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Sunday 3rd March 2024 *The Third Sunday of Lent (Mass Book page 158)*

**TODAY THERE WILL BE A 2ND COLLECTION FOR CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY.
 WE WELCOME REV. FR. GODWIN ALKALI, CSSp TO OUR PARISH!**

PRIEST'S CORNER: Dear beloved parishioners, thank you to all who assisted for the First Thanksgiving Mass of Fr. Andrew last Weekend. People made Sacrifices, both at St. Paul's and at St. Finbarr's, bringing food, gifts, cakes, drinks, etc to ensure a happy event. Thank you. Here are some words of



gratitude directly from Fr. Andrew:
"Thank you so much for all the kindness shown to me over the last 5 years and particularly for all the hard work from so many people in the weeks before the ordination and Masses of



Thanksgiving. It was a fantastic occasion and no wonder; you are fantastic. Thank you again. Fr. Andrew."

Whatever you did will never go unrewarded. You did it for Jesus. Thank you. Fr Andrew has been officially assigned as the Assistant Parish Priest at St. Edmund's Parish in Beckenham. He will be with us in Dover until a week or two after Easter. We keep praying for Fr Andrew as he begins his Priestly ministry. God bless. Fr. Leo

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: RIGHTEOUS ANGER

Today we read in the psalm that the Word of God is sweeter than honey and will grow even sweeter as we feast on it. Psalms express for us the delight of the Lord and His people; they show a deep love that exists between the two in a personal and communal way. Come in prayer, silence and adoration before the Blessed Lord and grow in confidence in Him; see His light and little rays of it will be reflected in us and everyone we encounter.

When we see a bully beating up a young kid, when we see a thief stealing an old woman's purse, when we see a group of girls being catty and mean to another girl at recess, when a husband beats up his wife — the list goes on and on. The Lord God has wired us in such a way that most healthy human beings are angry inside when we see evil and injustice being done to someone. "Anyone can be angry. But to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, with the right purpose ... that is not easy." (Aristotle). — Today's Gospel pictures the righteous, healthy anger of Jesus, seeing the desecration of a holy place. In the second reading, St. Paul also reminds us that our body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit; We must therefore look after it as a Spiritual vessel.

As we start our parish planned giving drive, we ask you to support our Church which is the Physical temple of God among us. It is the place where we worship and connect with God, we have the duty to also support it financially; but not only by money, but also with our gifts, time and talents.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST IN DOVER: Another blessing for us in Dover! I wish to joyfully welcome **REV. FR. GODWIN ALKALI, CSSp as the assistant Priest in Dover!** Fr. Godwin was Ordained on the 28th of July, 2018 in Nigeria as a member of the Holy Ghost Fathers; (Spiritans). He has served in various capacities in North Eastern Nigeria; as an Assistant Parish Priest, Youth Chaplain and a dynamic School principal. Fr. Godwin will assist Fr. Leo and Fr. Jamie. We are very blessed for the gift of Fr. Godwin and we pray for him as he joins our Parish family. Fr. Leo.

OUR PARISH, OUR NEEDS, OUR RESPONSIBILITY – PLANNED GIVING DRIVE:

‘As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied Grace’

1 Peter 4:10



This weekend we launch our Stewardship Renewal. Over the coming weeks we ask *all* parishioners to *prayerfully* reflect on their commitment to our parish. As a parish and as individuals, we have been blessed with many varied gifts. Biblical Stewardship calls us to share our gifts of time, talent and financial blessings with our parish community and our world. These gifts come from God, so let us strive to return a sacrificial, not token, portion to Him. Today, please take an appeal

newsletter. We shall be hearing more about stewardship and the needs of our parish over the coming weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to this appeal. If you have any questions, there will be volunteers available after Mass today. 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.

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.

ALPHA YOUTH SERIES AT ST PAUL’S. The Adult Youth Group is inviting you to stay curious with the Alpha Youth Series. It is an opportunity for meaningful conversations on life, faith & purpose. We will go through different topics in small groups every week for 9 weeks. Don’t worry, there’s no pressure to come when not able to. Sessions will be every **Sunday at 7pm in St Paul’s hall starting on 10th March.** We hope to see you there! For more details; kindly text **Estelle on: 07377 063168.** God bless.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Margaret Rose Upton who died on 9th February aged 97 years. Her funeral will take place in St Paul’s on 11th March at 11am. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Amen.

WOMEN’S GUILD MEETING - Wednesday 6th March. We shall be meeting at the Dover Museum Cinema, Market Square, Dover for the 3.30 p.m. showing of the Annual Dover 2023 Film. Entry is £5. Please pay Anne or Diane on your arrival.

MUSTARD SEEDS. This Sunday we will be making Mother's Day gifts and making plans for a special service the following week. Please can we ask next Sunday (10th) that the Mustard Seeds gather in the front 2 pews at the start of Mass, as they will remain in church as part of a Mother's Day celebration. Maria, Laura, and Jan

THE NEXT THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AND PRE MASS-ROSARY at St Paul’s will take place on Thursday 7th March with Father Andrew.

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.

ST PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION Afternoon Tea with Music & Songs in St Paul’s Parish Hall on **SUNDAY 17th MARCH 2024 4pm. – 7pm.** Please bring some food to share and please wear something green Everyone Welcome.

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Dates FEB-MAR 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
CTiD AGM	Monday 4 th March 7pm	Dover Baptist Church
LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS.	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

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, which is coming up for Report stage in Parliament in early March. 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.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE. July 13th, 2024 at St George's Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than May 31st 2024, providing the following details: your names in the format 'John and Mary Smith', your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk. Title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Dover St Paul or Aylesham St Finbarr.

REMINDER: PLEASE COME ON TIME: I Would like to remind all our Parishioners, especially at St. Finbarr's to please always come early to Mass. If you are late to Mass, you will miss the readings and the Gospel and you would have missed an important part of the Mass. Thank you.

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.

CHARLTON CHURCH Come and sing Stainers 'Crucifixion' Saturday 20th April. Singing Rehearsal 2.30pm, Performance 7pm. Cost £7 to sing, £7 to attend. More info contact 07578 220209 / camilla65otaki@gmail.com

CARITAS SOUTHWARK First Anniversary Mass and celebration at St George's Cathedral on 16th March 2024 at 12.30pm. Please see the posters in both churches for more information.

A DAY WITH MARY 2024 Pilgrimages to Fatima (7-14 June) and Italy (4-12 Sept) For more information email: adwmary.uk@gmail.com tel: 020 8641 6418, web: www adaywithmary.org or see the posters in both churches.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop." - St Mother Teresa

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: Mary Agnes Proctor, Roger Turnbull, Zillah Quinn, Winifred Wilson, Margaret Carton, Frederick James Tanner, Marie Clementine Dodds, Brian Michael Docherty.

St Paul's: Kate Storey, Fr. Michael O'Hagan, Brigid Spinks, Terry Clapson, Reginald Farmer, Roger Andrew Weatherstone, Elizabeth Hyndman, Kenneth Clark, John O'Connor, Kathleen Ann Carmel Morris, Alan Medhurst, Noel lee Vasquez, Siobhan Sinclair-McClire, 193 lives lost on Herald of Free Enterprise (1997), Archbishop Peter Smith, Virginia Marchant, George Reid, Mary Sherwood, Jane Vallee Moonsamy, Cyril Connolly, Jim Costello, Jim Carter, Albert George Goodacre, Margaret Buckingham, Salvatore Pasquino, Collette Berry.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
Saint Nicholas Owen	Saturday 2 nd March	10am 4pm	First Holy Communion Group in the Church Syro Malabar Mass
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	Sunday 3 rd March	10.30am 11.15am	Stations of the Cross Mass for Zillah Quinn (John Quinn) . Fr Leo
	Wednesday 6 th March	10.15am 12pm-2pm	Mass for the Ministry of Father Godwin. Fr Andrew & Fr. Godwin Lent Lunch
Saint Frances of Rome	Saturday 9 th March	10am 4pm	First Holy Communion Group in the Church Syro Malabar Mass
MOTHERING SUNDAY	Sunday 10 th March	10.30am 11.15am	Stations of the Cross Mass for Ongoing Planned Giving Drive. Fr Jamie
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
Saint Nicholas Owen	Saturday 2 nd March	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E Sue Barton (Mary). Fr Andrew Confessions in the Church until 5.45pm Fr Leo Mass for Mary & Harry Curtin RIP (John & Mary) Fr Leo & Fr. Godwin
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	Sunday 3 rd March	9.15am 9.15am 11am 3pm	Mass for Ernest Csik (Gizela) Fr Jamie & Fr Godwin Mustard Seeds in the Hall Coffee in the hall after Mass Mass for Fr Jeff Cridland 80 th Birthday. Fr Jamie Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet. <i>Fr Andrew is at Our Lady in Buckland this Sunday</i>
Saint Casmir	Monday 4 th March	10am 11am 7pm	Mass for Eliza del Rio RIP 1st Anniversary (Iliana) Fr Andrew & Fr Godwin St. Richard's School. Fr Leo RCIA group in the upper hall
	Tuesday 5 th March	10am 11am	Mass for G/E of Maureen Arman (Lizzie). Fr Godwin & Fr. Andrew St. Richard's school. Fr Andrew
	Wednesday 6 th March	10am 3.30pm 5.30pm	Mass for Sergio Nardone RIP (Theresa) Fr Leo Women's Guild Meeting at Dover Museum Cinema Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm
Saint Perpetua & Saint Felicity	Thursday 7 th March	9.30am 10am After Mass	Holy Rosary in the church Ordinariate Mass for Olive Whitehead RIP (George) Fr Jamie Bible Study with Fr Andrew
Saint John of God	Friday 8 th March	10am 6pm	Mass for Jean MacKenzie RIP (Robert) Fr Godwin & Fr Leo Stations of the Cross
Saint Frances of Rome	Saturday 9 th March	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E Sheila H. (Keith & Theresa) Fr Godwin & Fr Andrew Confessions in the Church until 5.45pm Fr Jamie Mass for G/E Deacon Barry & Sue (Keith & Theresa) Fr Jamie
MOTHERING SUNDAY	Sunday 10 th March	9.15am 9.15am 11am 3pm 7pm	Mass for G/E Father Jeff (Keith & Theresa) Fr Leo & Fr Godwin Mustard Seeds in the Hall Coffee in the hall after Mass Mass for Ernest Huntley RIP (Mary) Fr Godwin Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Youth Alpha Course in the Hall <i>Fr. Andrew is at Welling in London this Sunday.</i>

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2024

First reading **Exodus 20:1-17**

The Law given through Moses

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm **18(19):8-11**
You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Second reading **1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

While we are preaching a Crucified Christ, an obstacle to man, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that

they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation **Jn11:25, 26**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel **John 2:13-25**

Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple, he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle, and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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.