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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C SUNDAY 6th APRIL 2025

Missal P179 Order of the Mass P470

**TODAY THERE WILL BE A 2ND COLLECTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS.
 SVP TEA IN THE PARISH HALL AT 3PM TODAY. ALL WELCOME.**

**PLEASE NOTE PENCESTER ROAD CAR PARK IS CLOSED ALL WEEKEND.
 (Alternative parking in Maison Dieu Road Health Centre Car Park)**

PRIEST CORNER: This month is the Month for the Lay Eucharistic Ministers in our Parish. To mark that, we



had the successful renewal training session for 20 Lay Eucharistic Ministers in the Parish. (Two More training ahead). We had the joy of welcoming Dr. Mark Nash from the Agency for Evangelization in the Diocese who came and presented a deep refreshing talk on the beauty of the Holy Eucharist. We pray for our Lay Eucharistic Ministers as they are making the efforts to renew themselves, so that they can serve our Parish better. Also on the 1st of April, we were happy to welcome Bishop Paul Hendricks who came to visit us. He spent the whole morning with us, visiting the historical St. Edmund's Chapel to discuss its future in relation to the Parish. We had the opportunity to share with him about the many plans and projects of our Parish. Do always remember to pray for our Parish plan through the year. Fr. Leo.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: (Jn 8:1-11). From the famous story of the Woman Caught in adultery in our gospel of today, we learn about the profound message of God's boundless mercy. Pope Francis, in *Misericordia et misera* (2016), reminds us that forgiveness is the most visible sign of the Father's love, which Jesus sought to reveal through His entire life. We are called to taste and see the goodness of the Lord, which transforms and changes our lives. Like the woman in John's Gospel, we are all beneficiaries of God's abundant Mercy, (*bonum diffusivum*) hearing the words "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more" (Jn 8:11). We receive God's mercy and goodness and as we approach the Holy Week, let us strive to become instruments of Christ's mercy and of God's *bonum diffusivum*. Be the Mercy of God in the World; reflect that mercy through love and Forgiveness. Lord, help us to become the face of your Mercy in the world. Amen.

IMPORTANT PETITION: Today the **Archbishop of Southwark John Wilson** writes his Pastoral Letter on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, to be read at all Masses this weekend. Please consider signing the petition **Care Not Killing** which calls on MPs to vote against legalizing assisted suicide in England and Wales. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill would make vulnerable people - including the elderly and disabled - feel a burden on family or carers resulting in pressure to end their lives. You can sign the petition here <https://carenotkilling.org.uk/petition/> or write to your MP Mike Tapp for Dover/Deal including Aylesham mike.tapp.mp@parliament.uk or Tony Vaughan for Folkestone tony.vaughan.mp@parliament.uk or write to them at House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Post cards are available at the back of church. Please pick one up as you leave today.

OUR LENTEN PROJECT: NEXT WEEKEND, SCHOOL UNIFORM SPECIAL COLLECTION: We shall have a Special Lenten Collection to support our deprived school children at St Richard's, St Joseph's and St Edmund's Schools who cannot afford to purchase the school uniform. Please give generously to this Lenten Appeal. God Bless, Fr. Leo.

CAFOD MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church (**You can donate through the CollecTins**) or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/myanmar-earthquake-appeal> or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN & JOYCE NIX FROM ST PAUL'S who celebrated their 68th Wedding Anniversary last weekend. What an amazing achievement. May God continue to bless them both. Fr. Leo.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Jane Francis from St Paul's who has passed away. Jane's Requiem Mass will take place on **Tuesday 8th April at 12noon (No 10am Mass today)** at St Paul's followed by committal at St James' Cemetery, Dover. Also, please pray for **Anthony Grilli**, former teacher at St Edmund's School, Dover. Anthony's funeral service will take place on **Wednesday 16th April, 11am** at St Andrews Church Shepherdswell. Please also pray for **James O'Sullivan** and **Siobhan Barringer**, both from Dover who have passed away. James's funeral service will take at Hamilton Road Cemetery, Deal on **Wednesday 9th April at 10am** and Siobhan's funeral service will be on **Tuesday 29th April** at St Paul's, time to be confirmed. May Jane, Anthony, James and Siobhan Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory, Amen.

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER'S TRAINING FOR THE PARISH PART 2 Tuesday 8th April 7pm at St Paul's and Thursday 10th April 7pm at St Finbarr's. I wish to encourage all our Lay Ministers to please attend these sessions, especially if you want to still continue in this role. God Bless, Fr. Leo.

ST PAUL'S PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH & THEIR FAMILIES. Sunday 13th April 12pm-2pm (After 11am Mass) Please join us for lunch to celebrate Palm Sunday & prepare for Holy Week. There will be songs, crafts & games with prizes to be won! We hope you can make it. Any questions please speak to George, Maeve or Laura.

EASTER EGG DONATIONS FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH. The Mustard Seeds are planning to give out Easter eggs on Easter Sunday to the children of the parish. If there are any parishioners who would like to donate some Easter eggs, there will be a box left at the back of the church until Palm Sunday (13th).

RECONCILIATION SERVICE / CONFESSIONS FOR LENT: Our reconciliation / penitential services and confessions will come up during the Holy Week. This year, the services will be led by Father Giovanni Prandini who is the assistant Parish Priest in Canterbury. It comprises of some short reflections, prayers and confessions / Sacrament of Penance. **Monday 14th April 6pm (St Paul's)** and **Tuesday 15th April 6pm (St Finbarr's)**. This is necessary at the time of Lent and I encourage all to take this opportunity of Lenten blessing. Fr. Leo.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION AT ST PAUL'S: Saturdays in the upper room of the parish hall from 10am to 11am (Final session before Easter 5th April). If your child is 12 years and above, kindly email the Parish Office dover@rcaos.org.uk to enrol your child. The Bishop will lead the confirmation ceremony in the Autumn.

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH: Cash & CollecTin £3022.50; Bankers Orders £3480.00; Clergy Support £779.65; CAFOD Family Fast Day £453.00; Poor Parishes £359.69. Thank you for your generosity. Fr. Leo.

THANK YOU: Mary would like to thank Fr Jeff, Fr Leo, Fr Godwin, Fr Jamie, Deacon Barry and the choir for the wonderful Thanksgiving Mass last Sunday for her 70th Birthday. Thank you also to her parish family for the cards, gifts and love shown to her. May God Bless you all.

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 dover@rcaos.org.uk or message 07936 573155. God bless, Fr Leo.

ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY ST PAUL'S Next Thursday's pre 10am Mass rosary and post Mass bible study will take place on **Thursday 10th April**. OT Book of Exodus.

ST PAUL'S REPOSITORY. Easter, Mother's Day, St. Patrick's, Birthday, Sympathy Cards and many others are on sale in the Church Hall after the 9:15 a.m. Sunday Mass each week, also rosaries and Holy Water bottles.

KNIT FOR 90: Dover Street Pastors are raising money by a sponsored knit to make blankets for charity, using size 8 knitting needles and double-knit wool. **Saturday 26th April St Mary's Parish Centre Dover, 2pm-4pm.** See the poster in the porch for more information or email dover@streetpastors.org.uk for a sponsor form.

Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham ‘Called to Bear Fruit’: Parish Renewal		
	April 2025	
Mustard Seed Children’s Liturgy	Every Third Sunday 9.15am	St Paul’s Upper Hall, Dover
First Holy Communion Preparation	Restart 26th April	St Paul’s Hall, Dover
First Holy Communion Preparation	Restart 27th April	St Finbarr’s, Aylesham
Adult SYCAMORE Course	Every Wednesday 7pm (Final Session 16th April)	St Paul’s Hall, Dover
SYCAMORE Course for Young Adults	Every Sunday 6pm (Final session 6th April, restart 27th April)	St Paul’s Upper Hall, Dover
Stations of the Cross	Every Friday during Lent 6pm	St Paul’s, Dover
Stations of the Cross	Every Sunday during Lent 10.30am	St Finbarr’s, Aylesham
SYCAMORE Course, Fides & Bible Study, all combined session	Every Tuesday 7pm (no session on 15th April, restart on 22nd April)	St Finbarr’s, Aylesham.
Confirmation Preparation	Every Saturday 10am (Final Session 5th April)	St Paul’s Upper Hall, Dover
Lay Eucharistic Minister Training	Tuesday 8th April 7pm Pt 2 (St Paul’s) Thursday 10th April 7pm Pt 2 (St Finbarr’s)	St Paul’s, Dover St Finbarr’s, Aylesham
Palm Sunday Celebration for the Children & their Families	Sunday 13th April 12noon	St Paul’s Hall, Dover
Lenten Penitential Service	Monday 14th April 6pm (St Paul’s) Tuesday 15th April 6pm (St Finbarr’s)	St Paul’s, Dover St Finbarr’s, Aylesham
Easter Choir practice	Monday 7pm	St. Paul’s Dover St Finbarr’s Aylesham
Ecumenical Service Planting the Crosses	Palm Sunday 13th April 4pm	St Mary-the-Virgin, Biggin Street, Dover
CTiD Walk of Witness	Good Friday 18th April 10am	Start by The Town Hall, Dover
Easter Sunrise Service	Easter Sunday 20th April 5.30am	St Mary-in-Castro Dover Castle

CATECHISM - LENT: HAVE YOU MADE THE MOST OF THE LENTEN SEASON?

If you are reflecting on whether you have made the most of Lent, you might ask: Have I had time to go for confession? “Confession is strongly encouraged during Lent as a means of renewing our relationship with God”. (CCC. 1423-1424). Have I deepened my relationship with God through Prayers? Have I practiced self-denial and detachment from sin? Have I practiced been generous in helping others? Have I sought reconciliation with God and others?

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, Chris Quinn, 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: Mary Jane Kelly, Margaret McIntyre, Marguerite Frances Pattenden, Susan Tophill, Albert Morgan, Tony Hennin, Della Hewer, Jackie Edwards, Mary White.
St Paul’s: Sr. Clare Riordan DC, Edward Couzens, James Gibbs, Kathleen Mary Huntley, Patrick 'Chuck' Brennan, Victor Sayers, Bishop Charles Henderson, Louise Xambo, Canon Ted Mitchinson, Ray Carney, Norman Patrick Revell, May Castle, Sr. Augustine McEntegart, Colin Henbry, Virginia Grilli, Bernadette Crittell.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest	Saturday 5 th April	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Sunday 6 th April	10.30am 11.15am	NO First Holy Communion preparation (restart 27 th April) Stations of the Cross Mass for Liz & Fran RIP (Bett)
	Tuesday 8 th April	7pm	SYCAMORE Course Fides & Bible Study Combined
	Wednesday 9 th April	10.15am	Mass for Victims of Earthquake in Myanmar
	Thursday 10 th April	7pm	Lay Eucharistic Minister Training Pt 2 Aylesham
	Saturday 12 th April	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Sunday 13 th April	10.30am 11.15am	NO First Holy Communion preparation (restart 27 th April) Stations of the Cross Mass for George Gilchrist RIP (Bett)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S			
Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest	Saturday 5 th April	10am 10am 2pm 5pm 6pm	NO First Holy Communion preparation (restart 26 th April) Confirmation Preparation In the Upper Hall Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E Veronika & Ivo (Tim) Junior Youth Group meeting in the hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Family of John David (Joanne & David)
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Sunday 6 th April	9.15am 11am 3pm 3pm 6pm	Mass for G/E Maureen McCue (Lizzie) Coffee after Mass Mass for Jean MacKenzie RIP (Robert) SVP Tea in the Hall Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Sycamore Course for Young Adults
Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest.	Monday 7 th April	10am	Mass for John Adeniran birthday (Joanne Adeniran)
	Tuesday 8 th April	12 noon 7pm	NO 10am Mass today Requiem Mass for Jane Francis Lay Eucharistic Minister Training Pt 2. Dover
	Wednesday 9 th April	10am 5.30pm 7pm	Mass for G/E Anne & Peter Castle (Lizzie) Exposition and Holy Rosary (to 6.30pm) Adult Sycamore Course in the hall
	Thursday 10 th April	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Kathleen Huntley RIP (Mary) Bible Study in the hall OT Book of Exodus
Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr.	Friday 11 th April	10am 6pm	Mass for Gertie Murphy RIP (Lizzie) Stations of the Cross
	Saturday 12 th April	10am 5pm 6pm	NO First Holy Communion Preparation (restart 26 th April) NO Confirmation Preparation (restart date to be confirmed) Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Jane Francis RIP (Lizzie) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Deceased Relatives of Dowle Family (Jean)
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Sunday 13 th April	9.15am 11am 12 noon 3pm 4pm 6pm	Mass for Mary SR (Birthday) Lizzie Coffee after Mass Mass for Kevin Jordan RIP (Geraldine Miles) Palm Sunday Celebration for the Children & their Families in the hall Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet CTiD Planting of the Crosses St Mary's Dover Sycamore Course for Young Adults

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 2025

First reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

'Behold, I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my chosen people.'

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
'Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild beasts will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R3

*What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.*

When the Lord brought back the exiles of Sion,
we thought we were dreaming.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;
on our tongues, songs of joy.

*What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.*

Then they said among the nations,
'What great deeds the Lord worked for them!'
What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.

*What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.*

Bring back our exiles, O Lord,
as streams in the Negeb.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

*What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
bearing seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back with a song,
bearing their sheaves.

*What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.*

Second reading

Philippians 3:8-14

'For the sake of Christ I have suffered the loss of all things, becoming like him in his death.'

Brothers and Sisters: I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Joel 2:12-13

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

Even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,
for I am gracious and merciful.

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

Gospel

John 8:1-11

'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.'

At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and placing her in the midst they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?' This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'

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.