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## *Sunday 14th April 2024*

### *THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass Book page 262)*

#### GOSPEL REFLECTION:

**Lord, help us to remember with gratitude our own 'resurrection' experiences.**



The common theme of today's readings is the challenge to adjust our lives to the living presence of the risen Lord as we grow daily, more aware of the presence of His Holy Spirit within us and surrounding us. Our daily lives are meant to serve as a means for us to experience and share the risen Lord with others. Just as the disciples experienced the risen Lord in their community, let us learn to recognize the presence of Jesus in our own homes, social service centers, nursing facilities, hospitals, workplaces, and schools. Jesus wants us to be a community

which shares and cares, a community which knows how to recognize Jesus in the poor, the marginalized, the sick – that is, in everyone. **Prayer:** *Lord*, help us to remember with gratitude our own resurrection experiences: When someone we love was critically ill and he or she got recovered. Help us to remember when failure left us down-hearted, when our self-confidence was destroyed and gradually, we got it back by your grace.

Help us to remember when we felt overwhelmed by the challenges of life and you picked us up, help us to remember when we hurt someone dear to us and we thought we could never be friends again, but we were forgiven, and it was as if nothing had ever come between us. Help us to remember when we spent years in addiction bondage to drink or drugs, self-pity, discouragement, or pain. We thought we could never get out of it. Then someone came along and by your grace, we were restored to healthy living. Help us to remember with gratitude when We thought at first, we were seeing a ghost like the disciples in the gospel today and we were agitated and felt doubts rising in our hearts. Hesitantly we were able to touch and see for ourselves your love. Thank you for our own resurrection stories. May we always remember your resurrection daily in our lives. Amen.



**PRIEST CORNER:** We had a lovely Mass to celebrate the ministry of Fr. Andrew in Dover last Wednesday. It was followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall. It was an occasion to thank Fr. Andrew for sharing his life with us in Dover. We are all lucky to have shared in the gift of his vocation and we continue to pray for him in the ministry ahead. Fr. Andrew eventually left Dover on Friday morning. He has now commenced his pastoral ministry at St. Edmund's Church in Beckenham.

**TRAFFIC LIGHT UPDATES:** We had an unannounced and a sudden turn up of the KCC traffic team at our Church in Dover on Thursday at about 2pm in the afternoon. Fortunately, I was around with Mary in the office to ask them some questions. They had earlier declined our invitation for them to come and have a public meeting with our people, but this unannounced appearance is surprising and must have been influenced by the MP, Natalie Elphicke who also came along to support our appeal for them to abandon the project completely. They came with an offer saying: KCC will create a drop off bay for the funeral hearse and the wedding car in front of the Church as a response to our safety concern, if we accept the offer.

I am now talking to the Area Bishop of Kent, Bishop Paul Hendricks and the Diocese to make a decision on the way forward. We could do better without any traffic light troubles. Let us keep praying and I will update you on what decision the Diocese is ready to make. Thank you. Fr. Leo.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR Maureen Collins** who has died. Maureen's Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 11am at St Paul's followed by burial at St James Cemetery at 1.30pm. We pray especially for her family at this sad time. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR Gloria Rockenbauer** who has died in Aylesham. Gloria's Requiem will be at St. Finbarr's on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 11am to be followed by burial at Aylesham cemetery. May her Gentle Soul rest in peace.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR Jacqueline Edwards** an active member of the Parish community at St. Finbarr's. Jacqueline passed sadly on Thursday at William Harvey hospital. We pray for her soul and her husband, Chris Burke and the family.

<b>Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham</b> <b>'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Dates</b> <b>APRIL/MAY 2024</b>		
<b>YOUTH ALPHA FOR ALL FROM 16 YRS UP</b>	<b>EVERY SUNDAY</b>	<b>6PM AT ST. PAUL'S UPPER HALL.</b>
<b>CHURCH CLEANING DAY FOR ALL</b>	<b>SAT 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL (10-12PM)</b>	<b>AT ST. FINBARR'S</b>
<b>LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER'S TRAINING AND SEMINAR DAY</b>	<b>SAT 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 ONE EVENT FOR THE BOTH CHURCHES</b>	<b>11AM TO 2PM AT ST. PAUL'S HALL</b>
<b>ROSARY PROCESSION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.</b>	<b>ST. PAUL'S. 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2024</b>	<b>STARTING AT 3PM. END WITH TEAS AND COFFEE AT THE HALL, DOVER</b>
<b>ALTAR SERVER'S TRAINING FOR ALL OUR YOUNG CHILDREN WILLING TO SERVE.</b>	<b>AFTER MASS AT ST. FINBARR'S ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> OF APRIL</b>	<b>ST. FINBARR'S. AFTER MASS. SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.</b>
<b>PARENT'S EVENING (FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN'S PARENTS)</b>	<b>MON 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 6PM</b>	<b>ST. PAUL'S UPPER HALL DOVER.</b>
<b>CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE PENTECOST.  PARISH CULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAY. (SPIRITAN FEAST DAY)</b>	<b>SUN 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 12PM- AFTER THE 11AM MASS  AT ST. PAUL'S  Dress according to your cultural heritage. Please bring your cultural food to share.</b>	<b>AT ST. FINBARR'S - TBA</b>

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL.**

The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church, from the time of Jesus until today. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests, and take up the Priest Training Fund second collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. After their ordination, our priests dedicate their lives to serving Christ and His people in our parishes, hospitals, schools, chaplaincies, prisons and in service to the needy, throughout South London, Kent, and Surrey. We are blessed to have 5 men in formation to the Priesthood for our Archdiocese. 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!



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**FIDES GROUP.** The next meeting of the at St Paul's will take place at (6.40pm) for 7pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. You are all invited to join us for refreshment, prayer, video, lively song, and discussion on important topics. Come, enjoy having your say, and give worthy praise in loud energetic song.

**SVP EVENING OF MISSION AND RECRUITMENT:** Are you Inspired to join the St. Vincent de Paul Society in our Parish? (SVP). You are kindly invited to listen to some sharing and testimonies on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 5pm to 6:30pm at St Paul's upper hall room.** Come and discern with us. We need people to serve the poor and the needy in our parish. Teas and coffees will be served. Fr. Leo in coordination with the SVP, Dover Conference.

**WEEKEND PILGRIMAGE TO ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX, FRANCE – Led by Fr Leo Illah CSSp.** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Mary [dover@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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/>

**LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER'S TRAINING AND DAY:** Dear Lay Eucharistic Ministers of our Parish, I want to invite you from both St. Finbarr's and St. Paul's for a half day training and prayer together **on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from 11am to 2pm.** We shall be looking at the new situations around our ministry and we shall seek to organize our way of serving more effectively at the Parish. This meeting will be the first training in a long while and I appeal to all Eucharistic ministers and all those exposing the sacraments either for Benediction or adoration to also please attend. Light Refreshment will be provided during the meeting. God bless. Fr. Leo

**ST JUDE'S PRAYER GROUP** will be meeting on Monday 15th April at 2pm in St Paul's Hall. All welcome.

**INVITE TO THE WHOLE PARISH FROM ST JUDE'S PRAYER GROUP.** We would very much like to invite you to a meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> May to a talk being given by Br. Paul O'Carm. from the Shrine of St Jude at Faversham, which will be held in St Paul's Church at 2pm on the 13<sup>th</sup> May. This is to partly celebrate that the Prayer Group will be going into our 10th year in September/October. He will speak about how he became a Carmelite, the Shrine, and also about St Jude. Refreshments will be served after the talk and a chance to meet him. Everyone is welcome to join us.

#### CATECHISM

Why is there in man a desire for God? (CCC27) There is in man a desire for God, because:

1. man is created by God
2. man is created for God.

Notice that these two reasons are related to man's origin and to his final end.

What Does St. Augustine say in his confessions about Man's restless search for God? (ccc30)  
Speaking to God St Augustine says in his Confessions about man's restless search for God: "Our heart is restless until it rests in You." The Confessions are a book that St Augustine († 430) wrote as his spiritual autobiography.

***Quote of the week:** "Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: 'The Lord is my strength and my shield, my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me and I in Him.'"*

*-St Francis de Sales*

#### **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:** Sarah Deary, Thelma Friel, Catherine Hart, James Deary. Joan Barrett.

**St Paul's:** Iris Taylor, Elizabeth Marie Peters, Marshall Jones, Hilda Freed, Peter Tiernan, Michael Boston, Hannah Ride, Nigel Jonathan Walker, Kay Walsh, Joyce Elkington, Peter Payton, Delia Leverton, James Wilson, Elizabeth Murphy, Leonard Clarke, Vinzenzo Rausa, Kevin Tivnan, William Clyde McLaughlin.

<b>EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S</b>			
	<b>Saturday 13th April</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Mass</b>
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Sunday 14th April</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Mass for George Gilchrist RIP (Bet) Fr Leo</b>
<b>St Stephen Harding</b>	<b>Wednesday 17th April</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>Mass for People of the Parish Fr Leo</b>
	<b>Saturday 20th April</b>	<b>10am 4pm</b>	<b>Church Cleaning (until 12pm) Syro Malabar Mass</b>
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Sunday 21st April</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Mass for G/E of Peter Joseph Grilli. Fr Godwin</b>
<b>EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S</b>			
	<b>Saturday 13th April</b>	<b>10am 5pm 6pm</b>	<b>Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E of Sheila (Lizzie) Fr Leo Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm). Fr Godwin Mass for Elizabeth Graham RIP (Keith). Fr Godwin</b>
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Sunday 14th April</b>	<b>9.15am 11am 3pm 7pm</b>	<b>Mass in Thanksgiving for the Planned Giving Drive. Fr Godwin NO MUSTARD SEEDS Coffee in the hall after Mass Mass for Jurgis RIP (Monika Cloke) Fr Jamie Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Youth Alpha Course in the Upper Hall</b>
	<b>Monday 15th April</b>	<b>10am 2pm</b>	<b>Mass for G/E of Sheila (Anne &amp; Peter) Fr Leo St Jude's Prayer Group in the hall</b>
<b>St. Bernadette</b>	<b>Tuesday 16th April</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass for G/E of Liz Whelan (Kath Quigley) and Esiri Emedo (Birthday Thanksgiving) Fr Godwin</b>
<b>St Stephen Harding</b>	<b>Wednesday 17th April</b>	<b>10am 5.30pm 7pm</b>	<b>Mass for Virginia Ann Newby RIP (Simon) and Shirani Jeraldeen Dissanayaka (Dona) Fr Jamie Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Fides Group</b>
	<b>Thursday 18th April</b>	<b>9.30am 10am 10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Rosary in the church Mass for G/E of Sheila (Kath Quigley) Fr Jamie Bible Study</b>
<b>St Alphege</b>	<b>Friday 19th April</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass for The Quigley Family (Kath Quigley) Fr Godwin</b>
	<b>Saturday 20th April</b>	<b>10am 5pm 6pm</b>	<b>Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Sr Anna-May O'Reilly DC &amp; Sr Catherine Farrelly DC Fr Godwin Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Fr Jamie Mass for G/E of Sheila (Jane Francis) Fr Jamie</b>
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Sunday 21st April</b>	<b>9.15am 11am 3pm 7pm</b>	<b>Mass for G/E of Martha Leat (Kath Quigley) Fr Leo Mustard Seeds in the hall Coffee in the hall after Mass Mass for St Joseph's Men's Prayer Group Fr Jamie Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Youth Alpha Course in the Upper Hall</b>

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# READINGS FOR SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024

**First reading** Acts 3:13-15,17-19

*You killed the prince of life: God, however, raised him from the dead*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

**Responsorial Psalm** 4:2,4,7,9  
**Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.**

**Second reading** 1 John 2:1-5

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and the world's*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him,' and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

**Gospel Acclamation** Lk24:32

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.**

**Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

**Luke 24:35-48**

*It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

**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.**