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Sunday 17th November 2024

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**THIS WEEKEND WE WELCOME FR. DENNIS BUKENYA CSSp
 FOR A SPECIAL SPIRITANS MISSION APPEAL**

ASSIST US TO LIVE, NOT TO DIE. ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: Life is a gift to be protected, especially when threatened by sickness and death. Palliative care, with expert pain relief, and good human, spiritual, and pastoral support, is the right and best way to care for people towards the end of life. People who are suffering need to know they are loved and valued. They need compassionate care, not assistance to end their lives. **(Catholic Bishops of England and Wales) Please pick up a Petition Card at the back of church and contact your MP, for Dover & Aylesham it's Mike Tapp, or visit www.livesworthliving.org.uk** Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the **29th NOVEMBER**. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs to stop this going through. **Pick up and complete the Petition Card and give it back to Mary or any welcomer at the end of Mass. They will be posted together on your behalf. Fr Leo.**

**GOSPEL REFLECTION: PREPARE AND BE READY FOR CHRIST' SECOND COMING
 (Mk 3, 24-32)**



A distressed youth was about to hang himself when his old neighbours entered his house. "What are you doing?" shouted the old man. "I'm committing suicide!" said the youth in desperation. "Well," said the old man, "if you give me good reasons for committing suicide, I won't stop you." The youth complained tearfully - about personal, societal and global problems. Thereafter, the neighbour asked, "Have you got another rope?" Puzzled, the youth asked: Why?" The old man sighed, "That I might hang myself too!" "There is going to be a

time of great distress," according to today's readings. However, we are admonished to ponder on what constitutes the distress, the end of the world and the second coming of Christ (Eschatology: Death, Judgement, Heaven & Hell). May we recognize the "second coming" of Jesus in our daily lives through everyday occurrences, always remembering that Jesus comes without warning. May we wait and watch in a state of readiness. Instead of worrying about the *end time* events, we are asked to live every day of our lives, loving God living in others by our committed service to them with sacrificial *agape* love. As the liturgical cycle draws to a close, let us take stock of where we are, and where we are heading to. Am I distressed? Fearful of death? Like the old neighbour in our opening story. It is more meaningful to follow Him who promises, "One who believes in me shall never die" by defying distress and death in order to proclaim with Paul: "O death, where is thy sting?" (1Cor 15:55).

PLEASE PRAY FOR Bridie Kearney who has died aged 99. May the Good Lord console her family and may Bridie Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Amen.

SPECIAL SPIRITANS MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

We welcome **Fr. Dennis Bukenya, CSSp** this weekend for a special Spiritan Mission Appeal. This Mission Appeal is one of the Spiritan Missionary endeavors to support the work of the Spiritans worldwide. Spiritans are a Catholic Religious Congregation founded in 1703. Over 320 years on, over 3000 professed and lay Spiritans, drawn from all continents, today carry out their mission of evangelization in more than 60 countries throughout the world. The Spiritans arrived in the UK in 1904 and have worked here for 120 years. They are caring for the poorest of the poor, building schools, building hospitals, providing water, helping orphans and the homeless especially in Africa, Asia, Latin America. In different parts of Europe, they are also serving migrants, prisoners and serving communities and Parishes. Your support will help them to keep doing their good work around the World and to train more missionaries.

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT 29TH NOVEMBER TO 1ST DECEMBER



Lead by **Fr. Luke Dominic Onwe, OCARM**

Friday 29th November: 6pm-7pm, Talk at St. Paul's;

Saturday 30th November: 11am-12.40pm, Talk at St Paul's;

3.30pm – Adoration and Confessions; Followed by the Saturday evening Holy Mass at 6pm. Fr Luke will also celebrate some of the Masses on Sunday. All from the Deanery and beyond are invited.

Every Christian will need a retreat. It is important for our Spiritual life to Pause and look deep into our lives. Here is an opportunity for our

annual Lenten retreat for 2024. Join and prepare yourself calmly for the Advent and Christmas. Fr. Leo.

PENCESTER ROAD FAST TRACK: Please note Pencester Road will be closed to through traffic at its junction with Biggin Street on 18th November for approximately 3 weeks including weekends. Pencester Road Junction with Maison Dieu Road will become two way temporarily. There will be temporary traffic lights at this junction and directly outside St. Paul's Church. Access to the car park in Pencester Road will be maintained, but you will need to turn LEFT when exiting the car park, then right onto Maison Dieu Road. Please be very careful when crossing Maison Dieu Road and use the pedestrian crossings for safety. **An update on the scheme can be found here:** <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Pencester-Road-Newsletter-2- November-2024.pdf> or there are a few copies available at the back of St Paul's.

THE NEW SUNDAY MISSAL comes into use on 1st December, the First Sunday of Advent. The Parish has ordered the one we will be using. However, if you would like to buy a personal copy to use and take home they are £20 each. Please let Mary know in the parish office and she will order more copies if enough people would like their own.

MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT ST PAUL'S. Saturday 23rd November from 10am until 4pm. Christmas Decorations/gifts, Bric 'a' Brac, Sweets, Raffle, Books and games can be left in the box at the back of church. Teas/coffees and cakes will be served. Any other ideas welcome. All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of our Church and Hall. For further information please contact Niki on 07970 303257.

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND for The Catholic Youth Service. This collection helps youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Cathedral Youth Service.

MISSIO – RED BOXES. If you have a Red Box at home please bring it to Mass on one of the following dates, when I will be there to collect them. **St. Paul's Saturday/Sunday 23rd/24th November** and **St. Finbarr's Sunday 1st December.** If you have difficulty with this, please text or phone me on 07954 584955. Thank you. Theresa McAuley, Parish Missio Rep.

THE ST JUDE'S PRAYER GROUP meeting will be held on 18th November at 2pm in St Paul's Parish Hall. All are welcome to join us.

THE NEXT RCIA COURSE is on Monday 18th November at 7pm in St Paul's Upper Hall. If you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or you would like to know more yourself, come along.

FIDES AT ST FINBARR'S Tuesday 19th November at 7pm. All Welcome.

SYCAMORE COURSE FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGED 16-35 AT ST PAUL'S Every Sunday 6pm in the Upper Hall. Contact Christina 07587 218374 or Jack 07710 430893 for more details.

THE ADULT SYCAMORE COURSE AT ST PAUL'S Every Wednesday (6.40 for 7pm) beginning with refreshments and concluding by 8.30pm. If you wish to take a look at the course material and learn more about its founder, Fr Stephen Wang, visit www.sycamore.fm

ST PAUL'S REPOSITORY. Catholic Diaries, Advent Calendars, and Christmas Cards are available in the hall after Sunday 9:15 a.m. Mass until 10:55 a.m. each week. Also, other cards and rosaries.

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
	November/December 2024	
Ordinariate Meeting	Saturday 16 th November 11am	St Paul's, Dover
Young Adult Sycamore Group	Sunday 17 th November 6pm	St Paul's, Dover
St Jude's Prayer Group	Monday 18 th November 2pm	St Paul's, Dover
RCIA Course	Monday 18 th November 7pm	St Paul's, Dover
Fides at St Finbarr's	Tuesday 19 th November 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Adult Sycamore Group	Wednesday 20 th November 7pm	St Paul's, Dover
Rosary and Bible Study at St Paul's	Thursday 21 st November 9.30am & 10.30am OT Book of Exodus	St Paul's, Dover
Mini Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 23 rd November 10am – 4pm	St Paul's, Dover
PARISH ADVENT RETREAT 2024	NOVEMBER 29 TH -DECEMBER 1 ST	AT ST. PAUL'S, DOVER

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM led by Fr Mark Wharton. From **Friday 7th – Sunday 9th March 2025**. Cost £300. Please contact Claudine Nutley to book a place claudinenutley@btinternet.com. Deadline for booking is 1st December 2024.

ADVENT OF THE HEART: A CHRISTIAN REFLECTION ON HOPE - Advent Talks in Deal:

'Voices from the Darkness, The Advent Reflections of Alfred Delp SJ and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.' Join Ben Bano as he shares reflections from the book he is writing on the spirituality of these two remarkable men. Towards the end of the Second World War, the two resisters to the Nazi regime learnt that they were to be executed. In spite of their dire situation they saw Advent as a time for hope and renewal. How can we learn from them to inform and deepen our faith? All welcome. Entrance free (a voluntary contribution to cover costs may be given). Venue: Golf Road Community Centre, 28 Golf Road, Deal, CT14 6PY. **Tues 3rd Dec 1.30 - 3pm and Tues 10th Dec 7 - 8.30pm**. Some car parking available at the Centre – more on the adjoining streets. Fr Brian Coyle, Deal Parish.

ADVENT TALKS AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, HYTHE Tuesdays 26th Nov, 3rd & 10th Dec at 7pm and Thursdays 28th Nov, 5th & 12th Dec at 2pm. Parish Hall, 2 Blackhouse Hill, Hythe CT21 5LS. **Pick up a flyer at the back of church for more information or go to**

<https://www.parihofthegoodshepherd.uk/events/> Talk Nos 1 Grace: Tuesday 26th November at 7pm and again on Thursday 28th November at 2pm. Presented by Fr Marcus Holden & Fr Andrew Pinsent. [Made in 2016; Film Duration; 33 mins] Discussion questions: What is grace? What is its purpose? How do we receive it? Who can receive it? Are there mistaken erroneous teachings about grace? Free admission and refreshments. Donations welcome. All are welcome.



DOVER FOOD BANK would like to thank St Paul's Parishioners for the very generous Harvest donations which amounted to 124.90kg of food and helped them to support people in the Dover Area.

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr's: Ann McCallum, 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: David Meadows, Roselene Hindle, Sr Rani Xavier, Thanima Jayan, Janice & Livra Fernandes, Catriona Stark, Chris Quinn, Mary Pressnell, Gaby Anaya Amor, Danielle Sutton, Fr John Ryan, Pat Evans, Shirley Lazarus, Shirley Jefford, Clare Quigley, 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, Julie Balston, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Cathy Huntley, Emin Jain, Pat & Patricia Sherratt, Chris Roy.

Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:

St Finbarr's: Francis Golden, Alexander Emedo, Maime Bott, Lee Melvyn Edmunds, Francis Lawrence Moon, Paddy Osborne, James Kenneth Haines, Elizabeth Anne Rowe.

St Paul's: William White, Patrick Nevin, Freda Davidson, Joseph McFarnell, Ron Organ, Joan van der Merlve, George Carr, Joan Hanson, Frank Marchant, Antonia Brown, Patrick Lynch, Barry Cookson, Margaret Davis, John Murphy, Emile Elizabeth Williams, Patrick Morris Whelan, Archie McMurray, Marjorie Ruth Dunford, Eric Smithers, Robert Holdstock, Keiran McMullan, Peter Foster, Marek Jakubus, Christine MacKenzie. Colin Williams, Fr. Edmund Buckley, Jim Mulligan, Stella Cole, Jean MacKenzie, Henry McMillan.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
	Saturday 16th November	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY	Sunday 17th November	11.15am	Mass for George Gilchrist RIP (Bet) & Alexander Emedo Peaceful Repose (Esiri & Richard)
	Tuesday 19th November	7pm	Fides Group
	Wednesday 20th November	10.15am	Mass for Good Political Decisions in the World
SAINT CLEMENT	Saturday 23rd November	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Sunday 25th November	11.15am	Mass for Staff, Pupils & Families at St Joseph's School (Fran Honis)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
	Saturday 16th November	10am 11am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel G/E of Sheila Henneker (Moya) Ordinariate Meeting in the Hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Asher Oyebode Birthday (Esiri & Richard)
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY	Sunday 17th November	9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Arpad Putnoki (Zaneta Putnokiova) MUSTARD SEEDS Children's Liturgy Coffee after Mass Mass for the Sick of the Parish Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Young Adults Sycamore Group in the Hall Upper Room
	Monday 18th November	10am 2pm 7pm	Mass for Catherine O'Brien 'F' St Judes Prayer Group in the Parish Hall RCIA course in the Hall Upper Room
	Tuesday 19th November	10am	Mass for Jean MacKenzie 'F'
	Wednesday 20th November	10am 5.30pm 7pm	Mass for Vanessa Parrish (Tim) Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Adult Sycamore Course in the Hall
	Thursday 21st November	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for An end to Domestic Violence. Bible Study in the Hall
SAINT CECILIA	Friday 22nd November	10am	Mass for Father Edmund Buckley 'F'
SAINT CLEMENT	Saturday 23rd November	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Pro-Life Mission in the World MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR in the Hall (until 4pm) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for The Church in England
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Sunday 24th November	9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Umberto & Vittoria Corbo (Lina Decicco) MUSTARD SEEDS Children's Liturgy Coffee after Mass Mass for Huntley & Green Families RIP (Mary) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Young Adults Sycamore Group in the Hall Upper Room

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2024

First reading

Daniel 12:1-3

Some will wake to everlasting life, some to shame and disgrace

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

Responsorial Psalm

15(16):5,8-11

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Second reading

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin-offerings

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt24:42 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13:24-32

The stars will fall from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

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.