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Sunday 17th March 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Mass Book page 173)

TODAY THERE WILL BE A 2ND COLLECTION FOR POOR PARISHES



**ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION 4PM TODAY.
 IN ST PAUL'S HALL. AFTERNOON TEA WITH MUSIC & SONG.
 BRING SOME FOOD TO SHARE AND WEAR SOMETHING GREEN.
 ALL WELCOME**

SAVE ST PAUL'S: The Parish has received a reply from KCC. We had asked the Senior Project Manager of the Pencester Road Dover scheme to re-visit us in person to further discuss our concerns as they have dismissed them all as having no substance. They have also replied to some people, claiming and telling them that they have met all our concerns with adequate considerations with regards to the scheme. This claim is false and misleading. At present no return visit is forthcoming and we will, as a Parish, be responding back to KCC next week.

Some of you may have received a personal letter from KCC stating that they *'do not anticipate the proposals will require significant changes to any of the processes currently followed by St Paul's Church despite the initial concerns raised.'* They also state in the letter that it is the responsibility of St Paul's to *'pro-actively manage health & safety matters and would expect this to extend to the safety associated with vehicles stopping outside the church attending services.'*

They are in effect taking that responsibility of pedestrian safety away from themselves and placing it in the hands of the church. We disagree most strongly with all the points they raise in the letter and we would urge you to reply as such. KCC have given 14 days from 11th March to lodge a further objection and we would urge you to respond by 22nd March at the latest. If you did not receive a letter from them but did sign our petition, you can still object by emailing pencesterroad@kent.gov.uk stating you signed the petition and wish to object further because of pedestrian and vehicle safety concerns outside St Paul's which is not the responsibility of the church and have not been fully addressed. We will continue to oppose this scheme because we are concerned about the safety of the large number that frequent our Church every week. Let us pray for a successful and safe outcome for St Paul's. God Bless. Fr Leo.

PRIESTS CORNER: MORE NEW STANDING ORDERS: Dear Beloved Parishioners, I want to thank you for following us on the "Planned Giving Campaign" in the last three weeks. So far, more than ten parishioners have signed up by creating a new Standing Order to support our Church. We have one more week to go and the campaign will come to an end. A Standing Order is a perfect way to give to God and to your Church. It makes our offering deliberate, purposeful, planned, and consistent and this in turn will enable the Church to plan confidently into all the projects that we have ahead of us. What matters most is not how much we give, but the spirit with which we give. Understanding your 'giving' as an entirely Spiritual commitment to God is very important. May the Lord bless and reward you as you do all you can to support our Church.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: (JN. 12:20-23) SERVE GOD WITH ALL YOU HAVE: Only a life spent for others

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will be glorified, sometimes here in this world, but always in Heaven. We know that the world owes everything to people who have spent their time and talents for God and for their fellow human beings. Mother Teresa, for instance, gave up her comfortable teaching career, and with just 5 rupees (17 cents) in her pocket began her challenging life for the "poorest of the poor" in the crowded slums of Calcutta. We see similar cases in the history of great saints, scientists, and benefactors of mankind in all walks of life. They chose to burn out rather than to rust out. A

candle gives light by having its wick burned and its wax melted. Today's Gospel challenges us to make a difference in the lives of other people by our sacrificial service to those around us in the family and community, in the workplace, and in a wider society. Where is God calling you to serve? What talent can I share in my Church? Let us pray that we may acquire this self-sacrificing spirit, especially during Lent. Amen.

OUR PARISH, OUR NEEDS, OUR RESPONSIBILITY – PLANNED GIVING DRIVE:
‘Each one should give as much as he has decided on his own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver’ – 2 Corinthians 9:7



THIS WEEKEND WE CONTINUE OUR STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL. Planned Giving - Pledge Forms

Over the last couple of weeks, you have heard about Stewardship and Planned Giving. We have asked that all parishioners prayerfully reflect on what they contribute to our parish, having taken into consideration the needs of our parish and having reflected on the message of stewardship.

This weekend we ask that all parishioners complete a pledge card. These cards will remain private and confidential. Please provide your full contact details and select the method of offertory giving best suited to you. If you pay UK income tax, please sign the Gift Aid declaration (in one name only) so that the parish can claim 25p back from the government for every £1 that you donate, at no extra cost to yourself. You can also download a pledge card from the Parish Website <https://www.parityofthegoodshepherd.uk/newsletters/> Please complete and return to the presbytery address at the top of the newsletter.

Finally, we thank you for all that you already do for our parish. Without your continued support, this wonderful, living church would not continue to be the spiritual centre it is today.

If you have any questions, there shall be volunteers available after Mass. Thank you. God Bless. Fr Leo.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PLANNED GIVING DRIVE

St Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 9:

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of us should give what we have decided in our hearts to give, not reluctantly, or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound in us, so that in all things, at all times, having all you need, we shall abound in every good work.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2024 Please collect after Mass from Mary at St Paul's or Anne at St Finbarr's.

NEXT WEEKEND we shall have a 2nd collection for Easter Flowers.

WEEKEND PILGRIMAGE TO ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX, FRANCE. We are organising a 3-day (2 nights) pilgrimage to Lisieux Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September 2024. The cost will be around £350 per person. If you are interested, please email Fr Leo dover@rcaos.org.uk or call/text 07936 573155. God bless. Fr Leo.

YOUTH ALPHA: (FAMILIA UNA) The Parish Youth Alpha has started last week. We are inviting all adult



young people from the age of 16 and above to come and share this joyful moment of growth and prayer. Every Sunday Evening from 7pm until 8:30pm at the Parish upper hall. Great friendship, great discussions, and delicious light refreshments. Everyone is welcome, whether you are Christian Catholic or not,

just come with your questions and discover more about life. Bring your friends. For families and individuals who would like to support the young people with food, snacks, drinks, or donations to support this program, kindly speak to any of the Clergy. God bless. Fr. Leo

LENT OFFERINGS: Our Parish Lent offering for this year is for Christians in Gaza. Donate through the Parish office or use the CollecTin Machine or through the website <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/e8b66750-4ea0-478c-9ff7-53f823fdc306> and give something for lent. God bless.

ST JUDE'S PRAYER GROUP meeting will be on Monday 18th March at 2pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS - The Junior Youth Group and the Mustard Seeds are inviting you to join together for The Way of the Cross on Saturday 23rd March at 2pm in St Paul's; followed by some food and a little meeting. We are also inviting all young people for our Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday, April 1st at St. Paul's.

LENT LUNCHEAS AT ST FINBARR'S every Wednesday during Lent from 12noon to 2pm, Come and enjoy home-made soup, bread, and cheese, served by St. Joseph's MiniVinnies. All welcome. Any donations to UNICEF's Appeal for the Children of Gaza.

CARPENTER- PLUMBER- PAINTER- ELECTRICIAN- BUILDER: Do you have any of the following skills? Can you volunteer your skills for some work at the Parish? Please let me know in what area you can help during your free time. Thank you. Fr. Leo.

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Dates MARCH/APRIL 2024		
STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Every Friday and Sunday of Lent	Friday 6pm at St. Paul's and every Sunday 10:30am at St. Finbarr's
LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS FOR ALL PARISHIONERS.	AT ST. PAUL'S 16th MARCH 2PM TO 5:30PM. LED BY CANON BRIAN COYLE	AT ST. FINBARR'S 22ND OF MARCH: 6PM TO 8PM. LED BY FR. MATTHEW MADEWA
FIDES PRAYER GROUP FOR ALL.	AT ST. PAUL'S 20TH MARCH; 7PM	AT ST. FINBARR'S 26TH MARCH, 7PM
YOUTH ALPHA FOR ALL FROM 16YRS UP	EVERY SUNDAY	7PM AT ST. PAUL'S.
PALM SUNDAY 24TH MARCH, 2024	AT ST. PAUL'S 6PM ON SAT, 9:15AM AND 11AM	AT ST. FINBARR'S 11:15 AM
HOLY THURSDAY	7PM AT ST. PAUL'S	7PM AT ST. FINBARR'S
STATIONS OF THE CROSS	2PM AT ST. PAUL'S	2PM AT ST. FINBARR'S
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	3PM AT ST. PAUL'S	3PM AT ST. FINBARR'S
EASTER VIGIL	7PM AT ST. PAUL'S	7PM AT ST. FINBARR'S
EASTER SUNDAY	9:15 AM & 11AM AT ST. PAUL'S	11:15AM AT ST. FINBARR'S
EASTER MONDAY	Children's Easter Egg Hunt at St Paul's:	More details to follow next week
CHURCH CLEANING DAY FOR ALL	AT ST. PAUL'S SAT. 6TH APRIL (10-12PM)	AT ST. FINBARR'S SAT. 20TH APRIL (10-12PM)

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.

FATHER JOHN PANARIO'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS. The celebration to mark 50 years since Father John was ordained in 2020 had to be postponed due to the pandemic. This event will now take place on Saturday 13th July at Our Lady's. Mass will be at 12noon followed by a reception and buffet. Anyone who is not already on the volunteer list, and who would like to help with the arrangements or on the day, please contact Pauline Lloyd. (bucklandadmin@rcaos.co.uk WhatsApp Pauline Lloyd 07990 982552)

MONICA POPE WILL HAVE St. Patrick's Day, Easter, and other cards on sale in St Paul's hall between 10am and 11am each Sunday, except the 17th March.

THE "HOUR TO COME": In the Gospel today The "hour to come" is all about God and His glorification, revealed to us through Jesus who gave up His life in complete trust and obedience to His Father. Jesus overcame death and suffering, but it is also about giving over everything to God His Father. His teachings direct us to follow Him where we too must learn to trust and give over everything in all aspects of our lives to God. God is above all priority and enables us to live the other priorities. *(Contributed by a Parishioner at St. Paul's).*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"When we accept what happens to us and make the best of it, we are praising God." -St Teresa of Avila

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: Zona Patricia Coleman, Gerard Christopher Whelan, Margaret Theresa 'Peggy' Donnachie, Frank Peter Golden, Julia Kelly, Rosanna Hancock, Michael Watts, Daniel Donnachie.

St Paul's: Daisy Lewis, Douglas Bertelsen, Muriel Campbell, Hanna Balogova, Fr. Frank Parkinson, Agnes Carr, Edward Brown Brodie, Edith Jane MacKenzie, Ignace De Jaeger, Edward (Ted) Arman, Alice Archer, George Redman, Sr. Joseph DC, Winifred Corbett.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
	Saturday 16th March	10am 4pm	First Holy Communion Group in the Church Syro Malabar Mass
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Sunday 17th March	10.30am 11.15am	Stations of the Cross Mass for Lena & Dick Gammie 'F'. Fr Leo
	Wednesday 20th March	10.15am 12pm-2pm	Mass for Beda College in Rome. Fr Andrew & Fr Godwin Lent Lunch
	Friday 22nd March	6pm-8pm	Penitential Service Fr Matthew & All the clergy
Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo	Saturday 23rd March	10am 4pm	First Holy Communion Group in the Church Syro Malabar Mass
PALM SUNDAY	Sunday 24th March	10.30am 11.15am	Stations of the Cross Mass for Zillah Quinn RIP (Brendan). Fr Jamie & Fr Andrew
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
	Saturday 16th March	10am 2pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for The Housebound. Fr Leo Penitential Service and Confessions until 5.30pm. Canon Brian Coyle and all the clergy. Mass for The Victims of the Herald of Free Enterprise. Fr Godwin
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Sunday 17th March	9.15am 9.15am 11am 3pm 4pm 7pm	Mass for Vincent Peter & Josephine Mary RIP (James & Suzanne Aime) Fr Jamie & Fr Godwin Mustard Seeds in the Hall Coffee in the hall after Mass Mass for Benefactors of Father Andrew. Fr Andrew Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet St Patrick's Day Celebration in the Hall Youth Alpha Course in the Upper Hall
St Cyril of Jerusalem	Monday 18th March	10am 11am 2pm	Mass for Mary Ann Potter 'F'. Fr Andrew Funeral of Aniela Luka at the Crematorium. Fr. Leo & Fr. Godwin St Jude's Prayer Group in the Hall
SAINT JOSEPH	Tuesday 19th March	10am 2pm	Mass for People of Gaza and Israel Fr. Godwin Reconciliation at St Richards Fr Leo
	Wednesday 20th March	10am 5.30pm 7pm	Mass for The Sick and the Elderly. Fr Jamie Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Fides Meeting in the Hall
	Thursday 21st March	9.30am 10am After Mass	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for the Parish Planned Giving Drive Fr Jamie Bible Study
	Friday 22nd March	10am 6pm 6pm-8pm	Mass for the G/E of Julia (SVP) Fr Leo and Fr Godwin Stations of the Cross Penitential service at St. Finbarr's
Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo	Saturday 23rd March	10am 2pm 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Leadership in Britain. Fr Andrew and Fr Godwin The Way of the Cross with the Junior Youth Group and the Mustard Seeds Confessions in the Church until 5.45pm. Fr Jamie Mass for the G/E of Sheila (SVP) Fr Jamie & Fr. Leo
PALM SUNDAY	Sunday 24th March	9.15am 9.15am 11am 3pm 7pm	Mass for Sybil & Ada Fry 'F' Fr Andrew and Fr Leo Mustard Seeds in the Hall Coffee in the hall after Mass Mass for Deceased Family Members of Monika Fr Godwin and Fr Leo Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Youth Alpha Course in the Upper Hall

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024

First reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will make a new covenant

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm

50(51):3-4,12-15

A pure heart create for me, O God.

Second reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

He learned to obey and he became the source of eternal salvation

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn12:26

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel

John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come

for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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.