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Sunday 21st July 2024

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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GOSPEL REFLECTION - JESUS OUR COMPASSIONATE SHEPHERD (MARK 6:30-34)

Four Deacons decided to make a 30-day retreat in perfect silence. After some days, one of them said, "I'm not sure whether I told my Wife" The second Deacon shouted, "You fool! We wanted to keep silence for a whole month and now you've broken it?" The third Deacon said to the second, "You're no better! You've broken it too!" Said the fourth, looking heavenwards, "Thank God I'm the only one who's keeping silent!" Who among the four Deacons obeyed the rule of silence? Jesus tells his disciples in today's gospel, "You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while in silence."



On this 16th Sunday of the year, we are invited to be good and Compassionate shepherds like Jesus Christ. **In the first reading**, God condemns leaders who mislead His flock and promises to personally restore and protect them with just and wise leadership, ensuring their safety and growth. **St. Paul in the second reading** explains how Christ's sacrifice brings peace. His actions reconcile us with God and each other. Our actions should always bring peace, care, and reconcile

us with God and one another. **Today's Gospel** highlights Jesus' compassion and care. Despite needing rest, Jesus sees the crowd's need for guidance and compassionately teaches them. This passage emphasizes Jesus as the Good Shepherd, always ready to guide and care for His flock. We are presented with a message of hope for those passing through all forms of political, social, and economic crisis. May we always remember to always say, *"the Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I shall want!"*

GREETINGS FROM FR. LEO.

Dearest parishioners, I write to extend Fr. Leo's greetings to you from Nigeria. He buried his Mother Regina Illah last week Friday-12th July, 2024 in his country Nigeria. The burial was very successful with dignitaries from far and near. The funeral Mass was presided over by his Bishop Most. Revd. Anthony Adaji, the Catholic Bishop of Idah Diocese, Nigeria and was concelebrated by many Spiritan and Diocesan priests from Nigeria and other foreign countries numbering over forty (40). Fr. Leo greatly appreciates all the Prayers and condolence messages he has received. He prays that God will bless you all in Jesus' name. Amen. Fr. Godwin.

FATHER JAMIE'S 80TH BIRTHDAY MASS AND PARTY- SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST. The parish is invited to celebrate with Fr Jamie his 80th Birthday at the **11am Mass at St Paul's on Sunday 11th August** and immediately following, a party in the hall. Please come and celebrate our lovely Fr Jamie with us.



PLANNED GIVING TIME & TALENTS.

- **READERS:** Current and New Readers are invited to a Training/Meeting **This Monday 22nd July in St Finbarr's Church** and **Tuesday 23rd July in St Paul's Church** both at **7pm**.
- **ALTAR SERVERS:** Current and New Altar Servers Training/Meeting at **St Paul's Church** on **Saturday 27th July at 2pm**.

Please come along on the above dates if you are interested in these Ministries.

COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE: Cash & CollecTin £3937.81; Bankers Orders £3444.00; Pentecost Appeal £920.22; Day For Life £292.22; Peter's Pence £257.71; In Memory of Regina Illah Orphanages £1186.18; Thank you for your generosity.

NEXT SUNDAY MARKS THE FOURTH WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



Pope Francis in 2021 declared that this special day celebrating Grandparents and the Elderly is to be held on the fourth Sunday of July. This is close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Pope Francis has themed this year **"Do not cast me off in my old age"**

We will be having a celebration to mark especially those who are 90 and over in our parish but will also be remembering and praying for all those who are grandparents and the elderly.

PARISHIONERS AGED 90 OR OVER: CELEBRATION OF BEING A NONAGENARIAN!!!! Are you, or do you know a parishioner attending St Paul's or St Finbarr's who will be 90 or over this year? If you do, please email or phone the parish secretary (dover@rcaos.org.uk 07936 573155) to let her know the name and contact details. We do not want any parishioner who is 90 or over, to miss out on our planned parish wide celebration on **Sunday 28th July 2024**, with Mass at 11am, St Paul's, followed by a social in the hall for the nonagenarians and their families. Thanks, in anticipation for your help. Deacon Barry.

THE MUSTARD SEEDS are taking a summer break. We will be back at St Paul's 9.15am Sunday 1st September. Laura, Maria, and Jan.

ADULT YOUTH GROUP. Father Moses, from the parish of St Gabriel's in Archway (London), will visit Dover, on 27th of July. Fr Moses will bring his youth group with him, where they will meet with our own Dover youth group, as Familia Una ('one family'). The group will be introduced to the sights and sounds of Dover - The White Cliffs.

FATHER MADEWA'S CELEBRATORY MASS OF 20 YEARS ORDINATION TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD will take place on **Friday 26th July**, with Mass at 6pm at St John the Evangelist church in Mongeham, 149, St Richard's Road, Deal, CT14 9LD. All parishioners are invited to attend.

| Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal | | |
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| | July onwards 2024 | |
| St Paul's Family Fun Day | Saturday 20th July 11am-2pm | Connaught Park, Dover (St Paul's Hall if wet) |
| St Finbarr's Church Cleaning Day | Saturday 20th July 10am-12noon | St Finbarr's Aylesham |
| Meeting and Training for Church Readers Current and New | Monday 22nd July 7pm Tuesday 23rd July 7pm | St Finbarr's, Aylesham St Paul's, Dover |
| Altar Servers Training Current and New | Saturday 27th July 2pm | St Paul's, Dover |
| Celebration Day of Parishioners Aged Ninety and Over (Nonagenarian) | Sunday 28th July 11am Mass followed by refreshments | St Paul's, Dover |
| Fr Jamie's 80 th Birthday Celebration | Sunday 11th August | St Paul's, Dover |
| St Finbarr's Feast Day/Family Fun Day Celebration | Sunday 22nd September after 11.15am Mass | St Finbarr's, Aylesham |

ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY AT ST PAUL'S. Next Thursday's pre-Mass rosary and post Mass bible study will take place on Thursday 25th July.

BIBLE STUDY AND FIDES AT ST FINBARR'S are taking a summer break. Bible study - Tue 3rd September at 7pm and successive Tuesdays afterwards. Fides meeting (Monthly) – Tuesday 17th September 6:40pm for 7pm start.

ST JUDE'S PRAYER GROUP There will not be a meeting in July. Meeting for August to be confirmed later.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT, MINSTER ABBEY Church Street, Minster, Kent CT12 4HF **22nd-26th July**, for young adults aged 18-35. It is open to Christian women and men who would like to pray and work alongside the community. It will be self-catering with payment by donation. We are a 5-minute walk from Minster train station. Please email Sister Walburga minsternuns@gmail.com

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON is holding a Celebration of St Faustina at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26th August 2024 from 10am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE: Dover to Canterbury 'Casting the Net of St Peter with The Cord of St Francis 1224 – 2024' Advanced Notice. The Franciscan Family in the UK, based in Surrey, are planning an ecumenical pilgrimage* to Canterbury from Dover to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the landing of the first Franciscans in England, at Dover, on the 10th Sept 1224. Pilgrims are expected from across the country including East Kent. All Christians, of any denomination, are welcome to participate. Booking details are NOW available on the pilgrimage website. Please go to <http://franciscan-pilgrimage-england-800thanniversary.com/>
Monday 9th September 2024: 4:30pm walk from Dover Beach to St. Edmund's Chapel for evening prayer and a short talk on Early Franciscans and St. Edmund by local parishioner Paul Smye Rumsby. No booking required. 6:30pm dinner at La Salle Verte Café (RSVP needed/cost £10)

Tuesday 10th September 2024: 7:30am Roman Catholic Mass, Dover Beach with Friar Carlos Trovarelli, OFM Conv., Minister General of the Greyfriars and 120th successor to St. Francis of Assisi (rain location at St. Paul Church). No booking required. Followed by – Breakfast of Bacon & Sausage Butties follows at La Salle Verte Café (RSVP needed/cost £5)

Booking; If you would like to participate in the pilgrimage dinner and / or breakfast at La Salle Verte Café then please book by emailing franciscanpilgrimage800@gmail.com ASAP and by the 23rd August at the very latest. If you do not have access to email in order to book the pilgrimage dinner and / or breakfast then please contact Deacon Barry: (07715 546938, barrybarton@rcaos.org.uk) *Please note that the pilgrimage programme may be subject to change without notification. Deacon Barry.

CATECHISM: THE HOLY MASS EXPLAINED



As Catholics, we know that the Holy Mass is the centre of our faith and the source of divine life. Hence, the Church teaches us to participate in the Holy Mass regularly on Sundays and on Holydays of obligation and on weekdays, whenever possible. If we understand the value of the Mass, we will certainly participate in it actively and regularly. I feel that a simple explanation on each part of the Mass may help you to recognize the value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. With this consideration, I am going to explain every part of the Mass in the forthcoming Newsletters, hoping that you would read and profit by it. The Holy Mass is, first, a holy celebration, because it is Christ who acts in the person of a priest. Jesus Christ offers himself for us, as he offered on the Cross. Hence, we say that Mass is the same sacrifice of Jesus Christ, offered on the altar in an unbloodied manner. Just like Jesus offered his body and blood on the Cross, he offers for us on the altar. The difference is that Jesus offered himself visibly on the Cross but on our altar, He offers himself invisibly and in an unbloodied manner, hidden under the appearance of bread and wine.

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr's: Elisabet Sulianti, Gabriela le Bohec, Charlie Golden, Tina Isaacs, Ray Deverson, Lucy Purbrick, Amanda Dennis, Jaden Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Tara Conklin & Jamie Chitwood.

St Paul's: 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, Barbara Monclus, 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, Julie Balston, 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: William Albert Willson, Joseph Mather, Henry Coates, Mary Elizabeth Hoy, Sir Patrick Sheehy, Christine Burgess.

St Paul's: Bill Naylor, Kathleen Hodgson, John Downie, William Wilson, Dr Gregory McSwiggen, Michael Maher, Dudley Michael Wilmshurst, Tony Medhurst, Ada Willis, John Henry O'Brien, Fr Geoffrey Winchester, Dominic Grilli, Fr Geoffrey Dove, Maura Sanders, Mary Golding, Ronald Barrings, June Margaret Giordani, Jenny Gartland, Dave McClelland, Fr Patrick Healion, Kathleen Saunders, James Phoenix, Margaret Mary Heyes, Neville Walton Cox, Dorothy Hall, Arry Petch.

| EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S | | | |
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| SAINT APOLLINARIS | Saturday 20th July | 10am 4pm | Church Cleaning until 12pm Syro Malabar Mass |
| SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Sunday 21st July | 11.15am | Mass for Jean Cable RIP (Audrey Bryan) |
| SAINT MARY MAGDALENE | Monday 22 nd July | 7pm | Readers training and Meeting |
| SAINT BRIDGET OF EUROPE | Tuesday 23 rd July | 11.15am | Mass at St Joseph's School for leavers |
| SAINT JOHN BOSTE | Wednesday 24th July | 10.15am | Mass for Devasia Mathew RIP (Neenu) |
| | Saturday 27th July | 4pm | Syro Malabar Mass |
| SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Sunday 28th July | 11.15am | Mass for Father Godwin Priestly Anniversary |
| EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S | | | |
| SAINT APOLLINARIS | Saturday 20th July | 10am 11am 5pm 6pm | Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E Father Leo (Women's Guild) Family Fun Day at Connaught Park (until 2pm) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm). Mass for Restituta Crave RIP (Jesus) |
| SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Sunday 21st July | 9.15am 9.15am 11am 3pm | Mass for Regina Illah RIP (Anne & Peter) Mustard Seeds in the Hall Coffee after Mass in the Hall Mass for Ida Huntley RIP (Mary) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet |
| SAINT MARY MAGDALENE | Monday 22 nd July | 10am | Mass for G/E Deacon Barry (Lizzie) |
| SAINT BRIDGET OF EUROPE | Tuesday 23 rd July | 10am 7pm | Mass for Private Intention Readers training and Meeting |
| SAINT JOHN BOSTE | Wednesday 24th July | 10am 5.30pm | Mass for Holy Souls Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm |
| SAINT JAMES APOSTLE | Thursday 25th July | 9.30am 10am 10.30am | Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Mary & Robert Golding RIP (Colin Watkins) Bible Study in the hall |
| SAINT JOACHIM & SAINT ANNE | Friday 26th July | 10am | Mass for Maureen Houghton RIP (Tina-Irving Jones) |
| | Saturday 27th July | 10am 2pm 5pm 6pm | Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E Father John Panario (Moya) Altar Servers training and meeting Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Monsignor Canon O'Toole (Kay) |
| SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Sunday 28th July | 9.15am 11am 3pm | Edward McCue Jr RIP (Mum, Dad & Family) NO MUSTARD SEEDS Coffee after Mass in the Hall Mass for 90-year olds followed by a reception for them and their families in the hall. Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet |

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 21ST JULY 2024

First reading **Jeremiah 23:1-6**
*I will gather together the remnant of my flock
and raise up shepherds for them*

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them anymore; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm **22(23)**
**The Lord is my shepherd:
there is nothing I shall want.**

Second reading **Ephesians 2:13-18**
Christ Jesus is the peace between us
In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 6:30-34**

They were like sheep without a shepherd

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while;’ for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore, he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

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.