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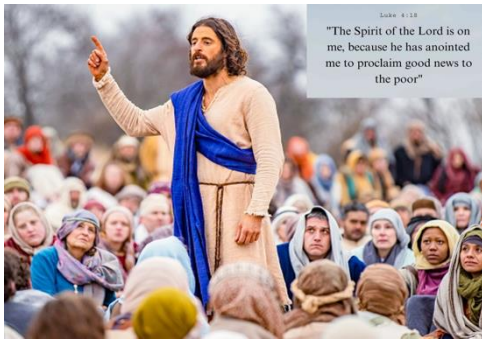


The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 26th January 2025. Year C – Missal Pg. 845 Order of the Mass-Missal Pg. 470

Special Second Collection for LEPROA this weekend

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME!

Today's Gospel, presenting Jesus' "inaugural address" in the synagogue of Nazareth in which he outlines a theology of total liberation, marks a great moment in Jesus' ministry. Jesus launched his Manifesto,



making it clear to the people his Messianic Mission and Mandate. We need to receive Christ's freedom, live it, and pass it on to others: As members of Christ's Mystical Body, we share in the freeing, saving mission of Jesus. The Scripture readings for today focus our attention on the importance and liberating power of the Word of God as "sacramental," making God present in our midst. The readings challenge us to listen to the Word, accept it into our hearts, then put it into practice as we live out our lives, thus liberating ourselves and others from all types of bondages. We

need to let the power of the Holy Spirit fill us, and then be ready to have miracles done through us. Amen.

THE JUBILEE YEAR, 2025- PILGRIMS OF HOPE.

The year 2025 marks a Jubilee, a special time of renewal, forgiveness, and hope inspired by biblical tradition. Originating from the Hebrew word "Yobel," Jubilee in the Old Testament was celebrated every 50 years with the cancellation of debts, rest for the land, freedom for prisoners and slaves, and a return of land to the poor—a time known as the "year of the Lord's favor." Jesus proclaimed this mission of justice and freedom in the Gospel of Luke, calling us to follow his example by creating a world of justice, peace, and love. Today, Jubilees are celebrated every 25 years as holy years of mercy, renewal, and reconnection with God, others, and creation. Pope Francis has declared the 2025 Jubilee as the "Pilgrims of Hope," emphasizing the journey of hope rooted in God's unconditional love for all. He invites us to be signs of hope through Catholic social teaching, caring for the earth, and supporting those affected by war, hunger, and poverty. Together, as pilgrims of hope, we can inspire joy and renewal in every heart, beginning now. In our Parish, some activities and pilgrimages will be organized and announced as soon as possible and we shall all be able to participate, sharing hope for all.



THIS WEEKEND THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION FOR LEPROA.

Today 500 people will be diagnosed with leprosy, more than 28 of these will be children. Leprosy is a disease that affects the nerve endings in the hands and feet and can affect the blink reflex of the eyelids. If not treated early enough it can cause life-changing disabilities and even blindness. But it is curable! To read some real-life stories of some of the beneficiaries whose lives have been changed through the work of Lepra, please visit www.lepra.org.uk. With your help we can find, diagnose, and treat more people affected by leprosy so that they will have a brighter future, full of hope. If you would like further



information, please contact LauriceJ@lepra.org.uk

PARISH EVALUATION CONTINUES: At our Parish of the Good Shepherd, we are continuing our Parish evaluation, looking back at 2024. We are welcoming more suggestions and feedbacks from our Parishioners to help us as we are redefining our Parish vision and focus for 2025. We are grateful to all those who have sent in their concerns so far and we look forward to anyone who will still like to share some points. I have invited about 35 parishioners from both Churches who will be meeting at St. Paul's Church Hall on Saturday 25th January to discuss and share about our Church. How do you feel in our Church? Do you feel welcomed? What was your most appreciated activity in our Church last year? What do you like to see improve in our Parish for 2025?

If you have any suggestions or points you want us to consider, please send a note to me at leoillah@rcaos.org.uk or to the Parish secretary at dover@rcaos.org.uk, or to the Pastoral Council lead, Malcom Fisher at malcermie@fastmail.fm. If you are from St. Finbarr's, you could send suggestions to Carina Jarvie at carinamjarvie@aol.com or to Anne Rowe at mrsannerowe@btinternet.com who is a member of the Pastoral Council. Our vision for 2025 will be centred on Faith Formation – Mission, Community and Worship. We will also look into projects for both our Churches in 2025. Ultimately, I ask everyone to pray for our Church, every evening at our family prayers; may the Holy Spirit guide us as we seek to grow together in love. Fr. Leo

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT CONSULTATION DOCUMENT. If you didn't pick up a booklet last weekend it can be downloaded from our website <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Called-to-Bear-Fruit-Consultation-Booklet.pdf>

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (WPCU) 2025: Ecumenical Service bringing the week to a close is taking place TODAY (Sunday) at 4.30pm, St Peter & St Paul's Church, River. All welcome.

THE NEW SUNDAY MISSALS HAVE ARRIVED If you ordered a missal, please contact Mary (07936 573155 or dover@rcaos.org.uk) to arrange collection and payment of £20. Or call into the presbytery on Tuesday or Thursday. Cash or cheque made payable to **RCAS Dover** or pay directly into the parish bank account **60-50-01 79114784** with the reference 'Missal'. If you haven't ordered a missal and would like your own personal copy, please let Mary know. Many thanks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) 2025 GROUP St Paul's and St Finbarr's.

Please note that the admittance to the FHC Programme 2025 has now closed as from Saturday 18th January. I'm delighted to let everyone know we have 20 children who are now being prepared at St Pauls and 4 children at St Finbarr's. All the children, from both churches, will make their FHC on Sunday 22nd June, The Feast of Corpus Christi. Recruitment to the FHC Programme 2026 for both churches begins in December 2025. Deacon Barry and Carine Jarvie.

ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY. No recital of the rosary or meeting of the bible study group at St Pauls Church on Thursday 30th January or Thursday 6th February 2025 respectively. The next recital and meeting will be on Thursday 13th February. Deacon Barry



FLAME: Calling all young people (16-35) to join us in attending Flame 2025, a Catholic youth event at Wembley Arena, starring Bear Grylls and others, on **March 15th, 2025**. Cost will be £30 (incl. travel). Please contact Jack 07710 430893 on WhatsApp to register. Fr. Leo and Fr. Godwin will be travelling with the young people on this event. Parents who will like to attend should also indicate.

GENERAL HEALING AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Sunday 9th February 2025. The World Day of Prayer for the Sick 2025 takes place on Tuesday 11th February. The nearest Sunday on which to hold our General Healing Service and Anointing is **Sunday 9th February, 3pm, St Pauls Church, Dover**. All of us need healing, spiritually, emotionally, or physically. The planned service is an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of the sick together. The service will be led by Fr. Leo, Fr Godwin, and Fr. Jamie. Please join us for this short service and pray for healing, either for yourself or for family loved ones. A second general healing service and anointing of the sick will be on 26th October 2025 at St Finbarr's, Aylesham. God bless. Fr. Leo

CHRISTMAS CARDS AT ST PAUL'S. Please check if you have any Christmas cards left on the window sill by the confessional. Any left at the end of January will be disposed of. Thank you.

FILM SHOW: Our Lady of Good Counsel parish in Hythe: Saturday 8th February at 6.00 pm in the hall, after the 5.00 pm Mass. 'The Old Curiosity Shop,' which is an adaptation of Charles Dickens story. See the poster in the porch.

SYNOD STUDY DAY AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH, BURGATE, CANTERBURY SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 10.30 – 15.30



RECEIVING THE FRUITS OF THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: A STUDY DAY WITH RENOWNED CATHOLIC COMMENTATOR AUSTEN IVEREIGH

Author, Biographer of Pope Francis, and Synod Delegate

- Hear more about what happened in the Synod Meetings
- Understand Pope Francis's vision of the ongoing synodal dialogue
- A chance to talk frankly and reflect at a local level
- Conversation in the Spirit - what that means for us

Free of Charge – refreshments & light lunch included Online registration

<https://Canterbury-synod-day.eventbrite.co.uk> Email/phone booking and queries: - Daphne Ellis daphnehellis@aol.com phone 07377 168174

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
	January/February 2025	
First Holy Communion Preparation	Every Saturday 9.30am	St Paul's Hall, Dover
First Holy Communion Preparation	Every Sunday 9.30am	St Finbarr's Aylesham
RCIA Course	Every Monday 7pm	St Paul's, Dover
Adult SYCAMORE Course	Every Wednesday 7pm	St Paul's, Dover
SYCAMORE Course for Young Adults	Every Sunday 6pm	St Paul's, Dover
St Paul's Junior Youth Group	Sunday 26 th January, after the 11am Mass - 12:15pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
Winter Soup Kitchen	Every Sunday 4pm – 6pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover

ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON has written a new book entitled **The Romero Rosary**. With introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero and the rosary, this beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (*Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory*) and the **NEW Romero Mysteries** (*Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace*) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at www.paulineuk.org. The Archbishop warmly invites everyone to the book launch on **Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 6.00 for 6.30pm** at **Amigo Hall, adjacent St George's Cathedral**, Southwark, South London. SE1 7HY.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE (BABM) – Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope. To celebrate Jubilee 2025 a one day Building a Better Marriage opportunity will be held during 2025.

1 February - Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs; **15 March** - Our Lady Queen of Peace, East Sheen; **28 June** – St Raphael Church, Kingston Upon Thames; **5 July** - St Thomas More, Dulwich; **13 September** – Southwark Cathedral, London; **4 October** – Holy Cross, Catford; **1 November** – St James the Great, Petts Wood.

Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ retreat for the bereaved - Aylesford Priory 21-23 March 2025
To join one of these please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2025 "Love One Another as I Have Loved You". 16th February 2025, 10:00 AM, St George's Cathedral, Southwark. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop John Wilson. View online: <https://youtube.com/live/0D0qTuRqDS0>

DOVER STREET PASTORS ARE HOLDING A QUIZ NIGHT Friday 28th February. Doors open 7pm for 7.30 pm start Raffle and interval games too! £3 per person with tables of 6 (accompanied children welcome) Teas, coffees and soft drinks on sale Please bring your own food (alcohol permitted) Venue: St Mary's Church Parish Centre, Cannon Street, Dover CT16 1BY To book, please email: dover@streetpastors.org.uk

CATECHISM ON PRAYER: What is prayer of adoration?



Prayers of adoration are similar to thanksgiving in that they both focus on God, but where thanksgiving concerns itself with praising God for all He has done, adoration praises God for Who He is. Adoration stands in awe of God and extols Him simply for being. King David demonstrated how to show God our adoration. While giving Solomon gifts for building the Lord's temple, he prayed this aloud, "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things." (1 Chronicles 29:11) Like

David, we can express our adoration through prayer. Prayers of adoration will calm any fear, lift our spirits, and fill us with indescribable joy. Join our Parish adoration at St. Paul's every Wednesday by 5:30-6:30pm and every Sunday at 3pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr's: Audrey Stitt, 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, 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: Lawrence Sullivan, James McIntyre Snr, Ada Garrity, Christina Whitehouse, Robert Frederick Mills, Emily Pevy, Kathleen & Thomas Hobbin, Cyril Tyson, June Bott, May Bishop, Ellen Donnachie, Tommy Yore, Barbara Berka.

St Paul's: Natalie Kean, Madeleine Turnbull, Rosetta Stopher, Canon Charles Walker, Padraig Gribbin, Marie Walsh, Gretta Stone, Joan Perry, Tom Williamson Ward, Kathleen Ellis, Mary Fisher, Victoria Anna Maria Payton, Terence White, Edward Marchant, Peter Brown, Betty Wiffen, Margaret Ann Williams, Ronald Tidmarsh, Francis 'Frenchie' Ball.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
	Saturday 25th January	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 26th January	9.30am 11.15am	First Holy Communion preparation in the Church Mass for Canon Jeremiah Cronin RIP (Anne & Jeremy)
	Wednesday 29th January	10.15am	Eucharistic Service
SAINT HENRY MORSE	Saturday 1st February	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Sunday 2nd February	9.30am 11.15am	First Holy Communion preparation in the Church Mass for Beth Dawtry RIP (Christine Dobson)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	Saturday 25th January	9.30am 10am 5pm 6pm	First Holy Communion preparation in the hall. Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Holy Souls Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Fr Thomas Connelly 'F'
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 26th January	9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Pam Boxhall RIP (Tim) Coffee after Mass Mass for G/E of Maureen Cunas Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Sycamore Course for Young Adults
SAINT ANGELA MERICI	Monday 27th January	10am 7pm	Mass for G/E Paul Smye Rumsby (Birthday) The RCIA course in the Upper Hall
SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS	Tuesday 28th January	10am	Mass for Sr Margaret Canny UJ RIP (Colin)
	Wednesday 29th January	10am 7pm	Mass for Mary Agnes Pink 'F' The Adult Sycamore Course
	Thursday 30th January	10am	NO ROSARY Mass for Protection of the Unborn (Tim) NO BIBLE STUDY
SAINT JOHN BOSCO	Friday 31st January	10am	Eucharistic Service
SAINT HENRY MORSE	Saturday 1st February	9.30am 10am 5pm 6pm	First Holy Communion preparation in the hall. Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E of Veronika & Ivo (Tim) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Sr Mary Dympna UJ RIP (Colin)
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	Sunday 2nd February	9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for G/E Chris Hill (Tim) Coffee after Mass Mass for Peter Evans RIP (Pat) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Sycamore Course for Young Adults

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2025

First reading Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

'They read from the book of the Law, and gave the meaning.'

In those days: Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it, all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Ezra and the Levites read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, 'Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 19(18):8. 9. 10. 15.

R John 6:63c

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect;
it revives the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are steadfast;
they give wisdom to the simple.

2. The precepts of the Lord are right;
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear;
it gives light to the eyes.

3. The fear of the Lord is pure,
abiding for ever.

The judgements of the Lord are true;
they are, all of them, just.

4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rock and my redeemer!

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

'You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.'

Brothers and Sisters: Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honourable we bestow the greater honour, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honour to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the Church first Apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor;

to proclaim liberty to the captives.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled.'

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an

orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

At that time: Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll, and found the place where it was written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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.