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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2026

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES

PRIEST CORNER: We welcome Bishop Paul Hendricks to The Parish of the Good Shepherd today as he celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11am Mass at St Paul's. We pray for the candidates who will be Confirmed.

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

When we take a closer look at how a shepherd cares for his flock, giving them water, food and caring for them



when they are sick, we see love in action. The prophet Ezekiel in the first reading gave a good picture of what a good shepherd looks like. In ideal situation, the king should be like the shepherd who cares for those he leads. In the practical world, this is rare to find as such cares often are selective. The celebration of Christ the King of the universe shows that in Jesus we see a great contrast between the two types of kingships. He, like the shepherd, cares for all His sheep without a favourite. He leads the way by His lifestyle and has given us instructions on how to remain in the sheepfold by caring for one another. God gave us the freedom of choice between doing His will and remaining in His care. Just like doing the will of the king comes with blessings while going contrary brings consequences. It is the freedom that we will account for how and when we used it. Freedom to be kind to others or freedom to neglect, which Jesus confirms that any of these actions are done to Him and not to the person we see hence reward or punishment afterwards. Let us learn to see Jesus in others even when they don't look like Jesus.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 2026 this weekend. The second collection will support the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which helps young people encounter Christ, grow in authentic friendship, and be equipped for mission in the Church and the world. To find out more about our activities for young people and young adults, visit www.scys.org.uk or scan the QR code. Additional resources are available from the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) at www.cymfed.org.uk/wys

FAMILIA UNA will be having a talk by Deacon Barry at 6pm today Sunday 22nd November about his personal journey on becoming a Deacon and what it is like to be a Deacon. All welcome and some refreshments provided.

PLEASE PRAY for Zofia Olga Siekanska who has passed away. Zofia's funeral service will take place at St Paul's Church at 12.30pm on Monday 30th November, followed by burial at Aylesham Cemetery at 2pm. May Zofia Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory, Amen.

ST PAUL'S WINTER SOUP KITCHEN Thank you to all those who indicated an interest in the Winter Soup Kitchen. There will be a briefing meeting on Sunday 6th December at 4pm in the Church Hall to which you are all warmly welcome. We hope to start this ministry again this year on Sunday 13th December. Every blessing, Claudine.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) PREPARATION CLASSES 2027 **St Paul's classes start on Saturday 9th January 2027 in St Paul's Church Hall,** next to the church, from 9.30am - 11am. **St Finbarr's classes start Sunday 10th January 2027** at **St Finbarr's Church between 9.30am and 11am.** Classes only take place during term time. Deacon Barry delivers the course at St Paul's assisted by Mrs Wright and Mrs McHugh. The course at St Finbarr's is led by Mrs Jarvie. Each child must have reached the age of 7 i.e. school year 3 (Key Stage 2). Each child must be baptised before they can make their FHC. If your child is not baptised this can be arranged either before the FHC classes start or during the FHC course. **Every child must be accompanied by a parent on each 90-minute session and must remain with their child throughout.** The cost of the course is £30 per child and covers teaching materials, refreshments, cost of certificates etc. Financial assistance, in respect of the course cost, is confidentially available upon request. Please ask. Application forms are available from the back of both churches and via the parish website https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/reconcilliation-first-holy-communion/
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ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE FOR NOVEMBER. In keeping with the tradition of the church in the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have died and gone before us. You are invited to bring along photographs of your departed relatives and friends, these can be displayed on the altar. Envelopes are available to write the names of your departed loved one. Please put those in the box provided with your donation. The Eucharist will be offered for them for the whole month of November. Please also remember to book Masses for their intentions. The procedure for this is to use the Mass intention envelopes which you can find at the back of the church; these can then be passed on to the officiating priest or put in the collection bags. Alternatively, please contact Theresa Gordon at St Paul's by email: dovasoul@hotmail.com Thank you.

ST FINBARR'S CORNER:
1. Children's Liturgy Every Sunday during November and December
2. Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir Coming Home For Christmas, St Finbarr's Church Friday 11th December Start Time 7pm Tickets £10 under 16's free. In aid of building maintenance and improvement works of the church. Refreshments available. Tickets available from www.ticketsource.com/scwmvc or call Al Polden 07757 714143 or from St Finbarr's.
3. Christmas Carol Service - Our Christmas Carol service this year will hold on **Wednesday, 16th December 2026** at 7pm, please come along and invite a friend to share in the joy of Advent.

CAROL SINGING OPPORTUNITIES **Carol Singing at Beech Grove, Saturday 5th December, 6.30pm,** Beech Grove, Forest Drive, Nonnington, CT14 4FB, 01304 842980.
CTID. Shine Your Light! Come and join the BIG Christmas Carol sing! With music by the Eythorne Baptist Church Silver Band, at **St James' Shopping Centre, Dover Saturday 12th December 2-3pm.**

ST PAUL'S CHRISTMAS BAAZAR NEXT SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER **10am–2pm in the parish hall**. Donations of craft, toys, bric-a- brac and raffle prizes gratefully received. Please place in the box provided at the back of St Paul's.

ST PAUL'S CAROL SERVICE CONCERT ON MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER AT 6PM. The combined choirs would like as many people as possible to sing with us in the Carol Concert. Rehearsals will be held from the end of November on Mondays from 7pm in the church. Please let the parish know by 22nd November if you would like to join us so we can plan the repertoire. 07936 573155 dover@rcaos.org.uk Many thanks Vicki, Michael and Marie.

RCIA COURSE every **Wednesday at 7pm** in the Upper Hall at St. Paul's.

QUIZ NIGHT **Tuesday 24th November 7.30pm St Paul's Hall.** Teams up to 6 people, £5 per person. Reserve your table by emailing davymcr@gmail.com. Bring your own drinks & snacks. All funds go directly to 13th Dover Scout Group to benefit the Beavers, Cubs & Scouts.

ADMISSION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KENT 2026, ST RICHARD'S, DOVER AND ST JOSEPH'S AYLESHAM Apply online at https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places Opens **Friday, 6th Nov 2026** and closes midnight on **Friday, 15th Jan 2027.**

THE NATIVITY OF THE CHRIST. Parishioners, from across the Deanery, are invited to attend a free of charge, Advent Retreat, to hear the story of the Nativity of Christ, based on the history and life of Our Lady as manifested to Venerable Mother Mary Agreeda of Spain, in the book 'The Mystical City of God,' Imprimatur Feb 1949.
Advent Retreat Details: Saturday 12th December 2026, 1pm - 4.30pm, St John the Evangelist, Mongeham, CT14 9LD. Led by Rev. Dr. Barry Barton, Parish Deacon, Parish of the Good Shepherd, Dover and Aylesham.
Theme: The Nativity of Christ: Mary and Joseph's preparations; journey to Bethlehem; birth of Christ and His adoration by Mary, St Joseph, angels, shepherds, animals and the Maji.
Structure: 1pm Lunch*, **1.30pm Session 1:** Mary and Joseph's preparations, journey to Bethlehem. Refreshments. **Session 2:** Birth of Christ and the subsequent adorations. 4.30pm Finish. * Please bring with you not only your lunch but a Catholic Bible or New Testament. Free tea and coffee will be provided

ADVENT RETREATS. 4th December: 'Light in the Darkness.' A Retreat Day at Minster Abbey. December 7th- 11th: Advent online Retreat with daily inspirational speakers. Contact Eddie Gilmore: gileag@gmail.com www.eddiegilmore.org

DAILY REFLECTION FOR ADVENT: As an aid to personal prayer during Advent, the Spirituality Commission have produced a helpful daily reflection based on the readings for the day. Each is short, practical and calls us to action. All who register will receive an email each morning directly to their inbox! To sign up - here is the link http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv or you can take a look at their website www.southwarkdsc.org.uk and click on the box marked **ADVENT REFLECTIONS**.

Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal, 2026		
Mustard Seed Youth Prayer Warriors Holy Rosary	Saturday 3pm	St Paul's, Dover
Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy	First and Third Sunday 11am	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Finbarr's Children's Liturgy	Sunday 11am	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
St Jude's Prayer Group	Third Monday 2pm – 3pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
'Familia Una' Adult Youth Group	Sunday 6pm	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Fides Prayer Group St Paul's	Wednesday 6:40pm for 7pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
RCIA Course	Wednesday 7pm	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Holy Rosary	Thursday 9.30am	St Paul's, Dover
Bible Study	Thursday 10.30am NO BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK	St Paul's, Dover
Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 28th November 10am -2pm	St Paul's, Dover
Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir	Friday 11th December 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Carol Service Concert	Wednesday 16th December 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Carol Service Concert	Monday 21st December 6pm	St Paul's, Dover

CATECHISM-
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Baptism, the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the "Sacraments of Christian initiation," whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For "by the Sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed." Anointing with oil has all these meanings in the sacramental life. the pre-baptismal anointing with the oil of catechumens signifies cleansing and strengthening; the anointing of the sick expresses healing and comfort. the post-baptismal anointing with sacred chrism in Confirmation and ordination is the sign of consecration. By Confirmation Christians, that is, those who are anointed, share more completely in the mission of Jesus Christ and the fullness of the Holy Spirit with which he is filled, so that their lives may give off "the aroma of Christ." By this anointing the confirm and receives the "mark," the seal of the Holy Spirit. A seal is a symbol of a person, a sign of personal authority, or ownership of an object. Hence soldiers were marked with their leader's seal and slaves with their master's. A seal authenticates a juridical act or document and occasionally makes it secret. (CCC 1285, 1294 & 1295)

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr's: Kay Billington, Charlotte, 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: Mick King, Yvonne O'Reagan, Sheila Henneker, Keely Cookson, David Underdown, Sr. Jennifer Sanders, Carol Manton, Oliver O'Connor, Helen Scopes, John Doyle, Maria Frost, Roz & Rob Pain, Rosa Mazzitelli, Sr Rani Xavier, Thanima Jayan, Janice & Livra Fernandes, Catriona Stark, Mary Pressnell, Gaby Anaya Amor, Pat Evans, Shirley Lazarus, Shirley Jefford, Gail White, John & Joyce Nix, Bailey Turner, Peggy Merrell, Ryan Whittall, Jean Ann Dowle, Norman Woolhouse, Ted Peel, Christopher Browne, Alice Wilson, Angela Henbrey, Madison Woodall, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Emin Jain, Pat & Patricia Sherratt, Chris Roy.

Please Pray for those whose death anniversaries occur this week:

St Finbarr's: Darryl, Ellen Meakin, Molly Monaghan.
St Paul's: Colin Williams, Fr. Edmund Buckley, Jim Mulligan, Stella Cole, Jean MacKenzie, Henry McMillan, Sean Wood, Anne McDade, David Nunn, Ernest Tumber, Dawn Wells, Elizabeth McCornish, Thomas Keith Willson, Jose Quinn, Hurrell Robertson, Alf Huntley, Phyllis May Middleton, Elizabeth Casey, Florrie Healy, Terence Dowling, David Kinloch Hendry, Harold Hannaby.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Sunday 22nd November	11am	Mass for People of the Parish
SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR.	Wednesday 25th November	10am	Mass for Holy Souls
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Sunday 29th November	11am	Mass for People of the Parish
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Saturday 21st November	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Community at St. John's House Confirmation Class in the Upper Hall Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Jean Mackenzie 'F'
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Sunday 22nd November	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Arthur Cloke RIP (Matthew) and Fr Edmund Buckley 'F' Coffee after Mass CONFIRMATION Mass for Candidates with Bishop Paul Hendricks Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Familia Una with a talk by Deacon Barry
SAINT CLEMENT I, POPE AND MARTYR OR SAINT COLUMBAN, ABBOT.	Monday 23rd November	10am	Mass for Jean Mackenzie RIP (Robert)
SAINTS ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS	Tuesday 24th November	10am	Mass for Jemma RIP
SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR.	Wednesday 25th November	10am 5.30pm 7pm 7pm	Mass for Dawn Wells RIP (Keith & Theresa) Exposition and Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Fides Prayer Group in the Hall - Refreshments from 6.40pm RCIA Course in the Upper Hall
	Thursday 26th November	9.30am 10am	Holy Rosary Mass for Christian Unity NO Bible Study this week
	Friday 27th November	10am	Mass for Sr. Mary Dympna RIP (Colin)
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Saturday 28th November	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for St. Paul's Soup Kitchen Christmas Bazaar in St Paul's Hall until 2pm Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for The Sloggett Family (Jonathan)
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Sunday 29th November	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Umberto & Vittoria Corbo (Lina) Coffee after Mass Mass for Sr. Margaret Canny RIP (Colin) and Arthur Price 'F' Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Familia Una with an Alpha session

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Readings for Sunday 22nd November 2026

First reading
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
'**As for you, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.**'

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

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Responsorial Psalm
Ps 23(22):1-2a. 2b-3. 5. 6. ℟1

The* LORD *is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
The* LORD *is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.
He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
The* LORD *is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.
The* LORD *is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.
The* LORD *is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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Second reading **1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28**
'Christ delivers the kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all.'

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation
Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia.

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Gospel **Matthew 25:31-46**
'He will sit on his glorious throne and he will separate people one from another.'

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."

'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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.