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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **SUNDAY 2nd MARCH 2025**

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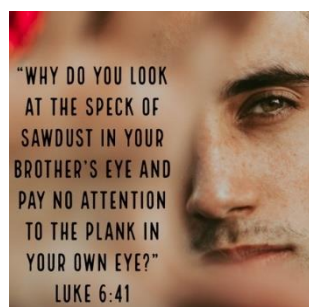


**Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and a day of Fasting
and Abstinence Mass at St Paul 10am & 7pm,
St. Finbarr 10.15am**

PRIEST'S CORNER: THANK YOU WSK: In the last 4 months, our Parish has organised the Winter Soup Kitchen (WSK), running every Sunday from 4pm to 6pm. For every week since its start, we have consistently had more than eleven guests, who are either homeless or struggling with one issue or the other, come into the hall to sit down and be listened to and cared for. I want to thank all our volunteers who have made this WSK event successful. I also want to thank some parishioners who have donated to support this program. Thank you for opening your hearts to the poor and the needy of Dover. I am so glad that our Parish is able to create a space for the poor and the needy. Sunday the 2nd of March will be the last one for this season. We shall open the WSK event again by November, 2025. God bless and reward you all. Fr. Leo.

I will travel to the Isle of Man on Monday the 3rd to 7th of March to attend the leadership meeting of my Order. While I am away, Fr. Godwin will take care of the Parish. Another Priest, Fr. Pascoal Domingos, CSSp will be around to support for the Ash Wednesday Services. God bless. Fr. Leo.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: THE SPECK IN YOUR BROTHER'S EYE: (LK 6:39-45)



One of the problems of our generation is the rate at which we are pre-occupied, fixated and focused on the faults of other people rather than ourselves. We forget that we have our journey and people we meet also have their own journey; we spend hours and loads of time seeking to know some negative stories or news about other people. Jesus draws our attention to practical points of Christian living and challenges us to use words as he used them in his preaching and healing ministry: to heal, restore and bring back life, joy, and hope. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus condemns our careless, malicious and rash judgments about the behaviour, feelings, motives, or actions of others by using the examples of one blind man leading another blind man and one man with a log stuck in his eye, trying to remove a tiny speck from another's eye. Jesus does not mean that we should not correct immoral behaviour and sexual misbehaviour or stop admonishing children and students as parents and teachers, or, worse, should promote moral relativism. In both Matthew and Luke, the statements that follow the prohibition on judging indicate that it is an elaboration of the Golden Rule—the idea that we should treat others the way that we, ourselves, want to be treated. We must avoid gossiping about, and passing rash, thoughtless and pain-inflicting judgments on others, damaging their good reputation and causing irreparable harm. We should leave all judgment to God, practice mercy and forgiveness, and pray for God's grace to get rid of all forms of hypocrisy in our own lives. Lord, help us to look more on the inside, seeking ways to love you above all things. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS to Theresa & Keith Wells who celebrate their 56th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. You are all invited for coffee in the parish hall after the 9.15am Mass today.

NEXT SUNDAY 9th MARCH, Anne and Peter Castle celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary (60 years) with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 9.15am and afterwards invite family and friends to join them for Coffee and Cakes in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION AT ST PAUL'S. The Confirmation Class at St. Paul's is to commence tentatively 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 to enrol your child. The Bishop will lead the confirmation ceremony in the summer.



FLAME: A Catholic youth event at Wembley Arena, starring Bear Grylls and others, on **March 15th, 2025**. Cost will be £30 (incl. travel). Coach will leave Dover at 7.30am and return by 9pm. Please contact Jack 07710 430893 on WhatsApp to register. Parents who would like to attend should also indicate. **There will be a meeting for all those attending the event next Sunday 9th March at 6pm in the upper room of the parish hall. This will replace the Youth Sycamore Course. Fr. Leo.**

SVP IS BACK TO ACTION: (St. Vincent de Paul Society). Our Dover SVP is back to work; serving the poor and the needy of Dover; caring for people and touching lives in the example of Jesus. Do you feel called to join them? Speak to any of the Clergy or to Liz Whelan. Next Meeting is 11th of March, 6:30pm at the Parish upper hall. God bless. Fr. Leo

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 sessions coming up in both Churches in March. **March 9th after the 11am Mass at St. Paul's and March 23rd 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 Fri 19th to Mon 22nd 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 or message 07936 573155. God bless, Fr Leo.

ANNUAL ACT OF REMEMBRANCE for the Zeebrugge Disaster takes place on **Thursday 6th March 10:30am**, at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club, 4 - 5 Waterloo Crescent, Dover CT16 1LA. Following the reading of the roll and prayers there will be tea/coffee and a chance to talk, followed by a walk to the end of the Marina Pier for those who wish, for a final act of remembrance. All welcome. Canon David Slater, Lead Chaplain to the Port of Dover.

Photo of the memorial painting in St Paul's church of the tragic sinking of The Herald of Free Enterprise in 1987 generously funded by St Richard's School.



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.

ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY ST PAUL'S. The next Rosary and Bible Study meeting at St Paul's will be on **Thursday 6th March**. OT Book of Exodus. Deacon Barry.

OUR PARISH ST. PATRICK'S IRISH DAY CELEBRATION: Sunday 16th March 2pm – 5pm, St Paul's hall. Afternoon Tea Party, Quiz & Bingo! - Bring food to share and please wear something green. Tea/coffee provided.

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 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.

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL Hythe, Kent, invites you to an evening of film showing *"Arsenic and Old Lace", a comedy of action and misunderstandings...* at the Parish Hall, 2 Blackhouse Hill, Corner of Mill Road, Hythe, CT21 5LS on **Saturday 8th March 2025, at 6.00pm**. A 1944 American screwball black comedy. Entry is free of charge, do come along. Bring your own nibbles and wine – free coffee and tea will be provided. Donations appreciated for the refurbishment of the hall. More info on the poster at the back on church.

STELLA MARIS ICON SCHOOL OPEN DAY 8th MARCH - Line, Movement, Rhythm: Parish Hall, Our Lady Help of Christians Folkestone, CT20 1EF. Find out more about Christian iconography from Irina Gorbounova-Lomax, renowned iconographer and art historian. 2-3pm Free talk and presentation open to all (retiring collection). 10am-1pm Painting masterclass in decorative motif for those with some painting experience. **To book a place for either or both events please contact amandadepulford@gmail.com.**

| Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal | | |
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| | February/March 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 (NOT ON ASH WEDNESDAY) | St Paul's, Dover |
| SYCAMORE Course for Young Adults | Every Sunday 6pm | St Paul's, 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 9 th March after 11am Mass | St Paul's, Dover |
| Sacristan & Altar Server Training | Sunday 23 rd March after 11.15 Mass | St Finbarr's, Aylesham |
| St Patrick's Irish Day Celebration Tea Party | Sunday 16 th March 2pm | St Paul's Hall |
| SYCAMORE Course, Fides & Bible Study, all combined session | Starting Tuesday 18 th March 7pm | St. Finbarr's, Aylesham. |

PENCESTER ROAD DOVER FAST TRACK – PROGRESS UPDATE NEWSLETTER. A progress update on these works has been provided by KCC. A few copies of their newsletter are available at the back of St Paul's or can be accessed online <https://www.parihofthegoodshepherd.uk/newsletters/>

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 or message 07936 573155. God bless, Fr Leo.**

SYCAMORE ONLINE COURSE for married and engaged couples, begins on **Tuesday 4th March and continues on 11th, 18th, 25th and April 1st 2025**. Couples are welcome but if only one can attend, please join us! To register click on the link <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together> . *Growing in Faith Together - Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis.*

CATECHISM ON ASH WEDNESDAY:

Ash Wednesday is the doorway into our Lenten season of renewal – a day rich in associations and symbolism. It marks the beginning of Lent, (40 days) a time for turning again to the practice of our faith, in prayer, self-denial (fasting) and practical generosity (almsgiving). **Receiving Ashes; An outward sign of an inner step;** turning again to God, seeking his mercy, forgiveness and help. On Ash Wednesday, all Catholic are invited to Pray, fast, abstain from Meat and do Penance. May we be blessed with a fruitful Journey. Amen.

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: 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: Mary Agnes Proctor, Roger Turnbull, Zillah Quinn, Winifred Wilson, Margaret Carton, Frederick James Tanner, Marie Clementine Dodds.

St Paul's: Sr. Grace Mullan UJ, Maureen Sandell, Sr. Clarissa DC, Mary Curtin, Kate Storey, Fr. Michael O'Hagan, Brigid Spinks, Terry Clapson, Reginald Farmer, Roger Andrew Weatherstone, Elizabeth Hyndman, Kenneth Clark, John O'Connor, Kathleen Ann Carmel Morris, Alan Medhurst, Noel lee Vasquez, Siobhan Sinclair-McClire, 193 lives lost on Herald of Free Enterprise, Archbishop Peter Smith, Virginia Marchant, George Reid, Mary Sherwood, Jane Vallee Moonsamy, Cyril Connolly, Jim Costello, Jim Carter.

| EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S | | | |
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| ST. DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES | Saturday 1 st March | 4pm | Syro Malabar Mass |
| EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Sunday 2 nd March | 9.30am 11.15am | First Holy Communion preparation in the Church Mass for All Deceased Miners of Aylesham |
| ASH WEDNESDAY | Wednesday 5 th March | 10.15am | Mass for Deceased Clergy of Aylesham with St Joseph's School and Blessing of Ashes |
| ST. JOHN OF GOD | Saturday 8 th March | 4pm | Syro Malabar Mass |
| FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT | Sunday 9 th March | 9.30am 10.30am 11.15am | First Holy Communion preparation in the Church Stations of the Cross Mass for Kathleen McCallum & Family |
| EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S | | | |
| ST. DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES | Saturday 1 st March | 9.30am 10am 5pm 6pm | First Holy Communion preparation in the hall. Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E Veronika & Ivo (Tim) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for G/E Kathleen Quigley (Parish) |
| EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Sunday 2 nd March | 9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm | Mass for Mary & Harry Curtin RIP (John & Mary) Coffee after Mass Mass for Chris Francis RIP (Jane) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Sycamore Course for Young Adults |
| | Monday 3 rd March | 10am 7pm | Eucharistic Service. RCIA course in the Upper Hall |
| ST. CASIMIR | Tuesday 4 th March | 10am | Mass for Martin Alan Jones RIP (Tim) and Elizadel Rio RIP (Iliana) |
| ASH WEDNESDAY | Wednesday 5 th March | 10am 5.30pm 7pm | Mass for Jean MacKenzie RIP (Robert) with Blessing of Ashes Exposition and Holy Rosary (to 6.30pm) Mass for Ernest Csik RIP with Blessing of Ashes NO Adult Sycamore Course in the hall |
| | Thursday 6 th March | 9.30am 10am 10.30am | Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Victims of Herald of Free Enterprise 'F' Bible Study in the hall OT Book of Exodus |
| ST. PERPETUA & ST. FELICITY. WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER | Friday 7 th March | 10am 6pm | Mass for G/E Anne & Peter Castle (Mary) Stations of the Cross |
| ST. JOHN OF GOD | Saturday 8 th March | 9.30am 10am 5pm 6pm | First Holy Communion preparation in the hall. Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E Anne & Philip Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Joe McCann RIP (Tim) |
| FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT | Sunday 9 th March | 9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm | Mass for Peter & Anne Castle 60 th Wedding Anniversary Coffee after Mass Mass for Caterina Marsella (Angelina Gismondi) Followed by Sacristans' & Altar Servers' Training Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet FLAME Meeting (NO Sycamore Course for Young Adults) |

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 2ND MARCH 2025

First reading

Sirach 27:4-7

'Do not praise a man before you hear him reason.'

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person's filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; likewise, the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so, the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person's mind.

Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 92(91):2-3. 13-14. 15-16. R cf. 2a

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning,
and your truth in the watches of the night.

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

The just one will flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord,
they will flourish in the courts of our God.

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

Still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is upright.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

'He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ.'

Brothers and Sisters: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15d, 16a

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.**

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

'Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.'

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: 'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.'

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.