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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C - 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025

*Missal P388 Order of the Mass P470*

**TODAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY MASS TIMES HAVE CHANGED:  
 MASS AT DOVER AT 9AM AND 11AM, AYLESHAM AT 11AM**

**PRIEST CORNER:** Fr. Godwin will be travelling for his annual Holiday on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May and will be back in June. Let us keep him in our prayers as he plans to travel home. Also, as a Church, we continue to pray every day for the gift of a new Pope who will lead the Church of today. Remember these intentions in your daily Prayers. (see the prayer on page 3 of the newsletter)

I want to invite you all to our Special Marian Rosary Processions for the Month of May. **At St. Paul's it will be at 3pm on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May and at St. Finbarr's it will be at 10am before Mass on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May.**



May is considered the Month of Mary in the Catholic Church due to a long-standing tradition that associates the beauty and renewal of spring with devotion to the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. May is historically associated with fertility and new life in many cultures. Early Christians adapted these seasonal celebrations to honour Mary, who is seen as the "Mother of Life." In medieval Europe, in Asia, Africa and in Latin America, May was often marked by "May crownings," where statues of Mary were adorned with flowers. This symbolised her purity, queenship, and spiritual motherhood. Popular devotions in May includes the daily Rosary, the crowning, Marian Processions, Marian Altars, acts of consecration to Mary, Marian Hymns and songs, etc.

**DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN THESE? FEED MY SHEEP:** For the 4<sup>th</sup> time, the Lord Jesus appeared to his disciples after the resurrection. At this appearance, the Lord had a special purpose of rehabilitating Peter who had denied him three times. He gave Peter the opportunity to declare his love and he then confirmed on Peter the mandate; Feed my Sheep. It is important to remember that we are called to love Jesus more than everything that life can offer. It is not just enough to love him, but it has to be love above all 'these', above all the treasures of this world. Another important Challenge for us is the ability to recognise the Lord. At first, they did not recognise Jesus; it took a little while, then John exclaimed; 'it is the Lord'. We need to open our eyes, ears, and hearts wide to see, hear, and experience the Risen Lord coming into our lives in various forms, circumstances, and events. We often fail to acknowledge the presence of the Risen Lord behind our unexpected successes, great achievements, promotions at work, miraculous healings, and success in relationships. He is right there in our parties, celebrations, and occasions of rejoicing. The Risen Lord is present in our pains and suffering. The Risen Lord visits us through our friends and well-wishers: He is present in those who visit us and encourage us in our sad, desperate moments. The Risen Lord visits us in the form of unexpected help from the least expected persons in our dire needs. He is ever present with us; He abides with us. May we abide in Him, He is risen Alleluia. Amen.



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**CHURCH CLEANING:** Next Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 10am we will have a church cleaning day at St Paul's. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear and bring gardening gloves as we need to clear the presbytery garden. St Finbarr's will have their cleaning day on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May**. God bless, Fr Leo.

**NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE PRIEST TRAINING FUND:**

Your donation will support the work of the Archdiocese of Southwark's Vocations team, so they can encourage and inspire those who hear God's calling. Your donations will also support the seminary fees and living costs of our Seminarians and those in formation for the Diaconate. For further information go to <https://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF>

**ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY ST PAUL'S:** The next pre 10am Mass rosary and post Mass bible study will take place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**. OT Book of Exodus.

**HAPPY 92<sup>nd</sup> BIRTHDAY** from all the parish clergy and parishioners, to Meg Dalziel who celebrated her 92nd Birthday on the 3rd May. Deacon Barry

**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](mailto:eaglebeakkennett@hotmail.com). Thank you, Mark Kennett.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM APPEAL:** Thank you to everyone who supported this Lenten Appeal. We raised £480.00. The SVP donated £100 and the parish £120 to make a total of £700. This will be divided equally between our three parish schools, St Joseph's, St Richard's and St Edmund's. God bless, Fr Leo.

**COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL:** Cash & CollecTin £2803.97; Bankers Orders £3227.00; Easter Flowers £334.39; CAFOD Myanmar Appeal £82.00; Holy Places £402.20. Easter Offering £2538.95; St George's Cathedral £252.61. Thank you for your generosity. 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. Deal Parish have 12 spare seats on their coach, so those who have already indicated they would like to go, we shall go with them. The cost of the coach is £15 per head. Please see Mary in the parish office for further details.

**FEAST OF PENTECOST SUNDAY: PARISH CULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025**

Pentecost is the birthday of the universal church and has special meaning for us as a Spiritan parish in Dover and Aylesham. The celebration will commence with Mass in both churches on that day and be followed by a parish social celebrating the diversity of our parish family. At St Paul's we will have one Mass on that Sunday at 10am. St Finbarr's will have 11am as normal. Please join us and come dressed in your national costume, and bring some food to share, ideally reflecting your cultural heritage. Scots, Welsh, Irish, Italian, Polish, Indian, African, Asian, Latin-American parishioners etc. have national dress and traditional food. England may not have a general national dress, so why not consider wearing something; red, white and blue. Regardless of what you wear, or what you bring to eat, the most important thing is to bring yourself and your family and join in the celebration. God bless, Fr Leo.

**CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP)** Hear about CAP and how it can help people in Dover stuck in debt and poverty. Speaker Tim Barry, CAP Area Manager for the South East. Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm, The Beehive, Stembrook, Dover CT16 1PF. Contact Wayne Allen for more information tel 07738 413447.

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL** - less than 2 weeks left!

Report Stage of the assisted suicide Bill is 16th May. If you are able please contact your MP urgently about this issue. Please take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote) to email your MP - it takes just 30 seconds! If you have the time, please also visit your MP - you can arrange a meeting now by visiting [www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP)

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> to MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:doover@rcaos.org.uk) or message 07936 573155. God bless, Fr Leo.

**MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE 12<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk). As the **title of your email**, please write your parish location e.g. Dover, Aylesham.

<b>Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham</b> <b>‘Called to Bear Fruit’: Parish Renewal</b>		
	<b>May / June 2025</b>	
<b>Mustard Seed Children’s Liturgy</b>	<b>Every Third Sunday 9am</b> (Next 18 <sup>th</sup> May)	<b>St Paul’s Upper Hall, Dover</b>
<b>St Jude’s Prayer Group</b>	<b>Every Third Monday 2pm – 3pm</b>	<b>St Paul’s Hall, Dover</b>
<b>First Holy Communion Preparation</b>	<b>Every Saturday 9.30am</b>	<b>St Paul’s Hall, Dover</b>
<b>First Holy Communion Preparation</b>	<b>Every Sunday 9.30am</b>	<b>St Finbarr’s, Aylesham</b>
<b>Young Adults SYCAMORE Course</b>	<b>Every Sunday 6pm</b>	<b>St Paul’s Upper Hall, Dover</b>
<b>SYCAMORE Course, Fides &amp; Bible Study, all combined session</b>	<b>Every Tuesday 7pm</b>	<b>St Finbarr’s, Aylesham.</b>
<b>Confirmation Preparation</b>	<b>Saturday 10am (Restart 10<sup>th</sup> May)</b>	<b>St Paul’s Upper Hall, Dover</b>
<b>Church Cleaning Day</b> (Both Churches)	<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 10am</b> <b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 10am</b>	<b>St Paul’s Dover</b> <b>St Finbarr’s Aylesham</b>
<b>Procession for Mary</b> (Both Churches)	<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 3pm</b> <b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 10am</b>	<b>St Paul’s, Dover</b> <b>St Finbarr’s, Aylesham</b>
<b>Archdiocese Jubilee Celebration</b>	<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 10am – 5pm</b>	<b>Aylesford Priory</b>
<b>Pentecost Sunday Celebration</b> (Both Churches)	<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>St Paul’s, Dover 10am</b> <b>St Finbarr’s, Aylesham 11am</b>

### **PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESSOR OF POPE FRANCIS:**

*O God, who chose your servant, in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favourably on the supplications of your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may confirm his brethren and that the whole Church may be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in you, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal. 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.*

### **CATECHISM ON THE VENERATION OF MARY:**

Non-Catholic Christians presume that Catholics give too much honour to Mary without any Biblical support. Some non-Christians think that Catholics adore Mary as a goddess who gave birth to their God Jesus. The truth is that Catholics adore and worship only God. But they honour, love and venerate Mary as the most saintly and Spirit-filled woman and seek her intercession, based on scriptural reasons. Catholics believe that while enjoying the glory of heaven, Mary is still lovingly concerned with the struggles of Christ's Body on earth. So she constantly prays for our needs with a mother's love. But Catholics believe that Mary's intercession is entirely dependent on Jesus' role as the great Mediator (I Timothy 2:5). Jesus is the One Way to the Father (John 14:6). Hence, all prayers to the Father must go through Jesus. Mary's intercessory prayers for us are no exception; she, too, prays to the Father in Jesus' Name. Mary shall be honoured through all generations. “All generations (ages) will call me blessed” because the “The Mighty One has done great things for me” (Luke 1:49). Mary is our heavenly mother. Jesus gave us his mother as our mother from the cross: “Woman, behold your son.” ... “Behold your mother” (John 19: 26-27).



#### **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:** John Donnachie, Frank Rush, Terence Edmund William Clark, Arthur Duck, Peter Mulligan, Daniel Deary

**St Paul’s:** Theresa (Toni) Walker, Stella Broom, May Gertrude Holder, Charles (Jimmy) Green, Pat Ward, Modesta Mercedes Blummers, Margaret Belsoy, Arthur John Evans, Bob MacDougal, John Doyle, Maria Hilton, Eric Leonard Bowden, Margaret Henneker, Mabel Gill, Nora Ryan, Alex Easton, Tony McGurk, Frederick Walter Hodgson, John Quinlan, Christina MacKintosh, Tanya Harvey.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
Saints Philip and James, Apostles	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am 11am	First Holy Communion Preparation in Church Mass for David Jones RIP & Frankie Golden RIP (Jed Watkins)
Saint John Paine, Priest and Martyr	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm	SYCAMORE Course Fides & Bible Study Combined
	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	Mass for Mgr Canon John O'Toole RIP
Saint John de Ávila, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am 11am	First Holy Communion Preparation in Church Mass for The New Pope
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S			
Saints Philip and James, Apostles	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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
	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	Mass for Dawn Wells RIP (Theresa & Keith)
Saint John Paine, Priest and Martyr	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	Mass for Pat Ward 'F'
	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	10am 5.30pm	Mass for Emily Broughton 'F' Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm)
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Helena Moroskova's Brother Bible Study in the hall OT Book of Exodus
	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	Mass for Jean MacKenzie RIP (Robert)
Saint John de Ávila, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am 10am 10am 5pm 6pm	First Holy Communion preparation in the hall Confirmation Preparation in the upper hall Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Anne Holiday (Mary) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Catherine o'Brien
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for G/E Martin Cronin (Tim) Coffee after Mass Mass for G/E Mary-Ann Hart Procession for Mary Sycamore Course for Young Adults

# READINGS FOR SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

## First reading

**Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41**

**‘We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit.’**

In those days: The high priest questioned the Apostles, saying, ‘We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.’ But Peter and the Apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.’

Having called in the Apostles, the council beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name.

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## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 30(29):2, 4. 5-6. 11, 12a,13b. R2a**

*I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.*

I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up,  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have lifted up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the pit.

*I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.*

Sing psalms to the Lord, you faithful ones;

give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.

At night come tears, but dawn brings joy.

*I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.*

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on me;

be my helper, O Lord.

You have changed my mourning into dancing.

O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

*I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.*

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## Second reading

**Revelation 5:11-14**

**‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth.’**

I, John looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, ‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!’ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, ‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!’ And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ and the elders fell down and worshipped.

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## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ is risen, who created all things

and has shown compassion on the human race.

Alleluia.

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## Gospel

**John 21:1-19**

**‘Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.’**

At that time: Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’

They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, do you have any fish?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred metres off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' He said to him a second time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.' (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

#### **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.**