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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2025

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES

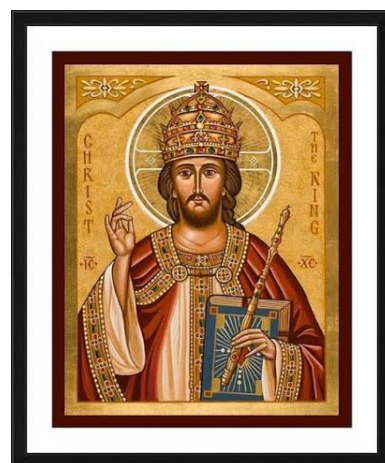
PRIEST CORNER: ADVENT RETREAT:



Our Advent retreat this year will be preached by Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy, CSSp. Fr. Eamonn is a Spiritan Priest (Holy Ghost Fathers) serving at Stoke on Trent. He is a gifted preacher and teacher, well known in the UK and around the world. Please come and benefit from this retreat. Advent is a sacred season of hope, expectation and spiritual preparation. Before we celebrate the joy of Christ's birth at Christmas, our Parish is inviting us to pause, reflect and make room for the Lord in our hearts. The Advent retreat is one of the most effective ways to enter this season with depth and intention. It prepares our hearts for Christ, it strengthens our Parish community, it rekindles hope and deepens our prayer life. **First Session is on Friday 28th, 6 to 7pm** in the church. **Second Session is Saturday 29th, 11am to 3pm** in the Parish Hall. This retreat is for both Churches, I want to appeal to those at St. Finbarr's to please make efforts to join this retreat in Dover. Do not miss it. Fr. Leo.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: CHRIST THE KING

The feast we are celebrating today is a feast that was attested to by the three wise men who came to see Jesus after his birth. When they got into king Herod's palace, they requested for the place where the new king was born. Though the thought of both Herod and his people were that a new king who may replace him has been born unknown to him. But in fact, Jesus was not the type of king that they were thinking. Paul in the second reading explained the nature of the kingship of Jesus which is aimed at delivering believers from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. This kingdom is a place where believers are redeemed and sins forgiven and above all, every believer is firstborn as God has no favorite. So, Paul did not deny the existence of other kingdoms but invites us to be part of this new kingdom of Jesus. Jesus reassured us of membership of his kingdom if we accept him irrespective of what we have done in the past. He exemplified admission process into his kingdom when a repentant sinner asked for a place in his kingdom and Jesus promised him a place in the paradise. The kingdom of Jesus is that of love and peace and to all who accept him are the representative of his kingdom here on earth. May we continue to reconcile ourselves to the mercy of Jesus and continue to celebrate his kingship in the world.



WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2025 Second collection today to support the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a wide range of opportunities and activities for youth and young adults across the Archdiocese. For more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/scys1 or join the Southwark Catholic Youth Network for regular updates at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork Additional resources for World Youth Sunday are available from CYMFed at www.wys.cymfed.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of **Julia Knighton, known as Sheila**, age 97, to be buried on **Friday, 28th November**, service at **St Paul's Church, 11am**. May her gentle souls rest in peace. Amen.

Please note there will be no 10am Mass on Friday because of the funeral Mass at 11am

JAMAICA HURRICANE MELISSA APPEAL. We pray for all those who have been affected by the recent hurricane in Jamaica. We encourage those who can, to donate through the Parish to CAFOD and CARITAS for the victims. God bless, Fr. Leo.

REMEMBRANCE ALTAR FOR NOVEMBER: We encourage you to bring photos, funeral brochures, written names of your loved ones to the altar. We shall have the Eucharist offered for them for the whole month of November. We also encourage parishioners to book Masses for their dead families and friends. The envelopes for this are available at the back of Church. God bless. Fr. Leo

CHRISTMAS FAIR & LIGHT SWITCH ON ST PETER'S CHURCH AYLESHAM Saturday 29th November
1pm - 4pm Light switch on in the Square 4.30pm. Items needed for Tombola Stall, unwanted gifts and wine please.

MUSTARD SEEDS. There will be **NO Mustard Seeds** in December for either the Junior or Youth Group. However, we will hold our **Christmas Party** for both groups after **11:00 Mass on Sunday, 21st December, 12pm- 3pm**. Thank you to all those children who have joined us throughout the year. We hope many of you can join us for the Christmas Nativity.

THE MUSTARD SEED CHRISTMAS NATIVITY. Families who would like their child or children between the ages of 3-15 to take part in the Nativity at **St Paul's Catholic Church** during the **Christmas Eve Mass on Wednesday, 24th December**, are warmly invited to join us! **Rehearsals** will take place after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on **Sundays 7th, 14th, and 21st December**, lasting around 30 minutes. Squash and snacks will be provided. We'll meet in the **Upper Room** in the church hall.

WINTER SOUP KITCHEN (WSK) ST PAUL'S. St. Paul's WSK is now open! Our WSK will be in the St. Paul's Church Hall **every Sunday afternoon from 4pm - 6pm**. We provide a warm space for those who are homeless or lonely or just needing a place to chat on a Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering for this project or donating to it, please e-mail Claudine Nutley claudinenutley@btinternet.com or phone early evening only 01304 830275, or speak to Fr. Leo or Fr. Gabriel. Caring for the homeless and the needy in our community is a duty in Christ. Let's do our bit for the Lord. Fr. Leo.

ST PAUL'S BEAVER SCOUTS GROUP. St Paul's Beaver Scouts Group needs more members! Do you have a child aged 6-8 who loves learning new skills, going on adventures and making friends? Beavers runs **every Monday** in term time between **5-6pm at St Paul's Parish Hall**. Each session costs £3 or £30 per term (12 weeks). This year we gained skills in first aid, road safety, cooking and crafting! Trips have included climbing and Howletts to name only two! For more information please contact **Dave via the Scout website** <https://www.doverdistrictscouts.org.uk/spage-groups-18th dover shepherdswell .html> or speak to **Henry Briant** (11am choir).

FAMILIA UNA-YOUNG ADULTS GROUP Faith and Life meetings this and **every Sunday, at 6.15pm** in the Upper Room of St Paul's Hall. If you are age 15 and above, up to 40 years old, please join us for the Holy Rosary, for worship songs and uplifting talks on Faith and Life.

THE ADULT RCIA COURSE continues every Monday **7pm in St Paul's Upper Hall**. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Catholic Faith please invite them along.

HOLY ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY AT ST PAUL'S. The next recitation of the rosary will take place at 9.30am on **Thursday, 27th November 2025** and the bible study immediately after the 10.00am Mass. **OT Book of Exodus**.

THE FIDES PRAYER SESSION – ST PAUL'S. Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the last three sessions of our Fides Group for this year will be: **Wednesdays -19th November, 26th November and, 3rd December**. They will continue the theme begun last Wednesday, a course for the over 60s. The titles are, in the order of dates shown: **Changing your world; Thy will be done; and The best is yet to come**. Each video is about 30 minutes duration and has discussion questions embedded therein. I've watched them all and can vouch they are excellent, so, I hope you will all join us again for light refreshment, prayer, song, inspiring video and vibrant discussion. God Bless - Keith, Theresa, Anne, Anthony

SHOP EARLY - 2026 Catholic Diaries, Advent Calendars, Christmas and other cards plus rosaries, etc. are on sale in **St Paul's Hall every Sunday between 10am and 10:55 am**

CONVERSATION WITH REFUGEES – Stories of Courage, Hope & Resilience. Dover Boys' Grammar School, Astor Avenue, Dover CT17 0DQ. **Wednesday, 26th November**. 5.30pm for refreshments. Event 6pm -7.30pm. Admission free.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN DOVER, 'SHINE THE LIGHT'; ECUMENICAL CAROL SINGING

Following the success of the 2024, please join other Christians in **St James Square, 2pm, Saturday 13th December**, to sing Christmas carols.

ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KENT 2026, ST RICHARD'S, DOVER AND ST JOSEPH'S AYLESHAM Apply online at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places> Opened **Friday, 7th November 2025** and closes midnight on **Thursday, 15th January 2026**, for children born between **1 September 2021** and **31 August 2022**, transferring to Primary School in September 2026. Hard A4 copies of information sheet spanning 'What to do', 'Key Dates' and 'Need Help' are available at the back of both churches. **St. Richard's Primary School Open Events** dates are **Wed. 12th Nov. at 5.30pm**, **Sat. 22nd Nov. at 10am** and **Thurs. 4th Dec. at 9.30am**.

DOVER YOUTH ORCHESTRA will be performing their Christmas Concert at Our Lady of Dover Church on **Thursday, 18th December** starting at 6.30 pm. To help with funding for the Orchestra there will be a £5 charge per ticket. Tickets will be available on the night or in advance in which case please contact myself, Len Stevens on 01304 215466 or 07958 234123. Thank you.

ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, DOVER www.st-edmunds.com **Support your local Catholic secondary school!** St Edmund's are looking for new school governors to join our team! Are you a practising Catholic with common sense?! Could you work well as part of a supportive team? Do you care about the life-chances of our young people? Are you worried you may not have the right experience for the role? **Then we need you!** You'll commit to six two-hour meetings a year (Wednesdays, 5.30-7.30pm) and be invited into school to get to know our community better. To find out more contact Sally Vickers at the school svickers@st-edmunds.com, tel 01304 201551. It's rewarding, sometimes challenging and makes a difference to young lives!

Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal, 2025		
Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy	Every Third Sunday 9am January 2026	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude's Prayer Group	Every Third Monday 2pm – 3pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
Winter Soup Kitchen	Every Sunday 4pm – 6pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
'Familia Una' Adult Youth Group	Every Sunday 6.15pm	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Fides Prayer Group	Every Wednesday 6:40pm for 7pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
Junior Youth Group	Every First Saturday 1pm – 4pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
RCIA Course	Every Monday 7pm	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 22 nd November 10am – 4pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
Parish Advent Retreat	Friday to Sunday 28 th - 30 th November Friday 6pm -7pm Saturday 11am - 3pm	St Paul's, Dover
Christmas Carols	Sunday 14 th December 7pm	St. Paul's, Dover
Christmas Carols	Wednesday 17 th December 7pm	St. Finbarr's, Aylesham

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: Carol Manton, Oliver O'Connor, Peter Grilli, Helen Scopes, John Doyle, 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, Pat Evans, Shirley Lazarus, Shirley Jefford, 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 death anniversaries occur this week:

St Finbarr's: Darryl, Ellen Meakin, Molly Monaghan.

St Paul's: Henry McMillan, Sean Wood, Anne McDade, David Nunn, Ernest Tumber, Dawn Wells, Elizabeth McCornish, Thomas Keith Willson, Jose Quinn, Hurrell Robertson, Alf Huntley, Phyllis May Middleton, Elizabeth Casey, Florrie Healy, Terence Dowling, David Kinloch Hendry, Harold Hannaby, Elizabeth Clapson, Margaret Munro, Sr. Dymrna.

He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. – Daniel 7:14

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Sunday 23 rd November	11am	Mass for Mercy & Wesley RIP (Daniel)
	Wednesday 26 th November	10am	Mass for Rough Sleepers
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Sunday 30 th November	11am	Mass for Christians in Northern Nigeria
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR	Saturday 22 nd November	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for G/E Peter Grilli (Lizzie) Parish Christmas Bazaar in the Hall (10am-4pm) Confessions in the Church (until 5:45pm) Mass for Fr Edmund Buckley 'F'
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Sunday 23 rd November	9am 11am 3pm 4pm 6.15pm	Mass for Dawn Wells RIP (Keith & Theresa) Coffee after Mass Mass for Huntley & Green Families RIP (Mary) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Winter Soup Kitchen in the Hall until 6pm Faith and Life Sessions for Familia Una (Adult Youth Group) in the Upper Hall
SAINTS ANDREW DUNG- LAC AND HIS COMPANIONS, MARTYRS	Monday 24 th November	10am	Mass for Anne Holiday RIP (Anne & Peter)
SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR	Tuesday 25 th November	10am	Mass for Sheila Knighton RIP (Sheila)
	Wednesday 26 th November	10am 5:30pm 7pm	Mass for Sheila Knighton RIP (Abina) Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm) Fides Prayer Group in the Hall
	Thursday 27 th November	9:30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary Mass for Sick of the Parish Bible Study in the Hall (OT Book of Exodus).
	Friday 28 th November	11am 6pm	NO 10am Mass Funeral Mass for Julia (Sheila) Knighton PARISH ADVENT RETREAT in the church until 7pm
SAINTS CUTHBERT MAYNE AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS OR THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.	Saturday 29 th November	10am 11am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for G/E Eddie & Maureen (Sheila) PARISH ADVENT RETREAT in the Hall until 3pm Confessions in the Church (until 5:45pm) Mass for Arthur Joseph Price 'F'
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Sunday 30 th November	9am 11am 3pm 4pm 6.15pm	Mass for Umberto & Vittoria Corbo (Lina Decicco) Coffee after Mass Mass for Ken Gordon RIP (Theresa) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Winter Soup Kitchen in the Hall until 6pm Faith and Life Sessions for Familia Una (Adult Youth Group) in the Upper Hall

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Readings for Sunday

23rd November 2025

First Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

'They anointed David king over Israel'

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, "You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122(121):1-2.4-5.℟. cf.1

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

Or: Alleluia

I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

Or: Alleluia

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD.
As it is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
There were set the thrones for judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

Or: Alleluia

Second Reading

Colossians 1:12-20

'He has transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.'

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia.

Mark 11:9, 10

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

'Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

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.