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Sunday 13th October 2024

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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NEXT SUNDAY IS MISSION SUNDAY, THE POPE'S CHARITY WHEN THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF MISSIO ALL OVER THE WORLD.

PRIEST CORNER: The Holy Ghost Fathers in England, (The Spiritans) celebrated last week their 120th anniversary of their mission in England. The Spiritans were originally founded in France in 1703; they went around the whole world for missionary work. They came into England in 1904 from Paris. Our Parish is being served by the Spiritan Order. Fr. Godwin and Fr. Leo belong to this Order and Our Parish is a Spiritan Parish. Do kindly remember to pray for Spiritan Missions all around the World, you are part of it.



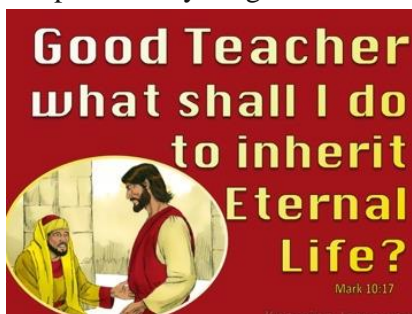
Fr. Godwin is away for a short break in Scotland. He will be back by next week. Fr. Jamie is better and stronger, he will start taking Masses this weekend. Keep him in your prayers.

Holy Ghost Fathers; Leo, Hugh, Terry and Godwin at the Jubilee in Manchester.



GOSPEL REFLECTION: WE ARE CARETAKERS OF GOD'S BLESSINGS. MK 10:17-30

We must give priority to God in our lives, not to our possessions. Today's readings remind us that we do not possess anything in our life that we refuse to surrender to the Lord. These things often possess us, for when we give our "things" top priority in our lives, we become the prisoners of our possessions. Thus, we violate the First Great Commandment, "*You shall not have other gods beside me*" which demands that we give absolute and unconditional priority to God. The first reading advises us to use the God-given virtue of prudence in order to seek true wisdom and to distinguish them from vanishing earthly realities, like riches or political, social influence, etc. We are caretakers of whatever blessings the Lord has giving to us. God does not ask us to give up our riches, but He does ask us to use them wisely in His service, not allowing them to gain control over our hearts. God gives us time, talents, health, wealth, and riches that we may use them as good stewards in the service of others.



HARVEST FESTIVAL MASS AT ST PAUL'S. The Mustard Seeds & Junior Youth group will be leading the **Harvest Festival Mass at 9:15am Today Sunday** They will be collecting donations for Dover Foodbank. Most needed items are tinned vegetables, tinned meat, cereal, toiletries, nappies sizes 5,6 & 7. **There will be tea and cake in the hall afterwards.**



PLEASE PRAY FOR Barbara Monclus who died last Monday after a long illness. Barbara was a committed parishioner of St Paul's for many years. She supported the parish in lots of ways, including forging parish links with St Richard's School. We offer her daughter's Davinia and Sarah, her brother David, and her grandchildren our sincere condolences. Barbara's Requiem Mass will take place in St Paul's on Thursday 24th October at 11am. May Barbara's soul Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Amen.

DOVER FAST TRACK - PENCESTER ROAD DOVER The first phase of these works begins on 14th October 2024. There will be traffic and pedestrian disruption for St Paul's during these works. Click on the link for further information from KCC. <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/newsletters/> or if you don't have access to the internet a few copies are available at the back of St Paul's.

MUSTARD SEEDS – ALL ARE WELCOME. The Mustard Seeds Children's liturgy group runs every Sunday in term time at the 9:15am Mass. We encourage all primary school children to join us, share the gospel, sing songs, and do some arts and crafts.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT continues for the final weekend **12th /13th October**. Can those who normally count please note. The form will be at the back of each church. Thank you.

ROSARY OCTOBER 2024: A SHARED MISSION. Make a special effort to pray the rosary so that everyone will do their personal best to contribute what they can through their vocation(s), relationship, occupational and spiritual and thereby share co-responsibility for growth and success of the church both locally and worldwide. The rosary is recited twice a week at St Paul's: every Wednesday, as part of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Rosary 5.30pm - 6.30pm, and again on Thursday mornings at 9.30am before the morning Mass. At St Finbarr's the rosary is recited at 10.30am prior to the Sunday Mass as part of the weekly Marian Devotion. Deacon Barry.



COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: Cash & CollecTin £3302.64; Bankers Orders £4085.00; Catholic Education Service £268.22; Home Missions £179.36; EVC Uganda Appeal £1,094.58. Thank you for your generosity. Fr. Leo.



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored me. The grand total of £856.70 was raised, more than double of last year's amount. Half of this money comes back to the Parish and the remaining is used to maintain Kent Churches. Mark Kennett

CONFIRMATION 2024. Our Confirmation preparation classes continue. They will take place each Saturday: 10am to 11am in the Upper Room at St Paul's. The Confirmation Mass will take place at St Paul's on **Sunday 28th October at the 11am** Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks.

THE NEXT RCIA COURSE is on **Monday 14th October** in St Paul's Upper Hall at 7.00 p.m. If you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or you would like to know more yourself, then please come along.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD will meet this coming **Wednesday at 2.30pm** in St Paul's Hall.

THE ST JUDE'S PRAYER GROUP will meet on **Monday 21st October at 2pm** in St Paul's Hall.

SAINTS PARTY AT ST FINBARR'S. All Hallows Eve 31st of October. According to the tradition of our church, the purpose of this celebration was to usher in All Saints Day on 1st November. This celebration, now widely known as Halloween, has been hijacked by commercial giants as an opportunity to market costumes which often have a dark and devilish theme. Parents, please support your children to attend. It promises to be a night of fun with lots of sweet treats! We have a list of items we need for the party. There is a donation box at the back of St Finbarr's church on Sundays where people can drop them off. **Hot Chocolate, Squash, Pick and Mix sweets, sweet bags, Popcorn, flowers potted/fresh (nearer the date please)** for the cross outside. Thank you for your support as always.

PARISH PROJECTS AND NEEDS- 2024-2026

Dear Parish Family. I have decided to share with you the many needs we have to attend to in the years ahead. I invite you to have a look and think about them. You can support any of the Parish Projects in any little way you can. You can also make a pledge or offer your skills or materials towards all these projects. Let us build and support our Church. Fr. Leo.

- 1. NEW MASS BOOKS AND LECTIONARY FOR THE BOTH CHURCHES:** All the Church books are changing by Advent of 2024. All our Mass books will be out of date. This project will cost **£4,500** for both Churches. You can Sponsor some copies with any amount you can.
- 2. NEW WOODEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** St. Finbarr's Church **£2,250** – Fully Sponsored
- 3. ALTAR SERVERS VESTMENT COTTA:** Proper Altar Dress. (Both Churches) **£2000**
- 4. REPLACEMENT OF GLASS PORCH DOORS AT ST PAUL'S:** Advised to replace the locks and rework totally **£8,700**
- 5. CUSTOMISED PROJECTORS:** For use when needed in both Churches **£4,200**
- 6. ST FINBARR'S CAR PARK, TREE CLEARING & REPLANTING** **£8,000**

MAJOR PROJECTS

- 7. ST FINBARR'S RENOVATION OF THE CHURCH FACAD BUILDING AND TOILETS** **£100,000** (£60,000 RAISED, £40,000 STILL NEEDED)
- 8. ST PAUL'S PRESBYTERY KITCHEN** **£ TBD**
- 9. RENOVATION OF THE CHURCH HALL PROJECT IN DOVER** **£ TBD**

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
	October/ November 2024	
RCIA Course	Monday 14 th October 7pm	St Paul's, Dover
Bible Study at St Finbarr's	Tuesday 22 nd October 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Rosary and Bible Study at St Paul's	Thursday 18 th October 9.30am & 10.30am	St Paul's, Dover
Confirmation Class	Saturday 19 th October	St Paul's, Dover
Marian Devotion at St Finbarr's	Every Sunday in October 10.30am	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Fides at St Finbarr's	Tuesday 15 th October Tuesday 19 th November	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
The Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Paul Hendricks	Sunday 27 th October 11am	St Paul's, Dover
Young Adults Sycamore Group	Sunday 27 th October 6pm	St Paul's, Dover
Saint's Party	Thursday 31 st October	St Finbarr's Aylesham

SYCAMORE COURSE FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGED 16-35 Begins on **Sunday 27th October 6pm** in the Upper Hall of St Paul's. Contact Christina 07587 218374 or Jack 07710 430893 for more details.

CHRISTMAS CAKE: Do you need a cake for Christmas? A Parishioner at St. Paul's is ready to supply all your cakes for Christmas at a very affordable price. Interested, please place your order with Tonia: 07885 668865.

OPEN DAY AT BEECH GROVE BRUDERHOF COMMUNITY Saturday, 19th October, 2pm - 5pm

Join us for fellowship and outdoor activities. Have a wagon ride. Apple juice press. Craft activities. BBQ and Refreshments. Vegetable garden tour 2.30- 3.30pm. Beech Grove Community, Forest Drive, Nonnington. CT15 4FB



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL. If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 then they are due to start school in September 2025. Come and visit the St. Joseph's school family where our school motto of 'Love God Love Learning Love Life' is lived out each day by all of our school community. "Pupils at St. Joseph's receive a warm welcome to school every day. For them, school is a place where they make friends, feel safe and enjoy learning. Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are supported well. The special educational needs coordinator (SENCo) makes sure that any additional needs are quickly identified...Leaders have made sure that learning to read is a high priority in the school." (Ofsted, 2021) Pupils state that the school, "helps us to follow Jesus' path, to be like him, caring for the poor," and that, "all are created in God's image". (Catholic School Inspectorate, 2023). Call the school to book a tour: 01304 840370. E mail: office@st-josephs-aylesham.kcsp.org.uk St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Ackholt Road, Aylesham, Kent, CT3 3AS <https://www.stjosephs-aylesham.co.uk/>



ST RICHARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL. KCSP is looking for committee members. Members do not get involved with the day to day running of a school, instead they support and challenge the school's leadership team to drive school improvement. Would you like to shape the future for the next generation? Do you have a valuable skill you can offer? Are you committed in contributing to your community? What unites every volunteer is a desire to improve education for children. To apply or for further information from KCSP please email: governance@kcsp.org.uk or tel: 01622 232662

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr's: Ann McCallum, 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: David Meadows, Roselene Hindle, 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, 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 Hembrey, 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: Bessie Burville, Robert Ernest Coates, Doreen Mary Brace, Michael Quinn, Mary Watts, Caroline Miller, Mary Theresa Graves, Austin Watts, David George Sullivan, Pam Osborne, Christine Brown.

St Paul's: Gertie Major, Desmond Ryan, James Donohoe, Kathleen Marion Glynn, Bod Bowles, George Patrick Reed, Angela Hall, Len Richards, Helen Wright, Phyllis Joyce Wood, Dennis Harry Sharp, Charles Maynard Sandham, Margaret Bonar Becks, James Bannan, Hilda Morecroft, Susan McLaughlin, Veronica Mary Watts, Charles John Green, Sr. Sarah Neilan DC, James Brown, Dorothy O'Meara, Kathy Goble, Francesco Falluto, Augustine Watts, Josephine Smith.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
SAINT WILFRED	Saturday 12th October	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 13th October	10.30am 11.15am	Marian Devotion Mass for The Sick and Elderly
SAINT CALLITUS	Monday 14th October	2pm	Mass at St Joseph's School
SAINT TERESA OF AVILLA	Tuesday 15th October	7pm	Fides Meeting
SAINT HEDWIG	Wednesday 16th October	10.15am	Mass for Victims of the Florida Hurricane
SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS	Saturday 19th October	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 20th October	10.30am 11.15am	Marian Devotion Mass for Mary Teresa Graves RIP (Bridget Graves)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
SAINT WILFRED	Saturday 12th October	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for The Congregation of the Holy Spirit (The Spiritans) Confirmation Class in the Upper Hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Marcela Pesecakova (Gizela)
TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 13th October	9.15am 11am 3pm	Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Parish MUSTARD SEEDS HARVEST FESTIVAL Coffee and cake after Mass Mass for John's 95 th Birthday (Sheila) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SAINT CALLITUS	Monday 14th October	10am 7pm	Mass for G/E Mary-Ann (Sheila) RCIA Course in the Hall Upper Room
SAINT TERESA OF AVILLA	Tuesday 15th October	10am	Mass for Catherine O'Brien 'F'
SAINT HEDWIG	Wednesday 16th October	10am 5.30pm	Mass for Dorothy O'Meara 'F' Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm
SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH	Thursday 17th October	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Holy Souls Bible Study in the Hall
SAINT LUKE	Friday 18th October	10am	Mass for G/E Jason Cloke (Lizzie)
SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS	Saturday 19th October	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E John Haddican & Family (Lizzie) Confirmation Class in the Upper Hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for G/E John Doyle Birthday (Andrea)
TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 20th October	9.15am 11am 3pm	Mass for Baby Maria Anniversaries RIP (Gizela) & 9 th Anniversary Andrew Archer RIP (Iliana) MUSTARD SEEDS Children's Liturgy Coffee after Mass Mass for G/E of Ros & Rob (Sheila) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2024

First reading

Wisdom 7:7-11

I esteemed Wisdom more than sceptres or thrones

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm

89(90):12-17

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Second reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God cuts more finely than a double-edged sword

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mark 10:17-30

Give everything you own to the poor, and follow me

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, 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.