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Sunday 7th July 2024

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WE WELCOME BACK FR. JEFF THIS WEEKEND

To celebrate his belated 80th Birthday with us.

Mass at 6pm on Saturday at St Paul's followed by Refreshments in the Parish Hall

Mass at 11.15am on Sunday at St Finbarr's followed by Refreshments.

APPRECIATION

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

I want to sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the love and kindness I have received at the death of my Mother Regina. The Memorial Mass last Wednesday was another beautiful show of love and solidarity. I have received a lot of Prayers, Cards, donations and support. A lot of people also gave donations to support the charity which was close to the heart of my Mother. A total of £1200 was raised. May God Almighty reward you all. My Mother will be laid to rest on the 12th of July in Nigeria. I look forward to returning to the Parish by the early days of August. Until then, I take great comfort in your prayers for me and my family. Thank you for everything. God bless and reward you all. **Fr. Leo**



THANK YOU to all who prepared and provided the food for the reception after the Memorial Mass for Fr. Leo's mother. May God Bless your generosity.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: DON'T ALLOW REJECTION TO DEFINE YOU - MARK 1:1-6

No matter how successful, powerful, excellent, perfect, and humble you are, someone or people will reject you in one way or the other. Rejection comes with a tangled knot of emotion. On top of feeling angry and disappointed, you are sad, embarrassed, confused, and hurt. However, today's liturgy encourages us never to allow rejection to define us. In the first reading, God sent Ezekiel to the rebellious people to show His continued love and care for them. Even when people turn away and rejected God, He does not give up on them. Ezekiel's mission teaches us to keep going, even when people do not listen or accept what we say. God wants us to be faithful and persistent in our mission of preaching the Good News. St. Paul in the second reading encourages us to embrace our own weaknesses and hardships, knowing that God's power works through them. This helps us rely on God rather than our own strength as God's messengers. The people of Nazareth rejected Jesus in today's Gospel because they saw Him as just a carpenter's son. They could not believe that someone from their own town could have such wisdom and power. Faith is very important in receiving God's blessings. Without faith, we might miss out on the good things God wants to give us just like the people of Nazareth. Sharing our faith is important because it can plant seeds of belief in others. Even if we face rejection, we are fulfilling God's call to spread His word. We are encouraged to trust in God's grace, despite hardships, rejection and mockery, especially from those close to us.



NEXT WEEKEND there will be a **Second Collection** for the work of **Stella Maris** supporting seafarers and fishers worldwide. For more information visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

PLANNED GIVING TIME & TALENTS. Thank you to all those who completed the Time & Talents Forms earlier in the year. We are now contacting those who showed interest in Various Ministries, and the following meeting/training dates have been arranged:

- **READERS:** Current and New Readers are invited to a Training/Meeting on **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.

For those who indicated they would like to help with **Flower Arranging, Cleaning the Church** and **Singing in the Choir or Playing a Musical Instrument** you will be contacted shortly by the leaders of these groups. We will be contacting those who indicated other Ministries in the near future. Thank you and God Bless.

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
July onwards 2024		
Seafarers Day Mass Fr Godwin Presiding, Deacon John Fogarty, Stella Maris, Preaching	Tuesday 16th July 10am St Paul's Church with light refreshments immediately afterwards	St Paul's Dover
Fides Meeting	Tuesday 16th July 6.40pm for 7pm Wednesday 17th July 6.40pm for 7pm	St Finbarr's Aylesham St Paul's Dover
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

DEACON BARRY'S 70th BIRTHDAY Parish Family Celebration: Thank You.



Just a quick note to say a HUGH thank you to those parishioners who were able to celebrate with me and Sue last Sunday morning. Thank you all so much for your congratulatory wishes, cards and gifts. Totally unnecessary but very much appreciated. THANK YOU. Deacon Barry.

FATHER JOHN PANARIO'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS. The celebration to mark 50 years since Father John was ordained priest and originally planned for 2020 had to be postponed due to the pandemic. This celebratory event will now take place on **Saturday 13th July at Our Lady's.** Mass will be at 12noon followed by a reception and buffet. All parishioners are invited to attend.



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.

ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY. Next Thursday's pre-Mass rosary and post Mass bible study will take place on Thursday 11th July.

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

13TH DOVER (ST PAUL'S) SCOUT GROUP. After the success of our last event, we are holding an end of term **Quiz Night on Tuesday 16th July** to raise funds for the Scout group. The quiz will be held at St Paul's Church Hall, at 7.30pm. 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 team (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.

ST PAUL'S FAMILY FUN DAY SATURDAY 20th JULY. A family fun day of games, picnic and sing along. Venue Connaught Park, Dover, CT16 1HF. On the bottom field past the pond towards the castle (same as last year). Wear appropriate clothing and footwear especially if participating in the games etc, bring something to sit on, blanket or chair, and a picnic for your family. If wet we will use the parish hall.

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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2024. Please note - Our Confirmation classes have now broken up for the Summer. We hope our young Candidates enjoy their break. Classes will resume in September. Theresa Wells.

PARISHIONERS AGED 90 OR OVER: CELEBRATION OF BEING A NONAGENARIAN!!!!

Are you, or do you know of, any parishioners attending St Paul's or St Finbarr's who are already 90 years old or older, or who will be 90 sometime this year?

If you do please email or phone the parish secretary (doover@rcaos.org.uk 07936 573155) to let her know the parishioner's name and contact details.

The reason I am asking is that 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. If you know of a parishioner who is 90 or over please let the parish secretary know so that we can check what you tell us against the existing parish list. In this way the likelihood of accidentally missing a parishioner out is reduced. Thanks, in anticipation for your help. Deacon Barry.

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) who will book on your behalf.

***Please note that the pilgrimage programme may be subject to change without notification.** Deacon Barry

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, Jadon Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Tara Conklin & Jamie Chitwood.

St Paul's: 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: Vincent Garrity, Daniel Donnachie, George Turnbull, Joan Mair Pryce, Marsali Dollin MacFergus O'Brien, Sam Rainsford, Assuntina (Susie) Hodgson, Margaret Barnby, Nora Arter, Lady Susannah Caroline Hyde

St Paul's: Michael Gartland, Tony Rakowski, Elisabeth Thompson, Nina Woolhouse, Sr Anne Healy, Josephine Anne Skaife, Allan Panario, Arthur Mitchell, Madeleine Anne Gale, Elizabeth Sandell, John Charles Fraser Robertson, Mary Stokes, Rose Ann Weatherstone, Imelda Christina Cosgrave, Kathleen Brankley, Bishop Michael Evans, William Dormon, Don Bostock, Rosalie Wickham, Mervyn Beadle, Frank Webster, Julian Martin Woolhouse.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
	Saturday 6th July	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 7th July	11.15am	Mass for Regina Illah RIP (Sheila) Fr Jeff's 80th Birthday Celebration after Mass
SAINT AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG	Tuesday 8th July	7pm	Bible Study in the church
	Wednesday 9th July	10.15am	Mass for Fr. Leo and his family
SAINT MILDRED	Saturday 13th July	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 14th July	11.15am	Mass for Orphans Everywhere
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
	Saturday 6th July	10am 5pm 6pm 7pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Agnes White RIP (Geraldine Foran) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm). Mass for Regina Illah RIP (Theresa) Fr Jeff's 80th Birthday Celebration in the Hall
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 7th July	9.15am 9.15am 11am 3pm	Mass for Ann Crabill RIP (Lizzie) Mustard Seeds in the Hall Coffee after Mass in the Hall Mass for G/E Chris Quinn (Jane Francis) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
BLESSED ADRIAN FORTESCUE	Monday 8th July	10am	Mass for Holy Souls
SAINT AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG	Tuesday 9th July	10am	Mass for Ann Crabill RIP (The Whelan Family)
	Wednesday 10th July	10am 5.30pm	Mass for Joan (Birthday) Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm
SAINT BENEDICT	Thursday 11th July	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for G/E Fr. Jamie (St Paul's Women's Guild) Bible Study in the hall
SAINT JOHN JONES	Friday 12th July	10am	Mass for Nina Woolhouse RIP (Norman) (Regina Illah RIP Funeral in Nigeria)
SAINT MILDRED	Saturday 13th July	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Fr Jeff (55th Ordination Anniversary to the Sacred Priesthood) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm). Mass for Julian Woolhouse RIP (Norman)
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 14th July	9.15am 9.15am 11am 3pm	Mass for Regina Illah RIP (Mary) Mustard Seeds in the Hall Coffee after Mass in the Hall Mass for Jean MacKenzie RIP (Robert) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 7TH JULY 2024

First reading Ezekiel 2:2-5

These rebels shall know that there is a prophet among them

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm 122(123)

Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

Second reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

The Lord's power is at its best in weakness

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn1:14,12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6:1-6

'A prophet is only despised in his own country'

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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.