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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

27th APRIL 2025

Missal P383 Order of the Mass P470

2nd Collection for Maintenance of St George's Cathedral

FROM NEXT SUNDAY 4TH MAY MASS TIMES WILL CHANGE:

MASS AT DOVER WILL BE AT 9AM AND 11AM, AYLESHAM WILL BE AT 11AM

REST IN PEACE; POPE FRANCIS!

With gratitude to God, we offer prayers for the repose of the Soul of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. We bid farewell to a man of great humility and compassion who has touched the world through his selfless service. He spoke for the poor and the suffering, carried the burden of the Church in a very fractured world. Thank you, Pope Francis, for your unwavering Faith. May the Almighty Father welcome you to the home He has prepared for you. Rest in peace. Here at our Parish, the Mass at 11am at St. Paul's and the 11:15am at St. Finbarr's on this Sunday (27th April) are dedicated for his repose. You are welcome to visit our Churches and share your prayers and condolence messages at the Altar prepared in his honor. May he rest in Peace, Amen. The Catholic Bishop of Southwark, Archbishop John Wilson has issued a message in honor of Pope Francis; Click the link below to read it. <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/pope-francis-rip/>
 Prayer cards are also available in both churches.



GOSPEL REFLECTION- DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

St. Faustina and the Image of the Divine Mercy: St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April 2000, on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast requested by Jesus in His communications with St. Faustina), His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina. [John Paul himself would be canonized on this same Feast Day – April 27 in 2014 – by Pope Francis.] At the canonization of St. Faustina, Saint John Paul II said, "Believing in the love of God means believing in His mercy." Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious



Blood of His Son. **Today's Gospel** vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave the apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins with the words, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20: 19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith.

A JOYFUL MESSAGE FROM LOURDES:

We arrived at Lourdes on Easter Monday along with Pilgrims from all over the world. Although we were



greeted with the Sad news of the Pope's Passing, it became an opportunity for Pilgrims to unite in Prayer for his soul. Lourdes is busy with thousands of pilgrims and so many Sick people, seeking for both Physical and Spiritual healing. It is also a place where love is in action with so many people taking weeks off their job to help the handicapped children and to serve the many elderly people who are on the wheel chairs. What we see in Lourdes is Faith in the Lord; knowing that we are not alone in our sufferings and pains; our sufferings are also for the Lord. We have prayed for both our Parishes in Dover together; Our Lady of Dover Parish and the Parish of the Good Shepherd. We remembered your intentions, especially the sick of our Parish. May our Lady continue to intercede for us on our journey. 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. 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.

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral or use the CollecTins in both churches.
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque – please use the St George's Cathedral envelopes at the back of church. Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR Monsignor Canon John O'Toole who died on 3rd April. In 2020 he was appointed to the role of Episcopal Vicar for Kent. His funeral will take place at St George's Cathedral Southwark on Friday 2nd May. Burial will be on Tuesday 6th May at Chatham Cemetery. **Please pray for Siobhan Barringer.** Her Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 29th April at St Paul's, at 12.30pm. May Canon John & Siobhan Rest in Peace & Rise in Glory, Amen.

ST JUDE'S PRAYER GROUP will meet on **Monday 28th April 2pm – 3pm** in St Paul's church hall. The group meets once a month on the 3rd Monday of each month. Please bring along your favourite prayer. Contact Trudy Boston (wboston2012@yahoo.co.uk) All Welcome.

ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY ST PAUL'S: The next pre 10am Mass rosary and post Mass bible study will take place on **Thursday 1st May**. OT Book of Exodus.



EASTER EGG HUNT AND COLOURING COMPETITION:

Well done to all those children who participated in the Easter Egg Hunt and Colouring Competition. Our Parish Secretary was asked to judge the Colouring Competition. It was not an easy task! All the children did 'eggceptionally' well !!

Congratulations to Johanna aged 10 and Andrea aged 4 who won first prize in their age groups.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who generously donated Easter Eggs for hunting.

1st Prize age 10-14 / 1st Prize age 4-9

ST PAUL'S EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Further to our meeting Father Leo has asked me to co-ordinate the Eucharistic Ministers at St Paul's. Please could you send me your contact details eaglebeakkennett@hotmail.com. Thank you, Mark Kennett.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: We are looking for a new Voluntary Parish Newsletter Editor. If you have a few hours to spare during the week especially on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning, and are skilled in using Microsoft Word, Excel, Websites and Emails please let Fr Leo know, or speak to Mary for more information.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - FRIDAY 19th to MONDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER: This is now confirmed. Cost for 3 nights half board accommodation £485 per person based on 2 people sharing (plus £60 single supplement). Estimated flight costs £320 per person. Book early to avoid flight supplement. Deposit £300 per person. Balance 10 weeks prior to departure. For a booking form and further information please contact Mary in the parish office, email doover@rcaos.org.uk or message 07936 573155. God bless, Fr Leo.

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT THE FRIARS AYLESFORD 7th JUNE 2025:

Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. **If you would like to go please let Mary in the parish office know, email dover@rcaos.org.uk or message 07936 573155. We will go as a parish group. God bless, Fr Leo.**

JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE – SAVE THE DATE: Monday 7th July 7pm Canterbury Cathedral. Mass: The Feast of The Translation celebrated by the Papal Nuncio; Blessing: With St Thomas Becket's relics; Reception: Champagne & chocolates with Certificate of Pilgrimage. Limited capacity. Email: info@canterburyjubilee2025.com or complete the RSVP form at: <https://canterburyjubilee2025.com/> For further information see the poster at the back of church.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE 12TH JULY AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK: 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 the middle of May**, providing the following details: **your names** in the format John and Mary Smith, **your home address**, your **parish**, and the **anniversary you are celebrating**, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact Carole at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk. As the **title of your email, please write your parish location** e.g. Dover, Aylesham.

Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
	April /May 2025	
Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy	Every Third Sunday 9am (18 th May)	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude's Prayer Group	Every Third Monday 2pm – 3pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
First Holy Communion Preparation	Every Saturday (Restart 3 rd May)	St Paul's Hall, Dover
First Holy Communion Preparation	Every Sunday (Restart 27 th April)	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Young Adults SYCAMORE Course	Every Sunday (Restart 27 th April)	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
SYCAMORE Course, Fides & Bible Study, all combined session	Every Tuesday	St Finbarr's, Aylesham.
Confirmation Preparation	Saturday (Restart 10 th May)	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Ministry Invitation- Catechists (Both Churches)	Sunday 4 th May	St Paul's Dover St Finbarr's Aylesham
Lay Eucharistic Ministers' Commissioning Day	Saturday 10 th May	Aylesford Priory
Procession for Mary (Both Churches)	Sunday 11 th May 3pm Sunday 18 th May 3pm	St Paul's, Dover St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Catechists Training Day (Both Churches)	Saturday 17 th May 11am-2pm	St Paul's, Dover (With Lunch)

PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr's: Audrey Stitt, 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: Maria Frost, Roz & Rob Pain, Rosa Mazzitelli, David Meadows, Roselene Hindle, Sr Rani Xavier, Thanima Jayan, Janice & Livra Fernandes, Catriona Stark, Mary Pressnell, Gaby Anaya Amor, Fr John Ryan, Pat Evans, Shirley Lazarus, Shirley Jefford, Clare Quigley, 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, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Cathy Huntley, Emin Jain, Pat & Patricia Sherratt, Chris Roy.

Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:

St Finbarr's: Julia James, Barbara Anne Lilford, Brenda Bass, Margaret Dunn, Charles Shivers, Joan Phelan.

St Paul's: Thomas Connolly, Michael Nolan, Anthony Chalwin Carter, 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, Kittv Cahill, Daniel Adhern, Brian Golding, Helen Capon.

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Newsletter items received after 6pm Thursday may not be included that week. The Editor reserves the right to edit articles.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday 26 th April	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday	Sunday 27 th April	9.30am 11.15am	First Holy Communion Preparation in Church Requiem Mass for Pope Francis and for Julia James RIP (Mary Ayres)
Saint Catherine of Siena	Tuesday 29 th April	7pm	SYCAMORE Course Fides & Bible Study Combined
Saint Pius V, Pope	Wednesday 30 th April	10.15am	Mass for People with Disabilities
Saints Philip and James, Apostles	Saturday 3 rd May	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sunday 4 th May	9.30am 11am	First Holy Communion Preparation in Church Mass for David Jones RIP & Frankie Golden RIP (Jed Watkins)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S			
Our Lady of Good Counsel	Saturday 26 th April	10am 5pm 6pm	NO First Holy Communion preparation in the hall Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Kathleen Huntley RIP (Sheila) and Pope Francis RIP Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Debbie Jones RIP (Tim)
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Divine Mercy Sunday	Sunday 27 th April	9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Mary Hayes RIP (Sheila) & In Thanksgiving for His Divine Mercy (Ziarek Family) With 13 th (Dover) St Paul's Scout Group St George's Parade Coffee after Mass Requiem Mass for Pope Francis Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Sycamore Course for Young Adults
SAINT GEORGE, Martyr, Patron of England	Monday 28 th April	10am 2pm	Mass for Roland Conyers 'F' St Jude's Prayer Group in the Hall
Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Tuesday 29 th April	10am 12.30pm	Mass for Ken RIP (Sheila) Requiem Mass for Siobhan Barringer
Saint Pius V, Pope	Wednesday 30 th April	10am 5.30pm	Mass for Lena Gammie RIP (Sheila) Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm)
Saint Joseph the Worker	Thursday 1 st May	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary in the church Ordinariate Mass for Keith Armstrong RIP (Monica) Bible Study in the hall OT Book of Exodus
Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Friday 2 nd May	10am	Mass for Joe Johnston RIP (Sheila)
Saints Philip and James, Apostles	Saturday 3 rd May	9.30am 10am 5pm 6pm	First Holy Communion preparation in the hall Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Veronika & Ivo (Tim) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Philip Wright RIP (Anne Gavin)
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sunday 4 th May	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Theresa Wells Birthday (Marie McMonagle) Coffee after Mass Mass for The Holy Land Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Sycamore Course for Young Adults

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 27TH APRIL 2025

First reading Acts 5:12-16

More than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women.

Many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in the Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns round Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118(117):2-4. 22-24. 25-27a. R1

**Give praise to the Lord for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.
or: Alleluia.**

Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let the house of Aaron say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let those who fear the Lord say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

**Give praise to the Lord for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.
or: Alleluia.**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.
This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.

**Give praise to the Lord for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.
or: Alleluia.**

We beseech you, O Lord, grant salvation;
we beseech you, O Lord, grant success.
Blest is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord is God and has given us light.

**Give praise to the Lord for he is good,
his mercy endures for ever.**

or: Alleluia.

Second reading

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

'I died, and behold I am alive for evermore.'

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches.'

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash round his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.'

Sequence

Victimae Paschali Laudes

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 John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia.

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me,
says the Lord.
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have
believed.
Alleluia.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week,
the doors being locked where the disciples were for
fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them
and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had
said this, he showed them his hands and his side.
Then the disciples were glad when they saw the
Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.'
And when he had said this, he breathed on them and
said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive
the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you
withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin,
was not with them when Jesus came. So the other
disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he
said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of
the nails and place my finger into the mark of the
nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never
believe.'

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and
Thomas was with them. Although the doors were
locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said,
'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put
your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your
hand and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve but
believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my
God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because
you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not
seen and yet have believed.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of
the disciples, which are not written in this book; but

these are written so that you may believe that Jesus
is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing
you may have life in his name.

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.