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Don't forget that the clocks go forward 1 hour on Easter Sunday



Sunday 31st March 2024

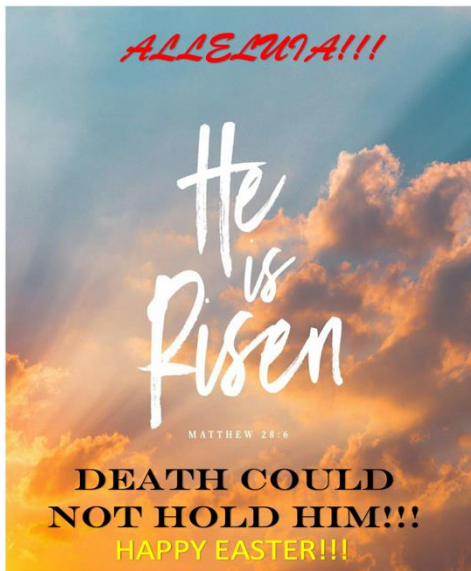
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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ALLELUIA! THE LORD IS RISEN!

Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus, "*I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he die*" (Jn 11:25-26). Christ will raise us up on the last day, but it is also true, in a sense, that we have already risen with Christ. By virtue of the Holy Spirit, our Christian life is already a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ (CCC #1002, #1003).



He is not here." The Egyptian pyramids are world-famous as one of the "seven Wonders" of the ancient world. But they are actually gigantic tombs containing the mummified bodies of Egyptian Pharaohs. Westminster Abbey is famous, and thousands visit it, because the dead bodies of famous writers, philosophers, and politicians are entombed there. But there is a Shrine of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, and pilgrims from all over the world visit a tomb there which is empty with a note at its entrance which says, "He is not here." It is famous because Jesus Christ, who was once buried there, rose from the dead, leaving an empty tomb, as He had told his disciples he would. — Thus, Jesus worked the most important miracle in His life, defying the laws of nature and proving that He is God. We rejoice at this great and unique event by celebrating Easter. Happy Easter to you and your families. Fr. Leo

PRIESTS CORNER: A very happy and blessed Easter to all our beloved Parishioners! Praying and wishing you all a joyful celebration at Easter. I will be joining a group of thirty Young people from St. Edmund's Catholic school for a pilgrimage to Lourdes in France. Departing early on Easter Sunday and returning to Dover on the 5th of April. While I am out there, I will be praying for all of you and for all

your families. Fr. Jamie and Fr. Godwin, alongside with Fr. Andrew and Deacon Barry will look after the Parish and they are available for sick calls and all other needs.

I want to once more continue to thank you for all we have been able to achieve together through the planned giving drive; our figures for the New Standing Orders is now twenty-eight people at St. Paul's and seven people from St. Finbarr's. When you combine the figures including those who have been giving and just renewing, we have almost 70 parishioners making a commitment for financial support by standing order. From the depth of my heart, I am grateful to you all. In the few weeks ahead, we shall be contacting you about the different services you have volunteered to offer to our Church. Thank you and God bless. Fr. Leo

FAREWELL MASS AND TEA WITH FR. ANDREW: Fr. Andrew has served our parish with great dedication for about five years; starting from his days as a seminarian until the beginning of his priestly ministry. He will be departing from Dover on the 12th of April to resume his ministry in Beckenham. I want to invite you for a farewell Mass on **the 10th of April at St. Paul's**. Mass will be at 6.30pm, followed by a light refreshment in the hall. There will also be a light refreshment on **Sunday the 7th of April** after the 11.15am Mass at St. Finbarr's. Let us pray for his new ministry ahead. God bless. Fr. Leo

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: We shall be consecrating a new large image of Divine Mercy on Sunday the 7th of April at the 9.15am Mass. This icon will bless our Church with devotions to Jesus in the Divine Mercy. I want to encourage all those who can to please begin the novena to the divine mercy, privately or in groups before the feast on the 7th of April. Jesus, I trust in you. Fr. Leo.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS



Several hundred people joined the Christians Together Walk of Witness from Dover town centre to the Castle including our very own Fr Leo and Fr Godwin who helped to carry the crosses. More photos can be found on our website <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/parish/>

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN DOVER JOINT SERVICES FOR EASTER.		
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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE	31st MARCH 6.15AM	By St Mary in Castro at Dover Castle.
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ALLELUIA, GOD IS SUPREME! The Genesis story beautifully expresses how everything belongs to God; all creation begins with Him, continues with Him, and absolutely ends with Him. Everything He wanted to create

for us was out of genuine love, our all loving, eternal and infinite God. God's only Son Jesus of Nazareth is crucified, and through God's supreme power He raised Him from the dead. Now! We continue in joy to receive our Blessed Lord in every moment of our lives who will lead us home to be in perfect communion and peace with our Heavenly Father in Glory. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PLANNED GIVING / TIME & TALENT FORMS. Almost 70 parishioners renewed their financial commitment to our parish. **THANK YOU!** We are overwhelmed by your generosity. There are named envelopes for all parishioners who signed a Pledge Form at the back of church. If you asked for a new batch of donation envelopes, you shall find them with your named envelope. If you haven't already done so, please collect your letter when you leave Mass today.

We also received over 60 Time & Talent forms. Again, **THANK YOU!** Please bear with us as we sort through them. We will be contacting all those who offered their time and talent to our parish in the next few weeks.

If you are new to the parish, or missed signing a pledge form, you can find them at the back of church or download one from the Parish Website <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/newsletters/> Please complete and return to the presbytery address at the top of the newsletter.

If you give regularly through one of our **CollectTins**, or would like to start using this method, Thank You. Half of those who regularly give through the Tins do not Gift Aid their donation. Please consider Gift Aiding if you pay income tax regularly. It only takes a few minutes to enter your details through the Tin and once entered you do not need to apply again. Once again, Thank You and God Bless your generosity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Mary Maureen O'Reilly who has died. Mary lived in Wingham and was part of St Finbarr's Parish. Her funeral will take place at St Finbarr's on Thursday 11th April at 3pm followed by cremation at Barham at 4pm. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

WEEKEND PILGRIMAGE TO ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX, FRANCE – Led by Fr Leo Illah CSSp. Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September 2024. The cost has now been confirmed at £355 per person based on 2 sharing plus £20 single supplement. A non-refundable deposit of £250 per person is required at the time of booking. Travel insurance is £37 per person if required. Places are limited so please book early. Contact dover@rcaos.org.uk or call/text 07936 573155 to request a booking form. A poster with further information can be found in the porch of both churches or on our website <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/events/>

ST PAUL'S EASTER EGG HUNT. Easter Monday – 11.30am - 1pm. All children are invited to join us and hunt for eggs around the church! Afterwards, we will go in the hall for some lunch, please bring something to share. Don't forget to bring something to collect your eggs in! Thank you- George (Junior Youth Group) & Laura (Mustard Seeds).

MUSTARD SEEDS. Our last meeting will be Easter Sunday, we will then break for 2 weeks. We will be back on Sunday 21st April. Thank you

WOMEN'S GUILD. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 10th April at 2.30pm**

LENT LUNCHEAS AT ST FINBARR'S. Very many thanks to all who supported the Lent Lunches at St. Finbarr's - those from St. Finbarr's, our friends from St. Paul's, our Clergy, and members of Aylesham Baptist Church who came out in force! Special thanks to the MiniVinnies and other pupils from St. Joseph's who were able to come along to two of the lunches to serve and wash up. We raised the wonderful sum of £311 which has been donated to UNICEF Crisis Fund for the Children of Gaza. Thank you all very much.

EASTER FLOWERS COLLECTION raised a total of £396.76. Thank you for your generosity.

TERRY SUTTON MEMORIAL SERVICE Friday 12th April, 3pm, St Mary-The-Virgin Church, Dover, followed by interment of ashes in the churchyard and refreshments in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

THE DEVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE is holding a Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Kent on Saturday 6th April 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information.

ACT NOW TO STOP DIY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH. Diana Johnson MP has tabled an amendment (New Clause 1) to the Government’s Criminal Justice Bill. **The earliest it could be debated is the 15th April**, which means there is time to lobby MPs and rally public opinion. This amendment seeks to change criminal law so that “no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy” at any gestation. This means that a woman who induced her abortion at home using pills (or any other method) at any stage of pregnancy, including just before natural birth, would commit no offence. This is dangerous for women and lethal for unborn babies. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose this extreme and barbaric proposal. You can do this using SPUC’s easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments> Please pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham ‘Called to Bear Fruit’: Parish Dates APRIL 2024		
YOUTH ALPHA FOR ALL FROM 16 YRS UP	EVERY SUNDAY (Except Easter Sunday night)	7PM AT ST. PAUL’S UPPER HALL.
<u>HOLY SATURDAY</u>		
CONFESSIONS	5PM AT ST. PAUL’S	6PM AT ST. FINBARR’S
EASTER VIGIL	7PM AT ST. PAUL’S	7PM AT ST. FINBARR’S
<u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>	9:15AM & 11AM AT ST. PAUL’S	11:15AM AT ST. FINBARR’S
EASTER MONDAY	CHILDREN’S EASTER EGG HUNT 11.30AM AT ST PAUL’S	
FAREWELL MASS FOR FATHER ANDREW	WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 6.30PM MASS FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT ST PAUL’S	SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 11.15AM MASS FOLLOWED WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT ST FINBARR’S
CHURCH CLEANING DAY FOR ALL	AT ST. PAUL’S SAT. 6TH APRIL (10-12PM)	AT ST. FINBARR’S SAT. 20TH APRIL (10-12PM)

EASTER CATECHISM

What is the first event of the Easter story? (CCC 640)

The first event of the Easter story is the discovery of the empty tomb.

Who discovered the empty tomb after the Resurrection? (CCC 640)

The holy women discovered the empty tomb after the Resurrection.

To whom are the first three appearances of the resurrected Christ? (CCC 641)

The first three appearances of the resurrected Christ are to:

1. Mary Magdalene and the holy women. 2. St Peter. 3. the Twelve.

What are the four conditions of Christ’s risen body? (CCC 645)

The four conditions of Christ’s risen body are:

1. impassibility: no suffering and no death 2. subtlety: spiritualisation of the body’s matter
3. agility: no limitation by space or time 4. clarity: beauty.

Why does Christ’s Resurrection surpass history? (CCC 647)

Christ’s Resurrection surpasses history, because the passing over to a life beyond time and death transcends all created reality and remains a mystery of Faith.

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr’s: Elisabet Sulianti, Gabriela le Bohec, Charlie Golden, Tina Isaacs, Ray Deverson, Lucy Purbrick, Amanda Dennis, Jadon Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Tara Conklin & Jamie Chitwood.

St Paul’s: Maureen Arman, Danielle Sutton, Fr John Ryan, Pat Evans, Fr Jeff Cridland, Shirley Lazarus, Shirley Jefford, Clare Quigley, Barbara Monclus, Maureen Houghton, Gail White, Neil Stevens, John & Joyce Nix, Bailey Turner, Peggy Merrell, Ryan Whittall, Iris (Tilly) Ball, Jean Ann Dowle, Norman Woolhouse, Ted Peel, Christopher Browne, Angela, Alice Wilson, Angela Henbrey, Madison Woodall, Julie Balston, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Cathy Huntley, Mary Nelson, Emin Jain, Pat & Patricia Sherratt, Chris Roy.

Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:

St Finbarr’s: Owen McCallum, Carl Bramwell, Michael McCallum, Emma Snodgrass, Carrick Armstrong, Betty Yore, Rose Cambell, Geoffrey McBride, Charlie Williams, Lawrence Knight.

St Paul’s: Clara Borrello, Norman Revell, John Squirrell, Canon William O’Riordan, Rose Campbell, Sylvia Winifred Sandford, Marie-Louise Jones, Ken Atmore, Charles Heyes, Winifred Roy, Albert John Newhan, Sidney Stephen Cole, Annie Josephine Milner, Pauline Coulter, Dorothy McMillan, Elizabeth Mary Evans, Arthur Cloke, Elsie Eliza Versey, Mary Ann Donald.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
EASTER VIGIL	Saturday 30th March	4pm 6pm 7pm	Syro Malabar Mass Confessions in church Fr Godwin Easter Vigil Mass for the People of the Parish Fr Godwin
EASTER SUNDAY	Sunday 31st March	11.15am	Mass for Carl Russell Bramwell RIP (Vera) Fr Andrew
	Wednesday 3rd April	10.15am	Mass for All Widows. Fr Andrew
	Saturday 6th April	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sunday 7th April	11.15am	Mass for Fran & Liz (Bet). Fr Andrew
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
EASTER VIGIL	Saturday 30th March	5pm 7pm	NO MASS in St Edmund's Chapel Confessions in the Church. Fr Leo & Fr Jamie Easter Vigil Mass for the People of the Parish. Fr Leo & Fr Jamie
EASTER SUNDAY	Sunday 31st March	9.15am 9.15am 11am	Mass for Mary & Harry Curtin RIP (John & Mary). Fr Godwin Mustard Seeds in the Hall NO Coffee in the hall after Mass Mass for All Dover Pilgrims to Lourdes. Fr Jamie NO Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet today NO Youth Alpha Course in the Upper Hall today
	Monday 1st April	10am	Mass for Rev Brother Paul McAuley RIP (Theresa McAuley) Fr Andrew
Saint Francis of Paola	Tuesday 2nd April	10am	Mass for Jozsef Toth (Gizela) Fr Godwin
	Wednesday 3rd April	10am 5.30pm	Mass for Catherine O'Brien 'F' Fr Godwin Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm
Saint Isidore	Thursday 4th April	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary in the church Ordinarate Mass for Deacon Barry's Anniversary of Ordination (Jane Francis) Fr Jamie Bible Study
Saint Vincent Ferrer	Friday 5th April	10am	Mass for Helpers of God's Precious Infants (Tim) Fr Godwin
	Saturday 6th April	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Holy Souls. Fr Andrew Church Cleaning (until 12 Noon) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Fr Jamie Mass for Virginia Ann Newby RIP (Simon) Fr Jamie
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sunday 7th April	9.15am 11am 3pm 7pm	Mass for Anniversary of Arthur Cloke RIP (Matthew) Fr Leo NO MUSTARD SEEDS Coffee in the hall after Mass Mass for Kathleen Huntley RIP (Mary) Fr Godwin Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Youth Alpha Course in the Upper Hall

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2024

First reading **Acts 10:34,37-43**
'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection'

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. Or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Second reading **Colossians 3:1-4**
You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation **1Cor5:7-8**
Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel **John 20:1-9**
He must rise from the dead

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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.