



**SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS
OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION
on the
33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

16th November 2025 at 10.30am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Richborough

To be baptized and Confirmed:

Paul Bryden

Emma Fuller

To be Confirmed:

Amaia Lampard-Anderson

Elicia Lampard-Anderson

Andrew de Ferrars

Emma de Ferrars

Marcus Madir

Michael Maruev

Oliver Savill

Parish Priest: Fr Henry Everett SSC

Welcome to St George's! This booklet contains all the material you will need for today's celebration of Mass. We hope that you will find this service easy to follow, but please do not be afraid to ask if you are unsure what to do at any point. The building is fitted with an induction loop and you will find the best results away from the pillars.

Families with small children are very welcome to make use of the carpeted play area at the back of church, where you will find books, crayons and soft toys.

Older children are invited to join the Children's Church, who go out to their own activities in the Hall after the opening hymn, and return in time for Communion.

A toilet is at the back of church, behind the screen. After Mass, please join us in the hall for refreshments. Before Mass, please try to maintain an atmosphere of quiet prayer.

Mass setting: Dom Gregory Murray, New People's Mass.

Please stand when the bell rings, for the procession of the clergy and servers, and to sing hymn REH 410:

**With Christ we share a mystic grave,
With Christ we buried lie;
But not within the darksome cave
By mournful Calvary.**

**The pure and bright baptismal flood
Entombs our nature's stain:
New creatures from the cleansing wave
With Christ we rise again.**

**Thrice blest, if through this world of sin,
And lust and selfish care,
Our resurrection mantle white
And undefiled we wear.**

**Thrice blest, if through the gate of death,
Glorious at last and free,**

**We to our joyful rising pass,
O risen Lord with thee.**

**And now to thy thrice holy Name,
The God whom we adore,
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
Be glory evermore. Alleluya! Amen.** *Attr to John Mason Neale (1818-66) altd.*

The bishop sings:

Bishop In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Bishop Peace be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The bishop introduces the Mass, sends Children's Church to their activities, and invites the people to recall and confess their sins:

Bishop The Lord is gracious and full of compassion: his mercy is over all his works. Trusting in the goodness of God our creator we turn to him in penitence for our sins.

People **I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Bishop May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life,

People **Amen.**

People Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We all sing the Gloria.

People **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Then the bishop prays the collect:

Bishop Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Now sit to listen to the first reading:

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi. (*Malachi 3; 19-20*).
Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.
This is the word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated to sing the Psalm (98)



- 6 Praise the Lord up- | on the | harp :
sing to the | harp ' with a | psalm of | thanksgiving.
- 7 With trumpets | also ' and | shawms :
O shew yourselves joyful be- | fore the | Lord the | King.



- 8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that | therein | is :
the round world, and | they that | dwell there- | in.
- 9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together be- |
fore the | Lord :
for he is | come to | judge the | earth.
- 10† With righteousness shall he | judge the | world :
and the | people | with_ | equity.

† = second half of chant

Remain seated for the second reading:

Reader A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians. (2 Thessalonians 3; 7-12)

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to

imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

This is the word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

After a moment of silent reflection, stand for the gospel acclamation:

Choir Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Choir Straighten up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Priest The Lord be with you,

People **And also with you.**

Priest A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (*Luke 21; 5-19*)

People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Priest At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes,

and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Please sit for the Homily from the bishop of Richborough.

The candidates for baptism stand and come forward to stand before the bishop. The bishop asks Paul and Emma:

Bishop Do you wish to be baptized?

Paul & Emma **I do.**

The remaining candidates stand and come forward, and the bishop asks them:

Bishop Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?

Candidates **I have.**

The bishop asks all the candidates:

Bishop Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

Candidates **I am.**

The bishop says to the congregation:

Bishop Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord

is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

People **With the help of God, we will.**

The bishop says to all the candidates:

Bishop In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

Candidates **I reject them.**

Bishop Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Candidates **I renounce them.**

Bishop Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

Candidates **I repent of them.**

Bishop Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Candidates **I turn to Christ.**

Bishop Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Candidates **I submit to Christ.**

Bishop Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

Candidates **I come to Christ.**

The bishop makes the sign of the cross on Paul and Emma, using the Oil of Catechumens.

Bishop Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

People **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

Bishop May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

People **Amen.**

The procession goes to the font, as the Choir sing the Litany of the Saints.

The congregation turn to face the font.

The bishop stands at the font and says:

Bishop Praise God who made heaven and earth,

People **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Bishop Lord of the heavens, we bless your name for all your servants who have been a sign of your grace through the ages. You delivered Noah from the waters of destruction; you divided the waters of the sea, and by the hand of Moses you led your people from slavery into the Promised Land. You made a new covenant in the blood of your Son, that all who confess his name may, by the Holy Spirit, enter the covenant of grace, receive a pledge of the kingdom of heaven, and share in the divine nature. Fill these waters, we pray, with the power of that same Spirit, that all who enter them may be reborn and rise from the grave to new life in Christ. As the apostles and prophets, the confessors and martyrs, faithfully served you in their generation, may we be built into an eternal dwelling for you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The bishop addresses the congregation:

Bishop Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

Bishop Paul and Emma, is this your faith?

Candidates **This is my faith.**

The bishop baptizes Paul and Emma:

Bishop N, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

The bishop sprinkles all the candidates for confirmation with water from the font. Then he prays:

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized into your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The bishop sprinkles the congregation with baptismal water as the procession returns to the sanctuary and the choir sing "Vidi Aquam".

The candidates return to their places, where they stand. The congregation sit.

The bishop stands and says:

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord
People **who has made heaven and earth.**
Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord
People **now and for ever. Amen.**
Bishop Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord. **Amen.**

Each candidate is led forward in turn by their sponsor, who presents the candidate to the bishop:

Bishop N, God has called you by name and made you his own.
The bishop lays his hand on the candidate's head, saying:
Bishop Confirm, O Lord, your servant N with your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The bishop anoints each candidate with the oil of Chrism, saying:

Bishop N, be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
Peace be with you.

Candidate And also with you.

The bishop invites the congregation to pray for the newly-confirmed:

People **Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly
grace, that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

The congregation greet the newly baptized and confirmed.

Please sit, as the Choir sing the anthem “A Gaelic Blessing” by Sir John Rutter (b.1945), while bread and wine are brought to the altar.

Stand to sing hymn 439, as the altar is prepared and the collection is taken. If you want to give by card, there is a card reader at the back of church.

**At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.**

**At his voice creation
Sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces,
All the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations,
Stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders,
In their great array.**

**Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When from death he passed:**

**Bore it up triumphant
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height,**

To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true:
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored.

Surely, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
In the Father's glory,
With his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-77) altd.

The bishop says

Bishop Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may
be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the
praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good
of all his holy Church.**

Bishop Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of
your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being
devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting
happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The bishop sings the opening of the Eucharistic Prayer:

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The bishop prays the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer, and then all sing the Sanctus and Benedictus:

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel. The Eucharistic Prayer continues, until the Words of Institution. Then all make the Memorial Acclamation:

Bishop The mystery of faith.

People **Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.**

The bishop concludes the Eucharistic Prayer, and all sing:

People **Amen!**

Please stand for the Lord's Prayer.

Bishop At the Saviour's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to sing,

People **Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

Bishop Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our day, that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

People **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

Bishop Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Now sing the Agnus Dei

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (repeated)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Then kneel.

Bishop Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Bishop To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

The newly-Confirmed come to the altar-rail first for Communion.

The people come forward to receive Communion. If you have not been baptized and confirmed, please come forward for a blessing instead of Communion, carrying this order of service.

During Communion hymns 399 and 571 are sung, all remaining seated or kneeling.

**Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.**

**Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
So shall I never, never part from thee.**

**Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
In death's dread moments make me only thine;
Call me and bid me come to thee on high
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.**

Latin 14th cent. Tr Anonymous.

**Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;**

Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my will, and make it thine:
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart: it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-79).

All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:

Bishop We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son
commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us
growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Please sit for the notices.

Then stand for the Blessing & Dismissal. The newly-confirmed stand before the bishop and are each given a candle, lit from the Paschal Candle.

Bishop God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and
has given us a place with the saints in light. You have
received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of
your life.

People **Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the
Father.**

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The bishop, with hands extended, says:

Bishop May God the Father almighty bless you, whom he has made his adopted sons and daughters, reborn from water and the Holy Spirit, and may he keep you worthy of his fatherly love.

People **Amen.**

Bishop May his only-begotten Son, who promised that the Spirit of truth would abide in his Church, bless you and confirm you by his power in the confession of the true faith.

People **Amen.**

Bishop May the Holy Spirit, who kindles the fire of charity in the hearts of disciples, bless you and lead you blameless and gathered in one into the joy of the Kingdom of God.

People **Amen.**

Bishop May almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here, the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Bishop Go in the light and peace of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The clergy and servers go to the shrine of Our Lady for the Angelus:

Bishop The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,

People **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Bishop Behold the handmaid of the Lord,

People **Be it unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary...**

Bishop And the word was made flesh,

People **And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...**

Bishop Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

People **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Bishop Let us pray. We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, so that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ through the message of an angel, so, by his cross and passion, we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Remain standing to sing hymn 481 as clergy and servers depart:

**He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.**

**Whoso beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound;
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.**

**Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then, fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,**

I'll labour night and day To be a pilgrim.

John Bunyan (1628-88) adapted by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

The organist plays "Chorale Improvisation on Nun Danket Alle Gott", by Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933).

Photographs of the newly-confirmed are taken in front of the altar.

Do come and join us for drinks and canapés in the Hall.

Scripture readings are taken from the English Standard Version, Catholic Edition.

Collection: we take a collection during the second hymn, towards the cost of providing services and the upkeep of this church. If you are a UK taxpayer please place your offering in one of the envelopes in the pews (completed with your name and address) and place it in the collection plate when it is circulated during the hymn. Pens are in the pews. A card reader to give by contactless payment is available at the back of church. Special thanks if you give by standing order, as this helps us to budget.

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