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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025

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**This weekend there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD.  
Envelopes available at the back of church.**



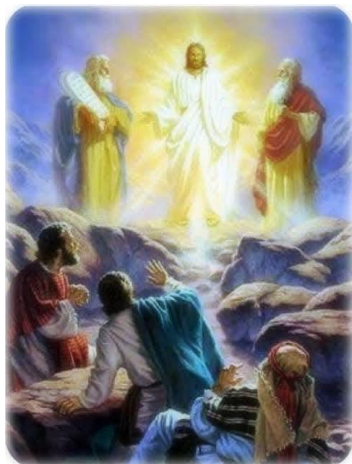
**St. Patrick's Irish Day Celebration Today 2pm – 5pm  
St Paul's hall. Afternoon Tea Party, Quiz & Bingo!  
Bring food to share and please wear something green.**



**PRIEST CORNER:** The last week was a very mixed week; sad that we lost Jane Francis who is a very active member of our Church. We keep praying for her gentle soul. On a joyful note, we travelled to Wembley in London with 25 young people (on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March) from our Parish to attend the flame conference in London. This event was attended by more than ten thousand young people across England and Wales. More details to be in the newsletter by next week.

During the week, Fr. John Panario will be in-charge of the Parish from Monday to Friday; all sick calls or other emergencies will refer to him. Fr. Leo and Fr. Godwin will be attending the annual retreat at Hinsley Hall in Leeds and will be back on Friday. Keep us in your prayers. Fr. Leo

**GOSPEL REFLECTION: A CALL FOR TRANSFORMATION (LK 9:28-36)** Jesus in today's gospel revealed his



future glory to Peter, James and John during his transfiguration on the mountain. They saw the glory and splendour of God revealed in Christ who represents the New Covenant; in Moses, who represents the Law; and in Elijah who represents the Prophets. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow him to consult his Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make Jesus' chosen disciples aware of his Divine glory so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. The Transfiguration established Jesus' glorious identity as the beloved Son of God. Just as Jesus' Transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against temptations, and our Lenten renewal. Beloved in Christ, Jesus' transfiguration offers us a message of encouragement and hope in moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness. We need "mountain-top experiences" in our lives like Peter, James, and John when we spend extra time in prayer and fasting during Lent. May the crosses of our daily

lives and our Holy Communion with the living Jesus be the source of our daily "transfiguration," transforming our minds and hearts so that we may do better by humble and selfless service to others, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Jane Francis from St Paul's who passed away suddenly last Monday. Jane was a lifelong parishioner of St Paul's. As a child she attended St Ursula's Convent School in Dover. She started the St Jude's Prayer Group in the parish 10 years ago. She will be greatly missed. Also please pray for Keith Armstrong, husband of Abina, who has died. May Jane and Keith both Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory, Amen. More details about the funeral dates will be published. Fr. Leo.

**NEXT WEEKEND** there will be a second Collection for Poor Parishes: formerly the Needs of the Diocese, this collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

**THANK YOU.** Anne and Peter Castle would like to thank Fr Leo, Fr Godwin and Deacon Barry for concelebrating Mass last Sunday in thanksgiving for their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, and thank everyone for their good wishes, lovely cards, flowers, gifts and Mass Offerings. **THANK YOU ALL.**

**IMPORTANT PETITION** Please consider signing the **Care Not Killing** petition which calls on MPs to vote against legalising assisted suicide in England and Wales. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill would make vulnerable people - including the elderly and disabled - feel a burden on family or carers resulting in pressure to end their lives. You can sign the petition here <https://carenotkilling.org.uk/petition/> or write to your MP Mike Tapp for Dover/Deal including Aylesham [mike.tapp.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:mike.tapp.mp@parliament.uk) or Tony Vaughan for Folkestone [tony.vaughan.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:tony.vaughan.mp@parliament.uk) or write to them at House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST PAUL'S: MUSTARD SEED:** The Mustard Seed Children's liturgy group is restarting at **St. Paul's this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March at the 9:15am Mass**, in the Parish Hall upstairs. Due to the lack of volunteers, the Mustard Seed will not run every Sunday, we shall start by holding it every third Sunday of the month and then follow through if we get more volunteers. If you are interested in being Part of the Volunteers to teach children, please speak to any of the Clergy asap. Dear Parents, bring your children to participate, starting today. God bless. Fr. Leo

**ST PAUL'S PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH & their families. Sunday 13th April 12pm-2pm** (After 11am Mass) Please join us for lunch to celebrate Palm Sunday & prepare for Holy Week. There will be songs, crafts & games with prizes to be won! We hope you can make it. Any questions please speak to George, Maeve or Laura.

**CONFIRMATION AT ST PAUL'S** began on **Saturday 15th March in the upper room of the parish hall from 10.30am to 11.30am.** If your child is 12 years and above, kindly email the Parish Office [dover@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dover@rcaos.org.uk) to enrol your child. The Bishop will lead the confirmation ceremony in the Autumn.

**MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: ALTAR SERVERS AND SACRISTANS:** For the month of March, we shall be focusing on encouraging the Altar Servers and Sacristans in both our Churches. Altar servers are a great sign of hope and joy for our Parish. They are like angels, serving God around the altar of God with dedication and grace. Serving Mass or serving as a Sacristan has no age limit; everyone is welcome. Join us for our training session on **March 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Finbarr's after the 11:15am Mass. Teas and Pizzas for our young people. Parents, please help us bring the Children. God bless. Fr. Leo.**

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September:** Estimated cost, for 3 nights half board accommodation £485 per person based on 2 people sharing (plus £60 single supplement). Estimated flight costs £270 per person. If you are interested in going please let Mary in the parish office know, email [dover@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dover@rcaos.org.uk) or message 07936 573155. God bless, Fr Leo.

**ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY ST PAUL'S** Next Thursday's pre 10am Mass rosary and post Mass bible study will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March. OT Book of Exodus.

**ST JUDE'S PRAYER GROUP.** The next meeting will be on **17th March at 2pm in the Parish Hall.** New members would be very welcome to join us. Prayers will be dedicated for the repose of the Soul of Jane Francis, the leader of the group who just died last week.

**SYCAMORE COURSE, FIDES & BIBLE STUDY** all combined session at **St. Finbarr's to begin on 18th March, 7pm.** Arrive for coffee, followed by inspiring videos, conversations and prayer. All are welcome.

**ST PAUL'S SCOUT GROUP** are holding a quiz night on **Tuesday 18th March 7.30pm at St Paul's Church Hall** to raise funds for the St Paul's Scout Group. Teams up to 6, cost is £4 per person. There will be a small buffet; Please feel free to bring your own drinks, however, tea and coffee will be available. Prizes for the winning (and the losing) team!! If you would like to book a table, please let me know at [davymcr@gmail.com](mailto:davymcr@gmail.com) but we will always welcome entries on the night. If you cannot find a team, please feel free to join us, and we will add you to one of the tables! Dave McRoberts.

**ST PAUL'S REPOSITORY.** Easter, Mother's Day, St. Patrick's, Birthday, Sympathy Cards and many others are on sale in the Church Hall after the 9:15 a.m. Sunday Mass each week, also rosaries and Holy Water bottles.

**LENT LUNCH SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH** Our Lady of Dover Church Hall, 12 noon until 2pm, Roosevelt Road, Buckland, Dover CT16 2AW. Bus route 61 from Pencester Bus Station. Homemade soups, baguettes & butter, coffee or tea. Everyone is welcome, drop in, bring friends and make new ones. Games & colouring for children. Donations will go to CAFOD to help fight global poverty. For further information or to help us on the day, call Pauline Lloyd on 07990 982552.

**CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN DOVER AGM 2025** takes place on **Thursday 20th March, 7pm, Upper Meeting Room, St Paul's Hall.** Refreshments provided. All welcome.

Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
	March / April 2025	
Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy	Every Third Sunday 9.15am	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
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 (final session 31 <sup>st</sup> March)	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Adult SYCAMORE Course	Every Wednesday 7pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
SYCAMORE Course for Young Adults	Every Sunday 6pm	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Stations of the Cross	Every Friday during Lent 6pm	St Paul's, Dover
Stations of the Cross	Every Sunday during Lent 10.30am	St Finbarr's Aylesham
Sacristan & Altar Server Training	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March after 11.15 Mass	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
SYCAMORE Course, Fides & Bible Study, all combined session	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 7pm	St. Finbarr's, Aylesham.
Confirmation Preparation	Every Saturday 10.30am	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Palm Sunday Celebration for the Children & their Families	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 12noon	St Paul's Hall, Dover

### ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION DAY AT THE FRIARS AYLESFORD 7th JUNE 2025

Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun. There will be lots of activities, for children as well as for adults. This will be the centre-piece event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will also be a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral in Southwark to The Friars (2-6 June 2025). More information at <https://rcaos.org.uk/faith/jubilee-2025/>. **The parish may arrange a coach. If you would like to go please let Mary in the parish office know, email [dover@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dover@rcaos.org.uk) or message 07936 573155. God bless, Fr Leo.**

### CATECHISM-THE SEASON OF LENT:

Lent is the period of six weeks (40 days not including Sundays). It is the time before Easter during which the faithful abstain and fast in remembrance of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made on Calvary. Lent starts on **Ash Wednesday** and the last week of Lent is called **Holy Week**. Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray before beginning his work for God. Jesus was tempted several times by Satan but was able to resist the temptation. Lent allows Christians to remember Jesus's prayer and fasting in the desert. It is a time of giving things up and a test of self-discipline. It is a time of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. It is a time of Reflection, Repentance, and Reconciliation. **Fasting and Abstinence during Lent:** There are two main ways that Catholics use to focus on growing closer to God during the Lenten season: abstinence and fasting. **ABSTINENCE:** This is the act of "doing without" or avoiding something. **FASTING:** Fasting is the act of doing with less. In the Catholic Church, those ages **18 - 59** must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (**Canon 97**). The time of Lent, through fasting and abstaining, may be an important reminder of what it means to suffer. This small suffering should not be met with misery but with great joy as we better understand the incredible sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for humanity.

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



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

**St Finbarr's:** Audrey Stitt, 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:** Maria Frost, Roz & Rob Pain, Rosa Mazzitelli, David Meadows, Roselene Hindle, Sr Rani Xavier, Thanima Jayan, Janice & Livra Fernandes, Catriona Stark, Chris Quinn, Mary Pressnell, Gaby Anaya Amor, 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:** Sarah Docherty, Zona Patricia Coleman, Gerard Christopher Whelan, Margaret Theresa 'Peggy' Donnachie, Frank Peter Golden, Julia Kelly, Rosanna Hancock, Michael Watts.

**St Paul's:** Catherine Marples, Annie Collins, Irene Lohan, Hilda Smith, Daisy Lewis, Douglas Bertelsen, Muriel Campbell, Hanna Balogova, Fr. Frank Parkinson, Agnes Carr, Edward Brown Brodie, Edith Jane MacKenzie, Ignace De Jaeger, Edward (Ted) Arman, Alice Archer, George Redman, Sr. Joseph DC.

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<b>EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S</b>			
	<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Mass</b>
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am 10.30am 11.15am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion preparation in the Church Stations of the Cross Mass for Dick &amp; Lena Gammie 'F'</b>
<b>SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM</b>	<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>SYCAMORE Course, Fides &amp; Bible Study Combined</b>
<b>SAINT JOSEPH, Patron of the Universal Church</b>	<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
	<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Mass</b>
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am 10.30am 11.15am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion preparation in the Church Stations of the Cross Mass for Mary Ann Potter 'F' Followed by Sacristans' &amp; Altar Servers' Training</b>
<b>EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S</b>			
	<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am 10am 10.30am 5pm 6pm</b>	<b>First Holy Communion preparation in the hall. Eucharistic Service in St Edmund's Chapel Confirmation preparation in the upper hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for St Paul's Young Adults</b>
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.15am 11am 2pm 3pm 6pm</b>	<b>Mass for G/E Maureen McCue Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy in the upper hall Coffee after Mass Mass for Keith Beddow RIP (Ian Middleton) St Patrick's Celebration Tea &amp; Quiz in the hall Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Sycamore Course for Young Adults</b>
<b>SAINT PATRICK, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</b>	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>10am 2pm 7pm</b>	<b>Mass for Danielle Sutton RIP (Sheila) St Jude's Prayer Group in the hall RCIA course in the upper hall</b>
<b>SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM Bishop and Doctor of the Church.</b>	<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
<b>SAINT JOSEPH, Patron of the Universal Church</b>	<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>10am 5.30pm 7pm</b>	<b>Mass for G/E Patrick, Angela &amp; Family (Kath Quigley) Exposition and Holy Rosary (to 6.30pm) Adult Sycamore Course in the hall</b>
	<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am 10am 10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Jane Francis RIP (Sheila) Bible Study in the hall OT Book of Exodus</b>
	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>10am 6pm</b>	<b>Mass for G/E Peter &amp; Anne Castle (Ronnie Mitchinson) Stations of the Cross</b>
	<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30am 10am 10.30am 5pm 6pm</b>	<b>First Holy Communion preparation in the hall. Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Mary SR (Sheila) Confirmation preparation in the upper hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Jane Francis RIP (Theresa)</b>
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm</b>	<b>Mass for Anne &amp; Peter Castle 60<sup>th</sup> W/A (Sheila) Coffee after Mass Mass for Jane Francis RIP (The Lisieux Pilgrims) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Sycamore Course for Young Adults</b>

# READINGS FOR SUNDAY 16TH MARCH 2025

## First reading

**Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

*God enters into a covenant with Abram, the man of faith.*

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

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## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 27(26):1. 7-8b. 8c-9c. 13-14. R1a**

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

whom should I dread?

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;

have mercy and answer me.

Of you my heart has spoken,

'Seek his face.'

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;

hide not your face from me.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;

you have been my help.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness

in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong;

be stout-hearted and wait for the Lord!

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

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## Second reading

**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

*Christ will configure us to his glorious body.*

Brothers and sisters join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

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## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.**

**From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:**

**'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.**

**Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.**

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## **Gospel**

## **Luke 9:28b-36**

*'As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered.'*

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

### **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.**