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## Sunday 6th October 2024

# The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**There will be a second collection for CAFOD this weekend.  
 Envelopes are available at the back of both churches.**

**PRIEST CORNER:** We rejoice with Janet Dunford and David Underdown who will be received into the Catholic Church at the 11am Mass today. Congratulations and thank you for taking a bold step to embrace your faith fully in the Catholic Church. The whole Church prays and rejoices with you. Welcome to the Family.

I am also very Happy to have Fr. Jaime back to ministry gradually. We thank God for the recovery so far and we pray for his full return to health. Welcome back Father.

**DAY OF PRAYER, FASTING AND PEACE IN THE HOLYLAND** Monday 7th October 2024, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, is to be a day of prayer, fasting, and penance for reconciliation and peace in the Holy Land amidst the ongoing violence and hatred. As that Monday will mark the first anniversary of the commencement of present hostilities, the Holy Father has commended this as a day of prayer to all Christians.

**We shall have a one hour prayer and adoration after the 10am Mass on Monday to pray for peace in the Middle East. Please stay back and join the One hour devotion after Mass.**

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION: MARRIAGE IS A GIFT. Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]**

Today, we pray for all those who suffer from the consequences of divorce, especially the little children. Divorce comes with a lot of bitterness and pain that needs healing and prayer. Do not divorce your wife or your husband over minor issues, persevere, forgive, sacrifice, endure, and make your commitment permanent. If parents endure in Marriage, God is glorified, the society is built better and the sufferings of children are reduced. Divorcing a wife or a husband should not become a thing of fashion based on pride and flimsy excuses as we see it in our world today. we must remember that there is nothing like a perfect marriage; there is no perfect family. Marriage, though one of the most fulfilling of all relationships, is also one of the most demanding and all truly beautiful things involve sacrifice, pain and patience.

Although in the Catholic Church, if a marriage becomes unbearable and degenerating, the Church allows annulment (Divorce) which must be considered with a lot of prayers and valid discernment. In the Catholic Church, Marriage is not just a social event; it is a sacrament, a spiritual covenant between a man, his wife and God. In today's scripture. we are reminded that Marriage is one of the most beautiful gift to humanity; a life giving union that fulfills one of the core longings of our being. In Marriage we give all of ourselves, all of our love, all of our sacrifices and we risk it all for love. May the Lord bless and strengthen all who are faced with all kinds of challenges in Marriage today. Amen.

### **ROSARY OCTOBER 2024: A SHARED MISSION.** Pope Francis, on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, released his prayer intention for the month of October for a 'shared mission' according to Vatican News.

He calls on all faithful in whatever vocation they may have to do their best to contribute to a sense of co-responsibility in the Church. So please make a special effort, during this month of October dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary (Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7), 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 5.30am - 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



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**DOVER FAST TRACK - PENCESTER ROAD DOVER** The first phase of these works will begin from 10th 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.

**NEW PARISHIONER/CHANGE OF ADDRESS** If you are new to the parish or have changed your address and haven't let us know, please complete a New/Updated Parishioner Form available at the back of both churches so we can add you to our secure parish database, in case you need a priest in an emergency or a member of the clergy needs to contact you. Thank you.

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT** continues this weekend 5<sup>th</sup> /6<sup>th</sup> October and for the following weekend up to and including 13<sup>th</sup> October. Can those who normally count please note. The form will be at the back of each church. Thank you.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL MASS AT ST PAUL'S.** The Mustard Seeds & Junior Youth group will be leading the Harvest Festival Mass at 9:15am next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October. They will be collecting donations for Dover Foodbank. Most needed items are tinned vegetables, tinned meat, cereal, toiletries, nappies sizes 5,6 & 7. The children have been working hard to make this a lovely service, so do please come and along and donate if you are able to. There will be tea and cake in the hall afterwards.



**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.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> October at the 11am Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks.

**THE NEXT RCIA COURSE** begins on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Jimmy Bellass who has died. Jimmy was a former music teacher at St Edmund's School in the early 1980's. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory, Amen.

**SAINTS PARTY AT ST FINBARR'S – 31<sup>st</sup> October from 6pm.** This year, we will be celebrating the All Hallows Eve on the 31st of October 2024. According to the tradition of our church, the purpose of this celebration was to usher in All Saints Day on the 1st of November, a day when we celebrate the Church triumphant, honoring all the Holy men and women who have died and gone before us and now dwell perpetually in the presence of God. As you are aware, 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. As Christians, we are called to be the light of the world, this is much more pertinent on a night when darkness is glorified. All children in the church are invited to attend and to make it more fun, they are encouraged to dress up in Saints costumes. Parents, please support your children to attend. It promises to be a night of fun with lots of sweet treats! We will be calling for donations closer to the time. Thank you for your support as always.

**AFTERNOON FOR READERS to introduce the new translation for the Lectionary.** To address questions such as: Why the change in translation? How is it different from the translation we're using now? What different sorts of translation are there? What does it mean in practice, for readers? How is the Lectionary arranged? Also, an opportunity to reflect on some broader questions: The Word of God in the life of the Church. How we understand the Old Testament in the light of our faith in Christ. Led by Bishop Paul Hendricks

**VENUE: Church hall of St Thomas of Canterbury, 59 Burgate, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2HJ**

**DATE: Saturday 2nd November 2024. TIME: 2pm to 4pm.** NOTE: The hall will be open from 1pm, for anyone who may like to come early and bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee available.



**FEAST OF ST JUDE 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024** Whitefriars, Tanner Street, Faversham, Kent. **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 12.30pm & 2.30pm & 4pm:** St Jude Mass followed by anointing. **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 12.30pm:** St Jude Mass followed by anointing. **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 12.30pm:** St Jude Mass followed by anointing. All are welcome. Please call 01795 539214, visit [www.stjudeshine.org.uk](http://www.stjudeshine.org.uk) or email [shrineoffice@stjudeshine.org.uk](mailto:shrineoffice@stjudeshine.org.uk) for more information.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH** October is a month when we celebrate Black History Month. It began over a hundred years ago in the United States. In the United Kingdom, it was first recognised and celebrated in 1987 to acknowledge and honour over 150 years of Caribbean emancipation from slavery and the 25th anniversary of the Organisation of African Unity. We owe thanks to Ghanaian analyst and activist Akyaaba Addai-Sebo, who organised the first Black History Month celebration, giving us this important opportunity to promote and celebrate Black contributions to British society.

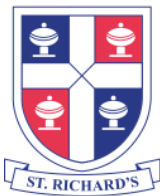


For us as Catholics, it is a month of great joy and thanksgiving to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon Black people. It serves to recognise the hardships and sadness that Black individuals have endured through slavery, systemic racism, prejudice, and stereotypes throughout history and into the present day. Ultimately, it is a time of reflection, fostering inclusion and integration in the spirit of oneness in Christ, where all are welcomed, and acknowledging that there is always space for one more.

I am immensely proud of the diversity within our Archdiocese, which underscores our respect for differences. To be different is to be considered beautiful. St. Paul reminds us in Galatians 3:26-28 that we are all sons and daughters of God through faith. There is no Jew or Greek, no slave or free, no male or female, for we are all one in Christ. **Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast Area of the Archdiocese of Southwark.**

**Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham  
'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal**

	<b>October/ November 2024</b>	
<b>RCIA Course starts</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 7pm</b>	<b>St Paul's, Dover</b>
<b>Bible Study at St Finbarr's</b>	<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 7pm</b>	<b>St Finbarr's, Aylesham</b>
<b>Rosary and Bible Study at St Paul's</b>	<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am &amp; 10.30am</b>	<b>St Paul's, Dover</b>
<b>Confirmation Class</b>	<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>St Paul's, Dover</b>
<b>Marian Devotion at St Finbarr's</b>	<b>Every Sunday in October 10.30am</b>	<b>St Finbarr's, Aylesham</b>
<b>Harvest Festival at St Paul's</b>	<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am</b>	<b>St Paul's, Dover</b>
<b>Fides at St Finbarr's</b>	<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>St Finbarr's, Aylesham</b>
<b>The Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Paul Hendricks</b>	<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 11am</b>	<b>St Paul's, Dover</b>



**ST RICHARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL.** KCSP are looking for new practicing Catholic committee members across various schools, including a foundation governor for St Richard's. The role of a committee member is strategic rather than operational. Members don't 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? While there's not one type of committee member, 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](mailto:governance@kcsp.org.uk) or tel: 01622 232662

**BHARATHANATYAM, INDIAN CLASSICAL DANCE CLASSES** held in Whitfield Village Hall 12<sup>th</sup> October 6pm and Dover. Anyone interested please get in touch with Dr Erin Anthonyrajah: Tel 07988 707838.

**THE CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES** is a knowledge-based, internationally recognized qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable.



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Please visit [aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs) for further information. Closing date for applicants this year is **4th November 2024**.

**THE ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE:** The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course incorporating three in person study days for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. *"The course has given me a deeper knowledge and understanding about the Catholic faith, inspiring and enabling me to explain to others with quiet confidence what I firmly believe to be the truth."* The Archbishop's Certificate is in accord with Archbishop John Wilson's vision for a missionary archdiocese and is open to all who work towards this. The course will commence on **12th October 2024** with an introductory zoom session and the first in person session will take place on **19th October 2024** at St George's Cathedral. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>. If you have any questions please email [archcert@aec.rcaos.org.uk](mailto:archcert@aec.rcaos.org.uk)

**ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK 2024 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY** hosted by the Justice and Peace Commission on **Saturday 12th October 2024** at St James the Great Catholic Church, Petts Wood BR5 1BJ. Preceded by Mass at 10.00am Principal Celebrant Bishop Emeritus Patrick Lynch. Registration 11am. Programme 11am to 4pm. Entitled: God Walks With His People: in search for a solution to poverty both home and overseas. Everyone welcome. Entrance is free. Lunch provided. Donations appreciated. Email: [jpiccontact@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:jpiccontact@rcaos.org.uk) to reserve your place and for catering purposes.

**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, 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:** Francois Borgarello, Kathleen Mather, Malcolm Albert Whitehouse, Tom Peters, Margaret Scott, John Horton, Joseph Cunningham, George Walford, Raymond Michael Cooper, Kathleen Garrity, Francis Patrick McKenna.

**St Paul's:** Frederick Gibbons, Archie Clayton, John Corry, Sidney Padfield, Michael Siddle, Johnny McDermott, Fr. Donal Lowensz, Steve Atmore, Vicky Dexter, Paul Frederick Jackman, William Doolin, Valerie Black, Vera Griffith, Teresa Phillipson, Michael Theobald, John Gillespie.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA	Sunday 5th October	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 6th October	10.30am 11.15am	Marian Devotion Mass for Peace in the Middle East
	Tuesday 8th October	7pm	Bible Study
SAINT HENRY NEWMAN	Wednesday 9th October	10.15am	Mass for the church in Zimbabwe
	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
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA	Saturday 5th October	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Eucharistic Service in St Edmund's Chapel Confirmation Class in the Upper Hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Peace in Lebanon & Israel
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 6th October	9.15am  11am 3pm	Mass for G/E Anne Castle (Sheila) MUSTARD SEEDS Children's Liturgy Coffee after Mass Mass for P.J. Mc Menamin (Teresa, Theodore & Samuel) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	Monday 7th October	10am	Mass for Blessings for Veronika & Ivo (Tim) <b>Followed by a Holy Hour for Peace in the Middle East</b>
	Tuesday 8th October	10am	Mass for Kathy McMenamin RIP (Teresa)
SAINT HENRY NEWMAN	Wednesday 9th October	10am 5.30pm	Mass for Sybil Veronica Pearce 'F' Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm
SAINT PAULINUS OF YORK	Thursday 10th October	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Students Starting University Bible Study in the Hall
SAINT JOHN XXIII	Friday 11th October	10am	Mass for G/E Martha (Sheila)
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 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (Sheila) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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# READINGS FOR SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2024

## First reading

Genesis 2:18-24

*A man and his wife become one body*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So, from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So, the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

## Responsorial Psalm

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**May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.**

## Second reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

*The one who sanctifies is the brother of those who are sanctified*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendor because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn17:17

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your word is truth, O Lord:  
consecrate us in the truth.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

*What God has united, man must not divide*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

## 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.**