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# *THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A*

# *8th NOVEMBER 2026*

## *Missal P699 Order of the Mass P470*

## *TODAY IS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY*

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

## SECOND COLLECTION FOR ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

**PRIEST CORNER:** Fr Gabriel would like to form a group for children between the ages of 0 to 5. This group will be known as '**LITTLE ANGELS'.** We will support them to grow into **MUSTARD SEED GROUP, JUNIOR YOUTH AND FINALLY FAMILIA UNA GROUP**. May the parents of children within this age group meet with Fr Gabriel after 9am and 11am Mass today for discussion depending on the Mass you attend.

### GOSPEL REFLECTION: 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Wisdom from God is important in everything we do. It helps us especially in our spiritual growth. Jesus in using the parable of the ten virgins draws our attention to the reality of preparedness in whatever we are doing. The five wise virgins were prepared for the journey ahead by applying wisdom to navigate the events of life. The other five were not wise enough to utilise the gift of wisdom needed to succeed in everything. They came empty handed; they forgot the essential ingredient that sustains life. What does this parable tell us? God has given us life and freedom to use the gifts he has given us to serve one another in charity. Our extra oil is the charity we do to others as we all are invited to be disciples of Jesus. Our extra oil or lack of it is summarised in our relationship with one another. As followers of Jesus, we need to keep extra oil of charity which will keep us active until when Jesus invites us back to himself. Let us continue to uphold the value of wisdom by using wisely the gifts of God and gain his friendship on the last day.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY.** 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 2024. Every gift is welcome. Find out more, or donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal Thank you for your generosity of heart.

### 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 collection bags. Alternatively, please contact Theresa Gordon at St Paul's by email: dovasoul@hotmail.com Thank you.

**FAMILIA UNA BAKE SALE** after the 9am and 11am Masses at St Paul's **today Sunday 8th November** to raise funds for World Youth Day.

## FAMILIA UNA SPIRITAN YOUTH CONCERT LONDON





On Saturday 24th October a group of us went to London to be a part of the 2026 Spiritans Youth Concert. "It was such a beautiful Joy. Everyone with such Joy worshipped, reflected, laughed, sang and spent the day together in Unity with the Eternal Love of our Lord Jesus Christ that binds us all. We CANNOT wait to do this again in 2027! God Bless you all! ❤️🙏"

## ST FINBARR'S LIGHT PARTY

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our children and youths who turned up for our light party last Saturday, the 31st of October. Thank you to their parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles for making it possible for them to attend. Thank you to Fr Jamie who ably represented the clergy, to all our benefactors who contributed in no small measure of their time and resources and the indefatigable team of silent workers in St Finbarr's who make things happen. God knows you all by name and will bless and reward you all for making it a memorable day for our children in Jesus name Amen 🙏 Esiri.



## ST PAUL'S LIGHT PARTY



Youth Mustard Seeds – All Saints' Day Eve. A big thank you to all the children who participated in our Light Party! We enjoyed a wonderful time together, filled with fun, laughter, friendship and faith, celebrating the joy of holiness and the love of God. On 31st October, during the All Saints' Day Eve Mass, Youth Mustard Seeds shared the light of Christ by giving bags of sweets with images of saints to around 15 children passing St Paul's Church while trick-or-treating. It was a lovely opportunity to spread kindness, joy, and the light of Christ in our community.

## 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. Children's Liturgy will take place every Sunday during November and December at St Finbarr's.**

**3. Autumn Church Cleaning – Next 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.

**4. 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.

**5. Christmas Carol Service** - Our Christmas Carol service this year will hold on **Wednesday, 16th December 2026** at 7pm, please come along and invite a friend to share in the joy of Advent.

**COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER:** Cash & CollecTin £3295.46; Bankers Orders £3357.50; Missio £353.31. Thank you for your generosity.

**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.

**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 Opens **Friday, 6th Nov 2026** and closes midnight on **Friday, 15th Jan 2027….**

**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. Classes take place each Sunday in the parish upper hall 10am -11am.

**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.

**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. 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.

**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.

| Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham<br>'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal, 2026 | | |
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| Mustard Seed Youth Prayer Warriors Holy Rosary | Saturday 3pm | St Paul's, Dover |
| Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy | First and Third Sunday 11am<br>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 | St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover |
| St Jude's Prayer Group | Third Monday 2pm – 3pm<br>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 | 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 |
| Autumn Church Cleaning | Friday 13th November 5.30pm<br>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 | Monday 21st December 6pm | St Paul's, Dover |

**CATECHISM – FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY**

Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. By free will one shapes one's own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude. As long as freedom has not bound itself definitively to its ultimate good which is God, there is the possibility of choosing between good and evil, and thus of growing in perfection or of failing and sinning. This freedom characterizes properly human acts. It is the basis of praise or blame, merit or reproach. (CCC 1731 & 1732)

**Please Pray for those who are unwell**:

**St Finbarr's**: Kay Billington, 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**: Derek Carroll, Vera Thompson, Jean Peters, John Muldoon, Brian Hughes, Brian Wiseman, Malcolm Morris, Eddie Lilford.

**St Paul's**: Frederick William Cox, Sheila Howe, Kathleen Marion Cozens, George Allt, Fr. Tom Doyle, Mary McClelland, Jessie Carlin, Mary Tarver, Claire Elizabeth Hardaker, John Patrick Kelly, David Barker, Edith Jane McKenzie, William George Blanchard, Lilian Maud Blanchard, Doris Clark, Michael Collins, Mary Colman, Reginald Sidney Sayer, John Dinning, Eddie Curtis, Ivan Marshall, Peter Foster, Stefan Zifa, John Joseph Huntley, Ruby Francis.

| EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S | | | |
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| THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORIDNARY TIME A<br>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY | Sunday<br>8th November | 10am<br>11am | Mass for Russell Bramwell RIP (Vera & Family)<br>Remembrance Day Service on the Green |
| | Wednesday<br>11th November | 10am | Mass for Holy Souls |
| THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A | Sunday<br>15th November | 11am | Mass for George Gilchrist RIP (Bet) |
| **EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S** | | | |
| THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINT GEORGE, FEAST | Saturday<br>7th November | 10am<br>10am<br>5pm<br>6pm | Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Children of the Parish<br>Confirmation Class in the Upper Hall<br>Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm)<br>Mass for Clare Hardaker (Winston) |
| THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORIDNARY TIME<br>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY | Sunday<br>8th November | 9am<br>11am<br>3pm<br>6pm | Mass for Good Health for Friends (Kay)<br>Coffee after Mass<br>Mass for The Fallen in all Wars & Arthur Cloke RIP (Matthew)<br>Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet<br>Familia Una with an Alpha session |
| THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA | Monday<br>9th November | 10am | Mass for Cosme Barreto (Natalie) |
| SAINT LEO THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, MEMORIAL | Tuesday<br>10th November | 10am | Mass for G/E Fr Reason (Theresa) |
| SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP, MEMORIAL | Wednesday<br>11th November | 10am<br>5.30pm<br>7pm<br>7pm | Mass for Josephine Vincent RIP (James Aime)<br>Exposition and Holy Rosary until 6.30pm<br>Fides Prayer Group in the Hall - Refreshments from 6.40pm<br>RCIA Course in the Upper Hall |
| SAINT JOSAPHAT, BISHOP AND MARTYR, MEMORIAL | Thursday<br>12th November | 9.30am<br>10am | Holy Rosary<br>Mass for Bridie Kearney RIP (Philomenia)<br>Followed by Bible Study |
| SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI | Friday<br>13th November | 10am | Mass for Orlando Freitas (Natalia) |
| THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | Saturday<br>14th November | 10am<br>10am<br>5pm<br>6pm | Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for John Huntley RIP (Mary)<br>Confirmation Class in the Upper Hall<br>Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm)<br>Mass for Antoine & Josephine RIP (James Aime) |
| THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Sunday<br>15th November | 9am<br>11am<br>3pm<br>6pm | Mass for Souls of the Faithfully Departed (Expired Foundation Masses)<br>Coffee after Mass<br>Mass for Bridie Kearney RIP (Philomena)<br>Mustard Seeds Children's Liturgy<br>Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet<br>Familia Una with an Alpha session |

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**Newsletter items received after 6pm Wednesday may not be included that week. The Editor reserves the right to edit articles.**
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# Readings for Sunday 8th November 2026

**First reading**
**Wisdom 6:12-16 ·**
**'Wisdom is found by those who seek her.'**

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

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**Responsorial Psalm**
**Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. ℟2b**

**For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.**

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.

**For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.**

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.

**For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.**

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.

**For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.**

When I remember you upon my bed,
On you I muse through the watches of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

**For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.**

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**Second reading**
**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ·**
**'Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.'**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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**Gospel Acclamation**
**Matthew 24:42a, 44**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**
**Stay awake and be ready,**
**for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**
**Alleluia.**

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**Gospel**
**Matthew 25:1-13**
**'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

**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.**