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FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - YEAR A

1st NOVEMBER 2026

Missal P1054 Order of the Mass P470

TODAY IS BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

2.30PM ST JAMES' & ST MARY'S CEMETERIES, DOVER

NEXT SUNDAY IS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.

AT ST FINBARR'S, MASS WILL BE AT 10AM TO ENABLE THOSE WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE SERVICE ON THE GREEN AT 11AM

PRIEST CORNER: ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE FOR NOVEMBER.

In keeping with the tradition of the church in the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have died and gone before us. You are invited to bring along photographs of your departed relatives and friends, these can be displayed on the altar. Envelopes are available to write the names of your departed loved one. Please put those in the box provided with your donation. The Eucharist will be offered for them for the whole month of November. Please also remember to book Masses for their intentions. The procedure for this is to use the Mass intention envelopes which you can find at the back of the church; these can then be passed on to the officiating priest or put in the Mass bag. Alternatively, please contact Theresa Gordon at St Paul's by email: dovasoul@hotmail.com Thank you.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: FEAST OF ALL SAINTS.



Today we celebrate the great victory of men and women who lived like us and have gained a special place in God's kingdom because they did the will of God. Their names may not be known as individual saints, but they are among those uncountable number of people who are in the presence of God all the time. They lived heroic lives of faith through tribulations as summarised in the book of Revelation. The responsorial psalm refers to them as those people who seek the face of God. The beatitude gives us the roadmap towards becoming one among those uncountable number of people who worship constantly in the presence of God. To be poor in spirit, mourn, meek in heart, hunger and thirst for righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, peacemaker, being persecuted for righteousness, being reviled and persecuted means that we have the promise of God waiting for us as reward in heaven. Such is the life of holiness that we all are called to live as to become one among the saints in heaven.

CEMETERY SUNDAY BLESSING OF THE GRAVES. Please note NEW meeting arrangements.

Parishioners of St Paul's and Our Lady of Dover will **ALL** meet at the **Memorial Cross, St James's Cemetery at 2.30pm, Sunday 1st November**, for a joint service of 'Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed' before dispersing to St Mary's and St James's Cemeteries, respectively for individual grave blessings. Deacon Barry.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Ronald Thomas Trainer who passed away recently. Ronald's funeral service will take place at Barham Crematorium on **Friday 13th November at 11am**. May Ronald Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory, Amen.

PLEASE NOTE there will be **No Fides Prayer Group** this week at St Paul's. We shall return on Wednesday 11th November.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY. The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2026. Every gift is welcome. Find out more, or donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal or:

- Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes at the back of church.

Thank you for your generosity of heart.

ST PAUL'S CHRISTMAS BAAZAR SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 10am–2pm in the parish hall. Donations of craft, toys, bric-a- brac and raffle prizes gratefully received. Please place in the box provided at the back of St Paul's.

ST PAUL'S CAROL SERVICE CONCERT ON MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER AT 6PM. The combined choirs would like as many people as possible to sing with us in the Carol Concert. Rehearsals will be held from the end of November on Mondays from 7pm in the church. Please let the parish know by **22nd November** if you would like to join us so we can plan the repertoire. 07936 573155 dover@rcaos.org.uk Many thanks Vicki, Michael and Marie.

MISSIO RED BOXES – COLLECTION. Dear supporters. Please bring your boxes to Mass at St Paul's and St Finbarr's over the next few weeks and hand them to one of the clergy who will place them safely in the church until counting can be arranged. The annual return has to be submitted to Missio before Christmas. If you are unable to bring your boxes to church please text or phone Theresa McAuley on 07954 584955. We are also looking for more volunteers to help with the collection and counting of the Missio money boxes in the Parish. Please contact Fr. Gabriel if you can help. May you all be greatly blessed for your ongoing support for Missio. Thank you.

ST FINBARR'S CORNER:

1. Remembrance Sunday 8th November. Mass will start earlier, at 10am to allow those who would like to participate in the Remembrance Ceremony on the green to do so.

2. Building update- Planning permission has been granted for plans to improve the church façade. Detailed technical drawings will now be prepared for Building Control approval and then the work put out to tender.

3. Outdoor Statue of Our Lady - It would be wonderful to have a statue of our lady enshrined on our church grounds, this would provide a welcoming area to our parishioners, passers-by and visitors to say a prayer, light a candle or leave Our Lady some flowers. We are calling on you, our generous parishioners and friends of the parish to consider making donations towards this worthy cause. If this piques your interest, please speak to Carina, Esiri, Rev Frs Gabriel or Benedict. Thank you.

4. Autumn Church Cleaning - Friday, 13th November, 5:30pm and Saturday, 14thNovember, 10am. The clipboard is at the back of the church. If you are able to help, please put your name opposite the job you can do on the date and time that suits you. Thank you.

5. Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir Coming Home For Christmas, St Finbarr's Church Friday 11th December Start Time 7pm Tickets £10 under 16's free. In aid of building maintenance and improvement works of the church. Refreshments available. Tickets available from www.ticketsource.com/scwmvc or call Al Polden 07757 714143 or from St Finbarr's.

6. Christmas Carol Service - Our Christmas Carol service this year will be held on Wednesday 16th December at 7pm. Please come along and invite a friend to share in the joy of Advent.

RCIA COURSE every **Wednesday at 7pm** in the Upper Hall at St. Paul's. For those who want to join this course please contact either Fr. Jamie, Fr. Gabriel or Mary the Parish Secretary.

CONFIRMATION 2026 Sunday 22nd November at the 11am Mass here in St Paul's.

QUIZ NIGHT Tuesday 24th November 7.30pm St Paul's Hall. Teams up to 6 people, £5 per person. Reserve your table by emailing davymcr@gmail.com. Bring your own drinks & snacks. All funds go directly to 13th Dover Scout Group to benefit the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts.

WINTER SOUP KITCHEN AT ST PAUL'S We invite people from this Parish to join the team delivering hospitality to the homeless and needy in our area over the winter months. We welcome your help in any form you are able to offer whether this is in the kitchen, speaking with and serving our guests or making refreshments. We meet every Sunday afternoon from 4.00pm to 6.00pm during the winter months in St Paul's Hall. If you are unable to contribute in person to this important ministry please hold us all in your prayers. Thank you. For further information please contact Claudine at claudinenutley@btinternet.com or through the Parish Office.

HOSANNA HOUSE AND CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TRUST BARN DANCE Saturday 14th November 2026 7-10pm, St Thomas's Church Hall, Canterbury Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2HJ. Entry £13, under 14 £6. Bring your own food and drinks. Water, Tea and Coffee provided. Help us to raise the fare for vulnerable, sick and disadvantaged adults and children to join your local groups for a life changing Pilgrimage to Lourdes with HCPT. Our local children's HCPT Group 87 will be joining over 100 groups, 1,000 children with 2,000 helpers next Easter and our local adult Group 587 will be travelling to Hosanna House in May 2027 half term.

Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal, 2026		
Mustard Seed Youth Prayer Warriors Holy Rosary	Saturday 3pm	St Paul's, Dover
Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy	First and Third Sunday 11am 1st & 15th November	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Finbarr's Children's Liturgy	Sunday 11am	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Confirmation Classes	Saturday 10am NOT THIS WEEK	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude's Prayer Group	Third Monday 2pm – 3pm 16th November	St Paul's Hall, Dover
'Familia Una' Adult Youth Group	Sunday 6pm	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Fides Prayer Group St Paul's	Wednesday 6:40pm for 7pm NOT THIS WEEK	St Paul's Hall, Dover
RCIA Course	Wednesday 7pm	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Holy Rosary	Thursday 9.30am	St Paul's, Dover
Bible Study	Thursday 10.30am	St Paul's, Dover
Blessing of the Graves	Sunday 1st November 2.30pm	St James & St Mary's Cemeteries Dover
Autumn Church Cleaning	Friday 13th November 5.30pm Saturday 14th November 10am	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Confirmation	Sunday 22nd November 11am	St Paul's, Dover
Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 28th November 10am -2pm	St Paul's, Dover
Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir	Friday 11th December 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Carol Service Concert	Wednesday 16th December 7pm Monday 21st December 6pm	St Finbarr's Aylesham St Paul's, Dover

CATECHISM –

THE COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

The three states of the Church. "When the Lord comes in glory, and all his angels with him, death will be no more, and all things will be subject to him. But at the present time some of his disciples are pilgrims on earth. Others have died and are being purified, while still others are in glory, contemplating 'in full light, God himself triune and one, exactly as he is'". All of us, however, in varying degrees and in different ways share in the same charity towards God and our neighbours, and we all sing the one hymn of glory to our God. All, indeed, who are of Christ and who have his Spirit form one Church and in Christ cleave together. The intercession of the saints. "Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness.... They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, as they proffer the merits which they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus.... So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped." (CCC954 & 956)

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr's: Charlotte, 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: Mick King, Yvonne O'Reagan, Sheila Henneker, Keely Cookson, David Underdown, Sr. Jennifer Sanders, Carol Manton, Oliver O'Connor, Helen Scopes, John Doyle, Maria Frost, Roz & Rob Pain, Rosa Mazzitelli, 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, 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: Jane Turnbull, George Turnbull, David Hood, Susannah Temperance Cooper, Steven Mark Harding, Jane Morris, Marjorie Burns, Catherine Williams.

St Paul's: Katherine Bassey, Gladys Beard, Margaret Smith, Sean Talty, Catherine Baker, Kathleen Holdstock, Sr. Francis Drake, Winifred Shepherd, Dorothy Isabel McDonald, Connie Brown, Ann Mascarenhas, Michael John Brady, Cardinal Heenan, Peter Kaczor, Clare Elizabeth Hardaker.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
FEAST OF ALL SAINTS DAY	Sunday 1st November	11am	Mass for Retirement of Debra Asher (Fran)
ALL SOULS' DAY	Monday 2nd November	6pm	Mass for Repose of all the Souls in Purgatory and departed members of Emedo, Odulate, Abudu and Ero families (Richard & Esiri)
	Wednesday 4th November	10am	Mass for Deceased Clergy of Southwark Diocese
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORIDNARY TIME A REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	Sunday 8th November	10am 11am	Mass for Russell Bramwell RIP (Vera & Family) Remembrance Day Service on the Green
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Saturday 31st October	10am 3pm 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Elderly of the Parish NO Confirmation Class today Mustard Seeds 'Light Party' in the Hall till 5pm Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Spiritan Priests Worldwide
FEAST OF ALL SAINTS DAY	Sunday 1st November	9am 11am 2.30pm 3pm 6pm	Mass for People of the Parish Coffee after Mass Mass for Jean Mackenzie RIP (Robert) and Pat Evans 90th Birthday Mustard Seeds Children's Liturgy Blessing of the Graves St James' & St Mary's Cemeteries Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Familia Una with an Alpha session
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)	Monday 2nd November	10am 7pm	Mass for Vincent Joseph (Nicy) Mass for Holy Souls
SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES	Tuesday 3rd November	10am	Mass for Deceased Relatives and Friends of Robert Mackenzie (Robert)
SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP, MEMORIAL	Wednesday 4th November	10am 5.30pm 7pm	Mass for Pat Evans 90th Birthday Exposition and Holy Rosary until 6.30pm NO Fides Prayer Group this week RCIA Course in the Upper Hall
	Thursday 5th November	9.30am 10am	Holy Rosary Ordinariate Mass for Ian Thomas Barber RIP (Colin) Followed by Bible Study
	Friday 6th November	10am	Mass for Deceased Members of the Joyce Family (Kay)
THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINT GEORGE, FEAST	Saturday 7th November	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Children of the Parish Confirmation Class in the Upper Hall Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Clare Hardaker RIP (Winston)
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORIDNARY TIME REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	Sunday 8th November	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Good Health for Friends (Kay) Coffee after Mass Mass for Arthur Cloke RIP and for The Fallen in All Wars Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Familia Una with an Alpha session

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Readings for Sunday 1st November 2026

First reading **Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14**

'Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.'

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

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Responsorial Psalm
Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. ℟ cf. 6

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The LORD'S is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Blessings from the LORD shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Second reading **1 John 3: 1- 3**

'We shall see God as he is.'

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 11:28**

Alleluia, alleluia.
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.
Alleluia.

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Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12a**

'You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.'

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

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.