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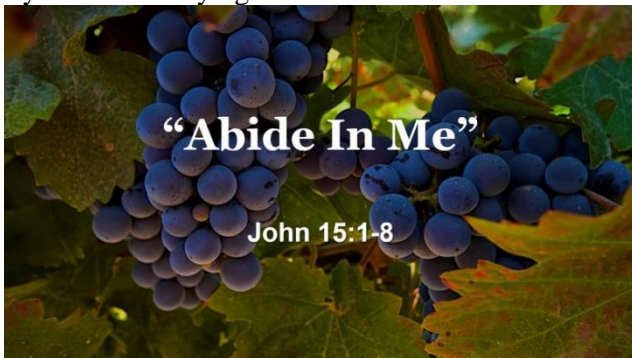
Sunday 28th April 2024

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass Book page 268)

There will be a 2nd Collection today for the upkeep of St George's Cathedral

GOSPEL REFLECTION: ABIDE IN ME:

'Abide with me fast fall the eventide' is a song composed by a Scottish poet and song writer, Henry Francis Lyte who was dying of tuberculosis in about 1847. He took his pen and began to write these moving words;



“abide with me fast fall the eventide, the darkness deepens Lord with me abide, when other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless oh abide with me. He also wrote in the last stanza; ‘Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes, shine through the gloom and point me to the skies, when morning breaks and earth’s shadow flee, in life and in death oh Lord, Abide with me.’

This song is the favourite of King George the 5th and it was rendered at the wedding of Queen Elizabeth the second. During the finals of the FA cup, this song is also rendered. It was taken from the Gospel of St. Luke

Chapter 24:29 when the disciples at the Emmaus said to Jesus, Lord, stay with us for it is evening. As Christians, we must seek to abide in Christ alone. Even a well-pruned branch cannot bear grapes unless it abides in the vine. Jesus reminds us that we cannot bear fruit, unless we abide in him just as he abides in us. In his words, he admonishes us, “*I am the vine, you are the branches.*” We abide in Christ by drawing near to God and by experiencing His being near to us, that is, by living every moment as He has commanded us to do, with the radiant presence of Christ all around us. Lord, stay with us; give us the abiding grace, especially in the mist of our darkest moments, help us to know that you are with us. Amen.

PRIEST CORNER: Our Parish is becoming more and more multi-cultural; we are welcoming more people from different cultural backgrounds. This is both a blessing and a challenge. We are blessed as the Parish is enriched with different gifts and we are also challenged to learn on how to grow together, adjusting to the different cultural diversities; and to trust the Holy Spirit for His work among us. I would like to encourage you to attend and be part of our Parish cultural and international day which we shall celebrate on the Pentecost Sunday; the feast day of the Holy Ghost Fathers, (the Spiritans). **We shall celebrate on the 19th of May at St. Paul's after the 10am Mass; (Only One Mass) and on the 26th at St. Finbarr's.** We shall attempt to celebrate the different nations we have worshipping in our Parish. Dress according to your cultural heritage, prepare songs and dance to share in the hall; bring food from your culture to share and be prepared and let us celebrate each other. Thank you. Fr. Leo

CRISIS IN SUDAN – A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD. The people of Sudan need our help urgently. We are launching an [emergency appeal](https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal) for donations to get aid to them on the biggest scale we can muster. When violence broke out last year in Sudan between government and paramilitaries, most aid agencies evacuated. Now, humanitarian workers are struggling to get back into Sudan to help, meaning severe delays in getting aid to the people, and the challenges of getting into areas where fighting is still going on remain. Many borders are shut but the Church and our local partners are still there. Please, stand with them today. The situation has gone from serious to desperate very quickly. The UN is calling it ‘**the world’s worst displacement crisis.**’ At least 8 million people have had to flee their homes; famine looms. Telley Sadia, CAFOD’s country representative for Sudan says “At least 25 million Sudanese need immediate, emergency help. Families are already going hungry and famine is looming. This crisis threatens to become the worst in living memory.” If you are able, please donate using the following link <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal> or donate through our CollecTins or website <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/e8b66750-4ea0-478c-9ff7-53f823fdc306> Thank you and God Bless.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024: PRAYER SPONSOR'S PRAYER. Dear Parishioners, in the period leading up to the children of St Paul's and St Finbarr's making their FHC on Sunday 2nd and 9th June respectively. Please support the children by saying sponsors prayer:

Dear God, As our children prepare to come to your altar on and after the feast of Corpus Christi to receive nourishment, not with bread, but with Yourself, the true Bread of eternal life, help each child, their family and our parish community to recognise and celebrate your presence every day in their lives. Walk with our children on their journey of faith as you once did with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Amen.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

For over half a century, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George's has been a beacon of light. St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers, and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer, and worship. Thank you!

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) There will be a Special Collection for the SVP next weekend.

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. Closing date is 30th June 2024.** Contact Mary doover@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.parihofthegoodshepherd.uk/events/>

THE HOLY COMMUNION INCIDENT: We have had a report of some few incidents of people receiving the Holy Communion and putting it in their pocket instead of consuming it right away. This is a sacrilegious act that could have a serious spiritual consequence on the entire parish community. Please always consume while standing in front of the priest after receiving the Holy Communion. Do not take it away on any grounds except for those permitted to take to the sick by the priest. I encourage everyone to be vigilant in both Churches about this. Report to the priest immediately if you notice someone making this mistake. Fr. Leo

MARIAN PROCESSION and crowning of Our Lady's statue. 1st Communion children and Mustard Seeds particularly welcome. Sunday 12th May at 3pm starting at the church car park, followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall. Please bring a small posy of flowers to lay round Our Lady's statue.

INVITE TO THE WHOLE PARISH FROM ST JUDE'S PRAYER GROUP. We would very much like to invite you to a meeting 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 13th 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.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. FINBARR'S: It will be wonderful to start a Bible study group at St. Finbarr's, starting by the first week of May. We already have a Bible study group in Dover for years, it will now also start at St. Finbarr's. This will be an opportunity to deepen our knowledge of the Bible with Lectio Divina and other forms of praying with the Bible. This is being planned to start on Tuesday **7th of May by 7pm.** If you are keen to know more about the Bible, please come along and learn more. God bless. Fr. Leo

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER If you don't already subscribe to our Newsletter by email, please consider doing so by emailing doovernewsletter@rcaos.org.uk so we can reduce the number of copies we print each week.

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 us at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Dover or Aylesham. Or contact the parish office with your details doover@rcaos.org.uk

KNIT 90: DOVER STREET PASTORS. Saturday 11th May, 2-4pm, St Mary's Church Parish Centre. Come and knit, for 2 x 45 minutes, to raise money to support the work of Dover Street Pastors. <https://streetpastors.org/locations/dover/> All knitting will be made up into blankets for charity. Please ask your friends and family members to sponsor you either a) per row or b) an overall amount. Please contact doover@streetpastors.org.uk for further information and sponsorship forms. Participants will need to bring with them 1) size 8(4mm needles and 2) double knit wool. Prizes on offer with free refreshments for knitters. #There will be musical entertainment too.

**Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham
'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Dates
MAY 2024**

YOUTH ALPHA FOR ALL FROM 16 YRS UP	EVERY SUNDAY	6PM AT ST. PAUL'S UPPER HALL.
SPECIAL HOLY SPIRIT DAY EVENT.	4TH MAY, 11AM TO 3PM	11AM- 3PM (UPPER HALL OR IN THE CHURCH)
ROSARY PROCESSION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.	ST. PAUL'S, 12TH MAY, 2024	STARTING AT 3PM FROM THE CHURCH CAR PARK- THROUGH TASWELL STREET- GODWYN ROAD WITH ROSARY AND SONGS TO THE CHURCH. END WITH TEAS AND COFFEE AT THE HALL, DOVER
PARENT'S EVENING (FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN'S PARENTS)	WED 8TH MAY AT 6.30PM – 8PM	ST. PAUL'S UPPER HALL DOVER.
CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE PENTECOST. WE SHALL CELEBRATE IT AS THE PARISH CULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAY. (SPIRITAN FEAST DAY)	AT ST. PAUL'S: SUN 19TH MAY. ONE SINGLE MASS AT 10AM FOLLOWED BY CELEBRATIONS IN THE HALL (NO 9:15AM OR 11AM MASS). Dress according to your cultural heritage. Please bring your cultural food to share.	AT ST. FINBARR'S – 26TH MAY- AFTER THE 11:15AM MASS. Dress according to your cultural heritage. Please bring your cultural food to share.
JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP- MEETING AND SPORTS DAY. 11TH MAY. GATHER AT ST. PAUL'S AT 12PM- TRAVEL TOGETHER TO DOVER LEISURE CLUB. ENJOY GAMES, PIZZA AND PRAYERS. BRING YOUR FRIENDS.	JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP EVENT. 11TH OF MAY. 12PM	COME AND LET'S ENJOY WITH JESUS. (FR. LEO AND FR. GODWIN TO JOIN THE GAMES).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Jesus loves hidden souls. A hidden flower is the most fragrant. I must strive to make the interior of my soul a resting place for the Heart of Jesus.” (Sr. Faustina Kowalska)

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: Mary Pressnell, Cecilia Maza, Gaby Anaya Amor, 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: Barbara Anne Lilford, Brenda Bass, Margaret Dunn, Charles Shivers, Joan Phelan.

St Paul's: Veronica Lawson, Doug Hawkins, John Creed, Anton Bury, Doris Louisa Jones, Delysia White, Dorothy Winter, Bridget Cloke, Silvano & Vincenzo Gismondi, John Christopher Lee, William Chandler, Kitty Cahill, Daniel Adhern, Brian Golding, Helen Capon, Theresa (Toni) Walker.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
	Saturday 27th April	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sunday 28th April	11.15am	Mass for Julia James RIP (Mary Ayres) Fr Jamie
ST JOSEPH THE WORKER	Wednesday 1st May	11am	Requiem Mass for Gloria Rockenbauer (followed by burial at Aylesham Cemetery) Fr Leo
THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	Saturday 4th May	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sunday 5th May	11.15am	Mass for Kingsley Ero Divine Healing (Esiri) Fr Leo
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
	Saturday 27th April	10am 11am - 2pm 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Maureen Collins RIP (Lizzie) Fr Leo Lay Eucharistic Minister Training in the Hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Fr Godwin Mass for Barry Pape RIP (Jean Pape). Prayers for Elisea Bautista RIP (Maricel). Fr Godwin
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sunday 28th April	9.15am 9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Ann Crabill (Lizzie) Fr Jamie Mustard Seeds in the hall Coffee in the hall after Mass Mass for Ronan Bracken RIP (Rory & Sara) Fr Leo Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Youth Alpha Course in the Upper Hall
SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENNA	Monday 29th April	10am	Mass for Trina Bracken & family (Sheila & family) Fr Leo
SAINT PIUS V	Tuesday 30th April	10am	Mass for Sr Mary Dympna RIP Fr Godwin
ST JOSEPH THE WORKER	Wednesday 1st May	10am 5.30pm	Mass for Catherine Rowe 'F' Fr Jamie Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm
SAINT ATHANSIUS	Thursday 2nd May	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary in the church Ordinarate Mass for Roland Conyers 'F' Fr Jamie Bible Study
SAINT PHILLIP SAINT JAMES	Friday 3rd May	11am	Requiem Mass for Maureen Collins (Burial at St James at 1.30pm) Fr Leo & Fr John Panario
THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	Saturday 4th May	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Sheila's Family (Sheila) Fr Godwin Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Fr Leo Mass for Pat Ward 'F' Fr Leo
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sunday 5th May	9.15am 9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Maureen Collins RIP (Anne & Peter) Fr Leo Mustard Seeds in the hall Coffee in the hall after Mass Mass for Dawn Wells RIP (Birthday) (Keith & Theresa) Fr Jamie Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Youth Alpha Course in the Upper Hall

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2024

First reading Acts 9:26-31
Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32
You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second reading 1 John 3:18-24
The commandments are these; that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation Jn15:4,5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:1-8

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty;

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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.