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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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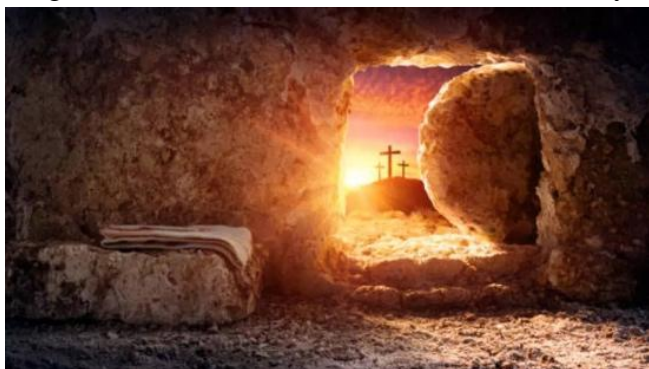
Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service 6am  
St Mary-in-Castro Church, Dover Castle



### YOUR EASTER OFFERING TODAY IS FOR THE CLERGY

**PRIEST'S CORNER:** Joyfully we celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death through his resurrection. Just as Mary Magdalene, Peter and the rest of the apostles experienced the empty tomb and were filled with joy, we also experience the resurrection as the number of people were added to the body of Christ and the love of God through baptism and full reception into full communion with the church. Congratulations to our candidates, their sponsors, family members and all who accompanied them on this journey of faith. Together we all continue to celebrate the resurrection event. Some of us will be going on pilgrimage to Lourdes this week as we continue to give testimony of the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** The news of the resurrection of Jesus started with his absence in the tomb. Mary Magdalene in her confusion after this discovery ran to tell Peter that Jesus is no longer in the tomb. So the



principal people that the good news of the resurrection was revealed to were Mary Magdalene, Peter and the other apostles who followed in this great discovery. The absence of Jesus in the tomb after three days was a fulfilment of what he told his apostles at those final moments before his death that he will rise on the third day. They remembered his words and their faith became strong. We can equally observe that Jesus used the same people who were not perfect in announcing the perfect

event of the resurrection. In the same way he invites each one of us in our imperfections to go out and announce the resurrection of Jesus and to share the goodness of God with all we meet.

**SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AT ST PAUL'S** will resume today, **Easter Sunday after the 9am Mass**. St Paul's 13<sup>th</sup> Dover Beavers, Cubs and Scout Group has kindly offered to run them on the first Sunday of the month. We are still looking for other groups to cover the other Sunday mornings in the month. Please let Fr. Gabriel or Anne Castle know if your group is willing to help.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.** **Thomas Russell Bramwell from St. Finbarr's**, husband of Vera and lifelong member of St Finbarr's parish. Russell's Funeral Service will be on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 11am** followed by burial at Aylesham Cemetery; **Cathy Huntley from St. Paul's**, mother of Clare and Joe. Cathy's Requiem Mass will be on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 11am** followed by cremation at Barham at 1pm. May They Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Amen.

**INDUCTION OF FR. GABRIEL** as the parish priest of the Good Shepherd parish by Bishop Paul Hendricks will be on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April with Mass at 6pm**. We invite all of you for this memorable celebration. The Reception afterwards will take place at **St Richard's Catholic Primary School, Castle Avenue, Dover**. Because there will be limited capacity, and for Health & Safety reasons, we have to restrict the number of people who can attend the Reception. Therefore, if you wish to come to the Reception after the Mass you will need to apply for a free ticket. **THERE ARE ONLY A FEW TICKETS LEFT. CLOSING DATE NEXT SUNDAY**. They can be obtained through the following website. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reception-for-fr-gabriel-onoyima-cssp-tickets-1984365643056?aff=oddtcreator>. If you do not have access to the internet please give your name to Mary if you would like to attend. Tel 07936 573155. **The Induction Mass is open to All**. It is just the Reception afterwards that will be free ticketed. We will be arranging transport for those who wish to attend the Reception and are unable to walk up the hill to the School. Please contact Mary if you require transport.

**NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2026/27**. Please pick up from the back of church.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the children at both St Paul's and St Finbarr's who were awarded their First Confession certificates on **Palm Sunday**.

**FAITH AND LIFE SESSIONS FOR FAMILIA UNA YOUTH GROUP** is taking a break for Easter. The next Familia Una Meeting will be next **Sunday, 12th April**, which will be the start of a Youth Alpha course.

**BIBLE STUDY AT ST PAUL'S**. No bible study on Maundy Thursday. The next bible study will take place immediately after the 10am Mass on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**.

**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.

**MUSTARD SEEDS LENT CHARITY ST. PAUL'S**. This Lent, the Mustard Seeds will be collecting donations for Baby Basics, Dover branch. Baby Basics provides support to new families who need a helping hand. Most needed items are: Scratch mits, nappy cream, nappy sacks, changing mats, Moses basket blankets (boy), comforters/teddies- nothing with hard eyes. If you are able to donate, there are boxes at the back of the church. The children are collecting up until Easter Sunday. Thank you for supporting the children in their almsgiving this Lent.

**WEDDING OF ESTELLE ESCUBIO & QUINN SMITH**. The Nuptial Mass will take place in St Paul's Church on **Monday 13th April at 2.30 pm**. All are welcome to attend the ceremony.

**CHILDREN'S FILM EVENT**. Youth Mustards 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.

**SPRING PILGRIMAGE TO CANTERBURY** April 18<sup>th</sup> 10.30 A.M. from St Mary's Church, Chilham via St Mary's Church, Chartham to Canterbury and finishing with evensong in the Cathedral. Contact: Eddie Gilmore at [gileag@gmail.com](mailto:gileag@gmail.com) [www.eddiegilmore.org](http://www.eddiegilmore.org)

**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, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm** and **Raising teenagers in a Catholic family 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 8pm**. To book a place contact asap [info@celebratetrust.org](mailto:info@celebratetrust.org)

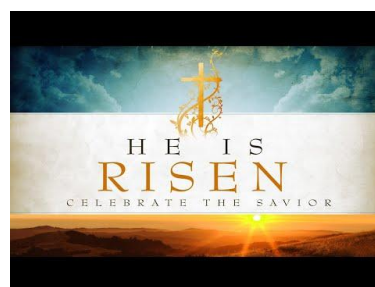
**MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE** July 11<sup>th</sup>, at St George's Cathedral  
If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and 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](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, 2026</b>		
<b>Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>First and Third Sunday 11am</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover</b>
<b>St Finbarr's Children's Liturgy</b>	<b>First Sunday of the Month 11am</b>	<b>St Finbarr's, Aylesham</b>
<b>St Jude's Prayer Group</b>	<b>Third Monday 2pm – 3pm</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>St Paul's Hall, Dover</b>
<b>'Familia Una' Adult Youth Group</b>	<b>Sunday 6pm</b> <b>Restarts 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>St. Paul's Upper Hall, Dover</b>
<b>First Holy Communion Preparation</b>	<b>Saturday 9.30am</b> <b>Restarts 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>St Paul's Hall, Dover</b>
<b>First Holy Communion Preparation</b>	<b>Sunday 9.30am</b> <b>Restarts 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>St Finbarr's, Aylesham</b>
<b>Fides Prayer Group St Paul's</b>	<b>Wednesday 6:40pm for 7pm</b> <b>Restarts 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>St Paul's Hall, Dover</b>
<b>Fides Prayer Group St Finbarr's</b>	<b>Alternate Thursdays 6:40pm for 7pm</b> <b>Restarts 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>St Finbarr's, Aylesham</b>
<b>Junior Youth Group</b>	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 1pm – 4pm</b>	<b>St Paul's Hall, Dover</b>

### **CATECHISM** Why did Christ rise from the dead?

*Christ rose from the dead to show that He is true God and to teach us that we, too, shall rise from the dead.*

"Now if Christ is preached as risen from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, both has Christ risen; and if Christ has not risen, vain then is our preaching, vain too is your faith. Yes, and we are found false witnesses as to God, in that we have borne witness against God that he raised Christ whom he did not raise, if the dead do not rise. For if the dead do not rise, neither has Christ risen; and if Christ has not risen, vain is your faith, for you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:12-17). (Baltimore catechism)



**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:** 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:** Rose Cambell, Geoffrey McBride, Charlie Williams, Lawrence Knight, Mary Jane Kelly, Margaret McIntyre, Marguerite Frances Pattenden, Susan Tophill, Albert Morgan, Tony Hennin, Della Hewer, Jackie Edwards.

**St Paul's:** Elsie Eliza Versey, Mary Ann Donald, 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.

<b>EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S</b>			
	<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil Mass for Children of St. Finbarr's</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Mass for Carl Bramwell RIP (The Bramwell Family)</b>
	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass for Vocations</b>
	<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Funeral Service for Thomas Russell Bramwell</b>
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Mass for George Gilchrist RIP (Bet)</b>
<b>EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S</b>			
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>NO MASS in St. Edmund's Chapel</b> <b>Easter Virgil Mass for World Peace</b>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9am</b> <b>11am</b>	<b>Mass for Families of the Parish</b> <b>Coffee in the hall after Mass with the Beavers Group</b> <b>Mass for People of Parish</b>
	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass for Jean MacKenzie RIP (Robert)</b>
	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE</b>
	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE</b> <b>Exposition and Holy Rosary until 6.30pm</b>
	<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Rosary</b> <b>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE</b> <b>NO Bible Study until 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>
	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE</b>
	<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>5pm</b> <b>6pm</b>	<b>Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for Peace in the Middle East</b> <b>Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm)</b> <b>Mass for Niamh Cavanagh RIP (James Liston)</b>
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9am</b> <b>11am</b> <b>3pm</b> <b>6pm</b>	<b>Mass for God's Blessing, Mercy &amp; Protection for the Ziarek Family</b> <b>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</b> <b>Mass for Kathleen Huntley RIP (Mary) &amp; Baby Michelle (Marie)</b> <b>Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> <b>Faith and Life Sessions for Familia Una Youth Group in the Upper Hall</b>

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# Readings for Sunday

## 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### First Reading

Acts 10:34a. 37-43

*'We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.'*

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R24

*This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice in it and be glad.*

*or: Alleluia.*

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.

Let the house of Israel say,  
'His mercy endures for ever.'

*This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice in it and be glad.*

*or: Alleluia.*

The LORD's right hand is exalted.  
The LORD's right hand has done mighty deeds.

I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

*This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice in it and be glad.*

*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.*

*or: Alleluia.*

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### Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

*'Seek the things that are above, where Christ is'*

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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### 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!

### Acclamation before the Gospel

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;

let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

**Alleluia.**

1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a

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### Gospel

John 20:1-9

*'He must rise from the dead'*

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going

towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

#### **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.**