confessions in the Church until 5.45pm Mass for the G/E of Maureen Collins (Lizzie) Fr Leo
6 th Sunday of Easter	Sunday 14 th May	9am 9.15am 11am 3pm	First Holy Communion Preparation in the Upper Hall Mass for Joe Johnston RIP (SVP) Fr Jamie Coffee in the Hall after Mass Mass for the G/E of Joyce & John Nix (Sheila) Fr Leo Exposition and the Divine Mercy Chaplet

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READINGS FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 7TH MAY 2023

First reading

Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit
About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19
May your love be upon us O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.
The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.'

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:1-12

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?' Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'

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