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**Sunday, 1st December 2024**  
**First Sunday of Advent – Year C – P 33**  
**Order of the Mass P470**

**TODAY THERE WILL BE A 2ND COLLECTION FOR  
 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)**

We Welcome Fr. Luke Onwe, (OCD) who is visiting us this weekend from the Carmelite Priory in Oxford for the Advent Retreat. We are grateful Father.  
 SATURDAY 11am-12.40pm, Talk at St Paul's; 3.30pm – Adoration and Confessions;  
 Fr Luke will also celebrate the Saturday evening Holy Mass at 6pm;  
 Sunday 9.15am & St Finbarr's 11.15am

**PRIEST CORNER:** I want to sincerely thank all the Ladies who have worked so hard to set up



the Christmas Bazar last weekend. We are so grateful that you were all able to spend lots of hours preparing things and gathering stuff to help raise money to support our Parish. On behalf of the Parish, I thank you. May the Lord reward and bless you all. Fr. Leo.



**GOSPEL REFLECTION- FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Advent Wreath with Candles is very important in our Churches, but more importantly in our homes.



It has a special way of creating the atmosphere of prayer in our homes. The Children love it and it is a visible invitation to hope, love, peace and joy. Make a little advent altar in your home. Advent is a time of waiting for Christ, allowing Jesus to be reborn in our lives. It is also a time for purifying our hearts by repentance and for renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several comings (advents) of Christ into our lives.

We need to prepare ourselves for Christ's second coming by allowing Jesus to be reborn daily in our lives. Advent gives us time to make this preparation — repenting of and confessing our sins, renewing our lives through prayer, penance, and sharing our blessings with others. In Advent, we also ought to check for what needs to be put right in our lives, to see how we have failed, and to assess the ways in which we can do better. Let us accept the challenge of the German mystic *Angelus Silesius* "Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem – but all in vain until He is born in me."

**WINTER SOUP KITCHEN AT ST. PAUL'S:** We shall be having our Winter soup Kitchen at St. Paul's Hall every Sunday afternoon by 4pm - 6pm; starting from the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2024. We are providing a warm space for the those who are homeless or lonely or just needing a place to chat on a Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering for this project or donating to it; kindly e-mail Claudine Nutley [claudinenutley@btinternet.com](mailto:claudinenutley@btinternet.com) or speak with Fr. Leo. Caring for the homeless and the needy in our community is a duty in Christ. Let's do our bit for the Lord. Fr. Leo.

**THE NEW SUNDAY MISSAL** comes into use **TODAY, the First Sunday of Advent.** Collect a Missal as you come into church and return it to the back of church after use. **PLEASE DO NOT take the parish Missal away.** If you would like to buy a personal copy to use and take home they are £20 each. Let Mary know in the parish office if you would like to order one.

**MISSIO – RED BOXES.** If you have a Red Box at home, please bring it to the **9.15am Mass at St. Paul's or 11.15am Mass at St. Finbarr's this weekend.** If you have difficulty with this, please text or phone me on 07954 584955. Thank you. Theresa McAuley, Parish Missio Rep.

**MUSTARD SEEDS & JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY AT ST PAUL'S. Sunday 8th December after 11am Mass.** All children are welcome to join us after the 11am Mass for our Christmas celebration! There will be games, songs, Christmas crafts and lots of food! To help us cater, all those who would like to come please take a form from the back of the church and return it to George, Laura or Jan by Friday 6th December please.

**Fr PETER MADDEN'S** seventh anniversary of his death is **Monday 16th of December.** Please remember him in your prayers and thank God for his 43-year priestly ministry spanning seven parishes including St Paul's (2004 - 2017), 3 years (1988 1991) Kent Traveling Mission, and 1996/7 the Children's Society. Deacon Barry

**CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERTS.** The parish will be holding two Christmas Carol Concerts; **On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in St Paul's and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7pm in St Finbarr's.** Everyone is invited to attend these special concerts.

<b>MASS SCHEDULES OVER CHRISTMAS 2024</b>		
<b>CHRISTMAS VIGIL 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b>	<b>6PM MASS WITH CHILDREN'S NATIVITY SINGING (CAROLS AT 5.30PM)  10PM MASS (CAROLS AT 9.30PM)</b>	<b>ST PAUL'S, DOVER</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS VIGIL 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b>	<b>7PM MASS (CAROLS AT 6:30PM)</b>	<b>ST FINBARR'S, AYLESHAM</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>10AM MASS</b>	<b>ST PAUL'S, DOVER</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>10.30AM MASS</b>	<b>ST FINBARR'S, AYLESHAM</b>

**THE NEXT RCIA COURSE** is on **Monday 2nd December 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.

**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](http://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.

**FR JEFF'S NEW ADDRESS.** 4 Meadow Road, Vauxhall, London SW8 1QB

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
	December 2024	
Young Adult Sycamore Group	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 6pm	St Paul's, Dover
RCIA Course	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 7pm	St Paul's, Dover
Adult Sycamore Group	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 7pm	St Paul's, Dover
Rosary and Bible Study at St Paul's	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am & 10.30am OT Book of Exodus	St Paul's, Dover
Mustard Seeds & Junior Youth Group Christmas Party	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 12 noon	St Paul's, Dover
Christmas Carol Concert	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 7pm	St Paul's, Dover
Christmas Carol Concert	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham

**ADVENT TALKS AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, HYTHE** Tuesdays 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm and Thursdays 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 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.parityofthegoodshepherd.uk/events/>

Talk Nos 2 "Arise Once More" Reviving Catholic Britain Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.00 pm and again on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 pm.

Presented by Fr Marcus Holden & Fr Andrew Pinsent, James and Joanna Bogle.

Beginning with the early arrivals of Christianity in Britain, this film takes us on a tour of Catholic history, through the Medieval period and the Reformation, the Second Spring, the Modern Crisis, and ends with 'The Revival'. [2009; 33 mins]

Free admission and refreshments. Donations welcome. All are welcome.

**SHINE THE LIGHT** Christmas Carol Singing with the "Shine the Light" campaign in England, Wales, Scotland, N. Ireland and Ireland, which hopes to gather one million people on the streets to sing Christmas Carols between 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December and so raise the profile of the Christian aspect of Christmas. The manager of the St. James's Shopping Centre has kindly agreed that this can take place by the Christmas Tree in the shopping centre. So, Come and join the big Christmas Carol Sing St. James's Shopping Centre, Dover (by the Christmas Tree) **SATURDAY 14th December 2pm – 3pm.** Revd Gordon Newton

**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:** James Turnbull, Mona Stuart, Lesley Cooke, Patrick Joseph Daly, Hazel Mary Garstin, Sir Hugh Bidwell.

**St Paul's:** Mary Loughlin, Ellen Davis, Joyce Hall, Winnie Sykes, Vi Nicholls, Jack Delbaere, Joseph Brady, Antonio de Cicco, Fr Whelan, Alice Sumner, David McVey, Henry Gartland, Clare Nicholas, Samuel Marsden, Maureen Tugwell, Richard Marshall.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
SAINT ANDREW	Saturday 30th November	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Sunday 1st December	11.15am	Mass for All who dedicate their lives to nursing and caring.
	Monday 2nd December	2pm	Mass at St Joseph's School
SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE	Wednesday 4th December	10.15am	Mass for The Elderly
	Saturday 7th December	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Sunday 8th December	11.15am	Mass for Mark James Jenkins RIP 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Sue Harris)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
SAINT ANDREW	Saturday 30th November	10am 11am 3.30pm 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E Sheila Henneker (Monica Pope) <b>ADVENT RETREAT</b> talk with Fr Luke <b>ADVENT RETREAT</b> Adoration and Confessions Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Ken Gordon RIP (Theresa & Family)
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Sunday 1st December	9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Antonio Decicco RIP (Lina) MUSTARD SEEDS Children's Liturgy Coffee after Mass Mass for Win & Sue Hardaker & Family (Monica Pope) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Young Adults Sycamore Group in the Hall Upper Room
	Monday 2nd December	10am 7pm	Mass for James Fleetwood 'F' RCIA course in the Hall Upper Room
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER	Tuesday 3rd December	10am 2.30pm	Mass for Clare Hardaker RIP (Monica Pope) Funeral of Bridie Kearney
SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE	Wednesday 4th December	10am 5.30pm 7pm	Mass for Jean MacKenzie RIP (Robert) Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Adult Sycamore Course in the Hall
	Thursday 5th December	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary in the church Ordinarate Mass for Helen Knott RIP (Tina Irvine-James) Bible Study in the Hall
	Friday 6th December	10am 2pm	Mass for Iona Parker 'F' Mass at St Richard's School
	Saturday 7th December	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Blessings for Veronika & Ivo (Tim) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for The Holy Souls (Tim)
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Sunday 8th December	9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Josephine Papamalla RIP (James Aime) MUSTARD SEEDS Children's Liturgy Coffee after Mass Mass for Clare Hardaker RIP (Theresa & Family) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Young Adults Sycamore Group in the Hall Upper Room

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# READINGS FOR SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2024

**First reading**                      **Jeremiah 33:14-16**  
*'I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David.'*

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise, I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

**Responsorial Psalm**  
**Ps 25(24):4-5b. 8-9. 10, 14. R 1b**  
**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

**Second reading**    **1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**  
*'May the Lord establish your hearts for the coming of Christ.'*

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation**                      **Psalm 85(84):8**  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Show us, O Lord, your mercy,**  
**and grant us your salvation.**  
**Alleluia.**

**Gospel**                                      **Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**  
*'Your redemption is drawing near.'*

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

## **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.**