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## Sunday 3rd November 2024

# The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**CEMETERY SUNDAY/BLESSING OF THE GRAVES**  
*Today 2pm at St James' and St Mary's Cemeteries, Dover*

**NEXT SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER is Remembrance Sunday.**

**Please note the time of Mass at St Finbarr's will be changed to 9.30am, so parishioners who wish can attend the Remembrance Service in the village at 10.50am.**

**PRIEST CORNER: Thank You For Your Generosity:** I am amazed at the generosity of some of our Parishioners. Last Month, I published the different projects that we shall be undertaking in the Parish in the next two years. A lot of people decided to support the projects with their kind donations. One Particular Parishioner has donated the sum of **£4,500** towards the books, the vestments, new glass doors and the many other projects listed. Others have made huge donation without even wanting their names to be mentioned anywhere. That is faith! Giving is Spiritual; generosity is holy and heavenly, may the Lord reward you all. Those who are still thinking about the different projects, keep supporting in whichever way you can. No amount is too little. God bless. Fr. Leo.

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION:**

#### **HOW DO WE LOVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOUR? (Mk 12:28-34)**

Our world is in urgent need of sacrificial love. Real love is not self-seeking nor a lucrative enterprise. We are reminded today of the most important theological virtue in life – Love. Jesus gives us the two dimensions of love; the vertical – love of God, and the horizontal – love of neighbour. Love is the seed of every good thing. Love is the reason why Jesus Christ came into the world (Jn 3:16), love is the reason why he preached and worked miracles (Matt. 9:36; Mark 6:34). Love is the reason why he went to the cross to die (Rom 5:8). Love is the reason for our salvation. We love God by keeping His commandments, and offering daily prayers of thanksgiving, praise, contrition for our failings, petition, reading and meditating on His word in the scripture and to participate actively in the Holy Mass. God wants us to discover Him in our neighbours, in the people around us, in our family, in our colleagues, in our classmates, in the church community, and humanity. This neighbour is especially the person that we don't want to help, the person who may have injured us, the person who seems unworthy of our help, the person who will take more of our time than we want to give. Loving our neighbour means going beyond ourselves and recognizing the needs of others.

#### **SYCAMORE COURSE FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULT SYCAMORE COURSE.**

The Parish Sycamore Courses started last week for both the Young Adult and the Adult on Sunday and Wednesday respectively. This course is very important for our faith as Catholics. We are encouraged to take part in this course every Sunday by 6pm for the Young Adult and Wednesday 6.40 pm for the adult.

*Young Adults last Sunday*





## APPRECIATION TO OUR BISHOP AND CONGRATULATION TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED CHILDREN.

We are very grateful to our Bishop Paul Hendricks who administered the sacrament of confirmation on our seven children last Sunday. We equally congratulate our children who received the sacrament of Confirmation. We appreciate all those who accompanied them to actualised their dream. May almighty God bless you all. Amen.

**ALL SAINTS HALLOWEEN PARTY:** Thank You to all our Parishioners and Volunteers who helped to organize our All Saints Halloween Party on the 31<sup>st</sup> at St. Finbarr's and on the 1<sup>st</sup> in Dover. Thank you for all the food and treats for the children. May the Lord reward you all. We appreciate you sincerely. Fr. Leo

## ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION SAT 9<sup>TH</sup> / SUN 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.

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 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. Envelopes are available this weekend at the back of church.

**COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER:** Cash & CollecTin £2850.04; Bankers Orders £2923.00; CAFOD £270.46; Missio £687.61; Thank you for your generosity. Fr. Leo.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY** will take place on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 11am** at Our Lady of Dover Buckland.

**THE NEXT RCIA COURSE** is on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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)

**MUSTARD SEEDS CHILDREN'S LITURGY** will be taking a half term break. They will return on 10th November.

**THE ORDINARIATE AT ST. PAUL'S.** To help support the Ordinariate ministry in this parish with you I would like to invite you to a meeting (postponed from September) in the church hall at St. Paul's at **11am on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November** to explain the work of the Ordinariate, and the vision Pope Benedict XVI had for the Church in England. All members of the Parish of the Good Shepherd are most welcome to this meeting. Fr. Jamie.



**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. Teas/coffees and cakes will be served. Any other ideas welcome. All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of our Church and Hall. We will start to collect donated items beginning of November. For further information please contact Niki on 07970 303257.

**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.

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

**CHRISTIAN COMEDIAN MARK RITCHIE** is a talented Christian comedian and speaker. His one man show includes the communication of the Christian message in an accessible way that has people laughing while provoking them to think. If you've been wanting to share the gospel with your non-Christian friends and family and wondered how best to do it, inviting them to this event at ONE CHURCH, Noah's Ark Road, Dover CT17 0DD - **SAT 2nd Nov at 7pm.** It is FREE to attend, although in order to manage numbers, it is ticketed, available on-line at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mark-ritchie-too-close-for-comfort-tickets-1029134969397>

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
	October/ November 2024	
Blessing of the Graves	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2pm	St James' & St Mary's Cemeteries, Dover
Young Adult Sycamore Group	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November October 6pm	St Paul's, Dover
RCIA Course	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 7pm	St Paul's, Dover
Bible Study at St Finbarr's	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Adult Sycamore Group	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 7pm	St Paul's, Dover
Rosary and Bible Study at St Paul's	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 9.30am & 10.30am	St Paul's, Dover
Ordinariate Meeting	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 11am	St Paul's, Dover
Fides at St Finbarr's	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Mini Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 10am – 4pm	St Paul's, Dover

### 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.

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL.** 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. Please contact your MP by visiting [www.livesworthliving.org.uk](http://www.livesworthliving.org.uk)

**VISIT TO THE CEMETERY:** Catholics are encouraged to visit the cemetery in the month of November and pray for our dead. The Church encourages the faithful to pray for the souls in purgatory and offers indulgences



to assist them; pious practises which highlight the Church's teaching on the Communion of Saints. The Church grants a plenary indulgence (the full remission of temporal punishment due to sin) each day from 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> November to those who visit a cemetery and pray, even if silently, for the departed. Additionally, a plenary indulgence is available on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, All Souls' Day, for those who devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite the Our Father and the Creed.

To gain these indulgences, Catholics must fulfil the usual conditions: be in a state of grace; have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin; receive the Sacrament of Confession (within about 20 days before or after); receive Holy Communion; and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (usually fulfilled by an Our Father and a Hail Mary). For those unable to meet all conditions, a partial indulgence (the partial remission of temporal punishment) is granted.

#### 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:** Susannah Temperance Cooper, Steven Mark Harding, Jane Morris, Marjorie Burns, Catherine Williams, Derek Carroll, Vera Thompson, Jean Peters.

**St Paul's:** 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, Frederick William Cox, Sheila Howe, Kathleen Marion Cozens, George Allt, Fr. Tom Doyle.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
ALL SOULS	Saturday 2nd November	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 3rd November	11.15am	Mass for Mama Regina Illah RIP for peaceful repose (Esiri)
	Tuesday 5th November	7pm	Bible Study
	Wednesday 6th November	10.15am	Mass for Benefactors of the Parish
	Saturday 9th November	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	Sunday 10th November	9.30am	Mass for the Fallen
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
ALL SOULS	Saturday 2nd November	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Blessings for Veronika & Ivo (Tim) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Elena Csikova (Gizela)
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 3rd November	9.15am 11am 2pm 3pm 6pm	Mass for Carlos & Elsa Raimondi 'F' <b>NO MUSTARD SEEDS Children's Liturgy</b> Coffee after Mass Mass for Barbara Monclus RIP (Cathy) Blessing of the Graves, St James' & St Mary's Cemeteries Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Young Adults Sycamore Group in the Hall Upper Room
SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO	Monday 4th November	10am 7pm	Mass for Sybil Ada Fry 'F' RCIA course in the Hall Upper Room
	Tuesday 5th November	10am	Mass for Olga Wills RIP (Colin)
	Wednesday 6th November	10am 5.30pm 7pm	Mass for G/E of Keith Wells (Theresa and the children) Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Adult Sycamore Course in the Hall
	Thursday 7th November	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary in the church Ordinariate Mass for Elsie Manwood 'F' Bible Study in the Hall
	Friday 8th November	10am	Mass for Deceased Relatives and Friends of Robert MacKenzie
	Saturday 9th November	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel G/E of Sheila Henneker (Moya) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for G/E of Winifred
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	Sunday 10th November	9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Death Anniversary Annie Padayajjil <b>MUSTARD SEEDS Children's Liturgy</b> Coffee after Mass Mass for John Huntley RIP (Cathy, Clare & Joe) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Young Adults Sycamore Group in the Hall Upper Room

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# READINGS FOR SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2024

**First reading**                      **Deuteronomy 6:2-6**  
*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart*

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

**Responsorial Psalm**                      **17(18):2-4,47,51**  
**I love you Lord, my strength.**

**Second reading**                      **Hebrews 7:23-28**  
*Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood*

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent, and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation cf. Jn6:63,68**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!**

**Gospel**    **Mark 12:28-34**  
*'You are not far from the kingdom of God'*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him anymore.

## **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.**