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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A – 19th APRIL 2026

Missal P301 Order of the Mass P470

CONGRATULATIONS FATHER GABRIEL!
WE WELCOME YOU AS OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST



As a whole parish we rejoice with Father Gabriel as he was officially inducted as our parish priest on Thursday. It was a wonderful celebration with 150 parishioners, guests and clergy attending. Thank you to all those who helped to prepare for this special occasion. May God continue to Bless his Ministry as we work together as one family for the good of our parish. More photos can be viewed on our website. <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/parish/>

PRIEST'S CORNER:

This is the first priest's corner as your newly inducted Parish Priest. Words cannot express my gratitude to everyone who took part, in whatever way in my induction. It was truly wonderful, in every way, and I will always feel very blessed to have found Dover.

Again, great things happen when we are patient with God. We are blessed as we anticipate the arrival of our priest Rev Fr Benedict this week. May we continue to share love as Jesus commanded us "love one another as I have loved you."

GOSPEL REFLECTION: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The story of the resurrection of Jesus continues to be told by those who had a firsthand encounter with him. The two apostles who had not heard about the resurrection may have left the rest of the apostles out of frustration. They decided to travel back to Emmaus probably to go back to their former job. They encountered Jesus on the way even though they did not recognize him but were kind to him as they chat with him about what happened to Jesus and even offered him a place to rest for the night. It was only at the point of sharing a meal that they



recognize Jesus through the breaking of the bread and had to run back to the rest of the apostles to share the good news. In the same way, sometimes in our life, out of frustration we lose hope that God can help us in our fears, sickness and other difficulties. If we are patient with God, we will recognize him in the mist of our frustrations, and fears. He will help to change those situations.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE/TEA @ ST PAUL'S in the Hall after the 9am Mass every Sunday.

FAMILIA UNA This Sunday 6pm in the parish hall there will be a meeting about World Youth Day for young people aged 16 to 35. All parents are invited to attend which will be in place of the usual meeting. Any queries please contact Jack on 07710 430893, Father Gabriel or Christina on 07587218374

NEXT WEEKEND there will be a second collection for the Priest Training Fund.

Good Shepherd Sunday – Support Our Future Priests

The priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. This Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations and support the Priest Training Fund, which forms men for service across our parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities. We currently have 9 seminarians, each costing around £30,000 per year over six years of formation. Your generosity helps make their calling possible.



👉 Donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF

☎ Call: 020 7960 2504 (weekdays, 9am–5pm)

👤 Or use the envelopes at the back of church

Leave a lasting legacy to the Church. Please consider remembering our church or the Priesthood in your Will. Find out more: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/leave-a-legacy. Thank you for your prayers and support.

THANK YOU for your very generous Easter Offering which amounted to £2,373.05. May God bless you all.

NO MUSTARD SEEDS TODAY. There will be no Mustard Seeds today, **Sunday, 19th April** as all the leaders are away having an Easter Break. **Next session will be Sunday 3rd May.** Many thanks, Laura

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2026/27. **There are still some envelopes to be collected.** Please pick up from the back of church.

FIDES PRAYER GROUP AT ST PAUL'S resume our prayerful endeavours on **Wednesday 22nd April, 6.40 for 7pm.** Tea, coffee, snacks await you, as does loud inspirational song and prayer alongside meaningful discussion around the topic of the day.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST PAUL'S. The next bible study will take place immediately after the 10am Mass this **Thursday, 23rd April.**

BABY BASICS DONATIONS. A huge thank you to everyone who donated to The Mustard Seeds Lent Charity, Baby Basics. We managed to collect 2 boxes worth of items which were greatly appreciated. Many thanks, Laura.

MARIAN ROSARY PROCESSION AT ST PAUL'S will be on **Sunday, 3rd May** starting at 3pm. Followed by tea/coffee and ice cream in the Parish Hall.

CHILDREN'S FILM EVENT. Youth Mustard Seeds invite children aged 9–15 to a screening of “The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima” on **Saturday 9th of May** 1pm to 4pm at the Hall of St Paul Church. Refreshments will be provided.

ST FINBARR'S CORNER. Fides meetings will be taking a break for the month of April. We will reconvene on **Thursday, the 7th of May** at our usual time of 6:40 for a 7pm start.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO RUN A REPOSITORY AT ST. FINBARR'S. We would like to revive our repository at St Finbarr's where prayer books, sacramentals and holy objects will be sold. If you are interested in helping with this, please speak to Fr Gabriel, Carina or Esiri.

ST FINBARR'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY the **1st Sunday of the month only**, until we recruit some more volunteers.



MARK & LINDSAY PILGRIMS HOSPICE 125 MILE CYCLE CHALLENGE 2026.

Mark Kennett and his daughter Lindsay are going to cycle 125 miles in one day, **Sunday 3rd May**, to raise funds for The Pilgrims Hospice Please support them if you can, Either by clicking on their just giving page or seeing Mark after Mass.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/markandlindsay?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA

FREE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE EVENTS FOR PARENTS AND MARRIED OR ENGAGED COUPLES - For parents with teenagers Catholic CELEBRATE are offering free of charge 2 webinars **Confident parenting in a world of screens, 29th April**, 8pm and Raising **teenagers in a Catholic family 2nd June**, 8pm. To book a place contact asap info@celebratetrust.org

SUMMER CELEBRATION OF ST. JUDE The Summer Celebration of St. Jude will be on **Saturday 30th May** in the grounds of the Carmelite Shrine of St. Jude, 34 Tanner Street, Faversham ME13 7JW. *11am Devotions with Anointing; *1.30pm Open Air Mass; * 2.30pm Procession past the Shrine of St. Jude. All are welcome.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE July 11th, 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 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 us at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Dover, Aylesham

FOR ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES: ROOTED IN LOVE – ONLINE GROUP Meets one hour a month on Zoom from 8.30pm to 9.30 pm. No travelling and no costs. It's free to attend **April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26, December 10**. FFI contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk To obtain further information go to **Southwark MFL** webpage <https://rcaos.org.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life/>

| Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal, 2026 | | |
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| Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy | First and Third Sundays 11am 3rd May | St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover |
| St Finbarr's Children's Liturgy | First Sunday of the Month 11am | St Finbarr's, Aylesham |
| St Jude's Prayer Group | Third Monday 2pm – 3pm 20th April | St Paul's Hall, Dover |
| 'Familia Una' Adult Youth Group | Sunday 6pm | St. Paul's Upper Hall, Dover |
| First Holy Communion Preparation | Saturday 9.30am 25th April | St Paul's Hall, Dover |
| First Holy Communion Preparation | Sunday 9.30am 26th April | St Finbarr's, Aylesham |
| Fides Prayer Group St Paul's | Wednesday 6:40pm for 7pm 22nd April | St Paul's Hall, Dover |
| Fides Prayer Group St Finbarr's | Alternate Thursdays 6:40pm for 7pm 7th May | St Finbarr's, Aylesham |
| Marian Procession | Sunday 3rd May 3pm | St Paul's, Dover |
| Junior Youth Group "The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima" Film Show | Saturday 9th May 1pm – 4pm | St Paul's Hall, Dover |

CATECHISM

What is the Holy Eucharist?



The Holy Eucharist is a sacrament and a sacrifice. In the Holy Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine, the Lord Christ is contained, offered, and received. The whole Christ is really, truly, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. We use the words "really, truly, and substantially" to describe Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist in order to distinguish Our Lord's teaching from that of mere men who falsely teach that the Holy Eucharist is only a sign or figure of Christ, or that He is present only by His power. All

Christians, with but few minor exceptions, held the true doctrine of the Real Presence from the time of Christ until the Protestant Revolution in the sixteenth century. The word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving." (Baltimore catechism).

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr's: Charlotte, 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: Keely Cookson, David Underdown, Sr. Jennifer Sanders, Mary Mee, Carol Manton, Oliver O'Connor, Helen Scopes, John Doyle, Maria Frost, Roz & Rob Pain, Rosa Mazzitelli, 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, John & Joyce Nix, Bailey Turner, Peggy Merrell, Ryan Whittall, Jean Ann Dowle, Norman Woolhouse, Ted Peel, Christopher Browne, Angela, Alice Wilson, Angela Henbrey, Madison Woodall, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Emin Jain, Pat & Patricia Sherratt, Chris Roy.

Please Pray for those whose death anniversaries occur this week:

St Finbarr's: James Deary, Joan Barrett, Pope Francis, Joseph Arthur Kelly, Thomas Garrity, Patrick Ronald Devereux, Michael John Leamy, Maralyn Fleming.

St Paul's: Peter Payton, Delia Leverton, James Wilson, Elizabeth Murphy, Leonard Clarke, Vincenzo Rausa, Kevin Tivnan, William Clyde McLauchlin, Julie Shearn, John Cheesman, Fr Tony Pyle, Tilly McConnell, Pope Francis, John Joseph O'Hanlon, Catherine Herd, Edward Javier Perry, Edward Bayliss, Doreen Mitchell, Michael FitzPatrick, Russell Wills, John Clithero, Joe Johnston, Ada Doolin, John William Siddle, Eileen Agnus Sayers.

| EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S | | | |
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| THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | Sunday 19th April | 11am | Mass for The Bereaved |
| | Wednesday 22nd April | 10am | Mass for Fr. Gabriel's Ministry in the Parish of the Good Shepherd |
| FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | Sunday 26th April | 9.30am 11am | First Holy Communion Preparation Mass for Grandson Ronnie (Andrew McTaggart) |
| EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S | | | |
| | Saturday 18th April | 10am 5pm 6pm | Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for Cathy Huntley RIP (Ronnie Mitchinson) Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Bridie RIP (Philomena) & Carol Smye-Rumsby RIP Interment of Ashes |
| THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | Sunday 19th April | 9am 11am 3pm 6pm | Mass for Spread of the Gospel Coffee and Tea after Mass Mass for Private Intention Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet WYD 2027 Familia Una Youth Group Meeting in the Hall |
| | Monday 20th April | 10am 2pm | Mass for Kathleen RIP (Sheila) St Jude's Prayer Group in the Hall |
| SAINT ANSELM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH | Tuesday 21st April | 10am | Mass for Persecuted Christians in Northern Nigeria |
| | Wednesday 22nd April | 10am 5.30pm 7pm | EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE Exposition and Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Fides Prayer Group in the Hall (Refreshments from 6.40pm) |
| SAINT GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND | Thursday 23rd April | 9.30am 10am 10.30am | Holy Rosary Mass for G/E Sheila (Keith & Theresa) Bible Study |
| SAINT ADALBERT, BISHOP AND MARTYR OR SAINT FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, PRIEST AND MARTYR OR SAINTS JUSTUS AND MELLITUS, DIOCESAN | Friday 24th April | 10am | Mass for Maureen & Joe Johnston (Colin) |
| SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST | Saturday 25th April | 9.30am 10am 5pm 6pm | First Holy Communion Preparation in the Hall Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for G/E Sheila Henneker Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for G/E Estelle & Quinn |
| FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | Sunday 26th April | 9am 11am 3pm 6pm | Mass for G/E Sheila (Moya) Coffee and Tea after Mass Mass for Cathy Huntley RIP (Sheila) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Faith and Life Sessions for Familia Una Youth Group in the Upper Hall |

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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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Readings for Sunday

19th April 2026

First Reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33

'It was not possible for him to be held by death.'

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16(15):1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11. R1

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

or: Alleluia.

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord.'

O LORD, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot.

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

or: Alleluia.

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the LORD before me always;

with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

or: Alleluia.

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
nor let your holy one see corruption.

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

or: Alleluia.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss for ever.

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

or: Alleluia.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

*'You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ,
like that of a lamb without blemish.'*

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;

make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.

Alleluia.

Luke 24:32

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those

who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.’ And he said to them, ‘O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?’ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?’ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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.