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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

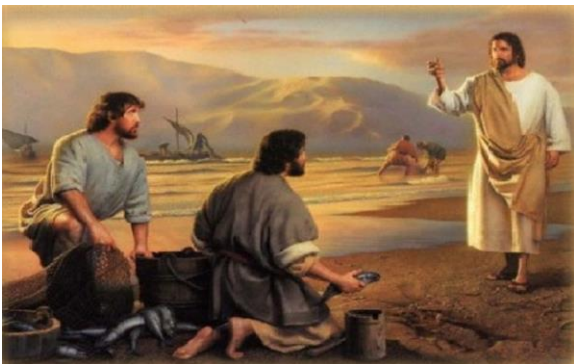
Sunday 9th February 2025.

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GENERAL HEALING AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK TODAY
SUNDAY 3PM ST PAUL'S (EXPOSITION/ADORATION STARTS BY 2:30)

GOSPEL REFLECTION: GOD CALLS EACH ONE OF US FOR A PURPOSE (Lk.5:1-11)

Every Christian by virtue of baptism has a special call from God to carry out a specific mission. Just as each one of us is unique, so is our mission. We have both individual and collective missions. God does not look at the external features of a person or is He concerned about the qualification or skill. Without favouritism or prejudice, God extends His call equally to everyone. His criteria seem to be His trust that you can do it because He provides whatever is needed to accomplish the mission. The God who called Isaiah, Paul, Peter and the likes, continues to call people even in our time. Like Isaiah, Paul and Peter, we are called to transit from a state of sin-full-ness to a state of sin-less-ness. We are called like them to drop the attractions of our past and embrace the new things God is doing for us (Isaiah 43:18-19). Like Isaiah, our lips need divine touch, like Paul our eyes need to be reopened to a new reality and we need a new name, like Peter we need to follow Jesus Christ unto a new way of life. Each of us is being asked to search beyond our own fears today and to fish people for God. This call may come in different forms; Let us confidently say like Isaiah: "Here I am, Lord send me," and Christ will make us "fishers of men." May we reflect on these questions; Where am I called to go, who am I called to be, and what am I called to do?



GENERAL HEALING SERVICE AND ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Because the World Day of Prayer for the Sick 2025 takes place on Tuesday 11th February. The nearest Sunday on which to hold our General Healing Service and Anointing is Sunday 9th February, 3pm, St Pauls Church, Dover. (Exposition of the Blessed sacrament and quiet prayer to precede the service at 2:30pm). All of us need healing, spiritually, emotionally or physically. The planned service is an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of the sick together. The service will be led by Fr. Leo and Fr Goldwin. Please join us for this short service and pray for healing, either for yourself or for family and loved ones.

A second general healing service and anointing of the sick is planned for Sunday 26th October 2025, St Finbarr's, Aylesham. God bless. Fr. Leo

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY: Do you feel called to proclaim the word of God as a Reader (Lector) at Mass in any of our Churches? What are you waiting for? Why not step forward this year and fulfil your mission of proclaiming the word at Mass? Our Ministry for the Month of February is Readers (Lectors). We have scheduled a training session for all new Lectors and a refresh training for existing readers. We shall have some videos to guide us; refreshment will also be served.

ST PAUL'S: 15th February 11am - 12:30pm. Contact Person: Diane: dianefj@virginmedia.com; Ann: annfisher7575@gmail.com; ST FINBARR'S: 22nd February; 11am - 12:30pm. Esiri: pgsesiri@gmail.com; Jeremy: jeremycrowe@btinternet.com; Please come.

ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY. The next Rosary and Bible Study meeting at St Paul's will be on Thursday 13th February. Deacon Barry.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (FHC) 2025 GROUP St Paul's and St Finbarr's.

Please note that the admittance to the FHC Programme 2025 has now closed as from Saturday 18th January. I'm delighted to let everyone know we have 20 children who are now being prepared at St Pauls and 4 children at St Finbarr's. All the children, from both churches, will make their FHC on Sunday 22nd June, The Feast of Corpus Christi. Recruitment to the FHC Programme 2026 for both churches begins in December 2025. Deacon Barry and Carine Jarvie.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2025. Next weekend 16th February 2025 there will be a 2nd collection for **Racial Justice.** "Love One Another as I Have Loved You".

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: **Ellen Rosina Gibbs** (Rose), her funeral will take place on Friday 21st February at St Paul's Church, 10.30am Mass. We also announce the Passing of **Ann McCallum** who died on 26th January. She and her family are very active members of St. Finbarr Church. Her funeral will take place on 28th February; Mass will be at 11am. Also, **David Nuttall** of Dover whose funeral service is at Hawkinge Crematorium on Tuesday 18th February at 10.30am; **Timothy Sean Ward** of Aylesham, whose funeral service will be at Aylesham Cemetery on 18th February at 1pm; and **Danielle Francoise Sutton** of Dover, widow of Terry. Danielle's funeral will take place at Barham Crematorium on Friday 28th February at 3pm. May their Souls rest in peace. Amen. Fr Leo.



FLAME: Calling all young people (16-35) to join us in attending Flame 2025, a Catholic youth event at Wembley Arena, starring Bear Grylls and others, on **March 15th, 2025.** Cost will be £30 (incl. travel). Please contact Jack 07710 430893 on WhatsApp to register. Fr. Leo and Fr. Godwin will be travelling with the young people on this event. Parents who will like to attend should also indicate.

DOVER STREET PASTORS ARE HOLDING A QUIZ NIGHT Friday 28th February. Doors open 7pm for 7.30 pm start Raffle and interval games too! £3 per person with tables of 6 (accompanied children welcome) Teas, coffees and soft drinks on sale Please bring your own food (alcohol permitted) Venue: St Mary's Church Parish Centre, Cannon Street, Dover CT16 1BY To book, please email: dover@streetpastors.org.uk

MARRIAGE WEEK 7th-14th FEBRUARY. Tune in to **Radio Maria England** on **Wednesday, 12th February at 10am** for an inspiring broadcast with **Fr Ed Tomlinson**, a Catholic priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Fr Ed, a married father, rugby player, Norwich City fan, and lover of beer, will share his unique journey and experiences. Listen online at www.RadioMariaEngland.uk, on the **Radio Maria Play App**, or ask your smart speaker to "**Play Radio Maria England**". Be encouraged by his story and join us for this uplifting conversation!

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM. Join us on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from 7th - 9th March 2025 led by Fr Mark Wharton. Limited places available. Contact Claudine Nutley for details: claudinenutley@btinternet.com

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK. Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 6th April 2025. £799.00 pp. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
	February 2025	
First Holy Communion Preparation	Every Saturday 9.30am	St Paul's Hall, Dover
First Holy Communion Preparation	Every Sunday 9.30am	St Finbarr's Aylesham
RCIA Course	Every Monday 7pm	St Paul's, Dover
Adult SYCAMORE Course	Every Wednesday 7pm	St Paul's, Dover
SYCAMORE Course for Young Adults	Every Sunday 6pm	St Paul's, Dover
Winter Soup Kitchen	Every Sunday 4pm – 6pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
Lector's training (Old & New readers)	Sat 15th Feb 11am-12:30pm	St. Paul's, Dover
Lector's training (Old & New readers)	Sat 22nd Feb 11am-12:30pm.	St. Finbarr's, Aylesham

ST JUDE'S PRAYER GROUP The next meeting of the St Jude's Prayer Group will be on the 17th of February at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Any new members will be welcome to join us.

COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY: Cash & CollecTin £3018.00; Bankers Orders £2866.00; Crib Offering £114.87; LEPRa Appeal £455.38; Thank you for your generosity. Fr. Leo.

ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON has written a new book entitled **The Romero Rosary**. With introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero and the rosary, this beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (*Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory*) and the **NEW Romero Mysteries** (*Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace*) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at www.paulineuk.org. The Archbishop warmly invites everyone to the book launch on **Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 6.00 for 6.30pm** at **Amigo Hall, adjacent St George's Cathedral, Southwark, South London. SE1 7HY**.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE (BABM) – Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope. To celebrate Jubilee 2025 a one day Building a Better Marriage opportunity will be held during 2025.

15 March - Our Lady Queen of Peace, East Sheen;

28 June – St Raphael Church, Kingston Upon Thames; **5 July** - St Thomas More, Dulwich;

13 September – Southwark Cathedral, London; **4 October** – Holy Cross, Catford;

1 November – St James the Great, Petts Wood.

Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ retreat for the bereaved - Aylesford Priory 21-23 March 2025

To join one of these please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

A DAY WITH MARY is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 1 March 2025 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www.adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

CATECHISM ON THE ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacred anointing of the sick was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them



with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven". (James 5:14-15) The Catholic Church does not believe that the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick replaces the need for medical care, instead, it recognises that, at times, suffering through sickness can have a purpose. Through the Sacrament of anointing of the sick, the Lord blesses us with spiritual comfort, forgiveness of sin, strength and courage to accept illness and relief from anxiety.

The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects: the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ ... the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner, the sufferings of illness or old age and led to the forgiveness of sins. If the sick person was not able to obtain the physical restoration of health; his or her soul is prepared for salvation and made ready for passing over to eternal life. (Catechism of the Catholic Church- CCC 1532)

The apostles continued the ministry of healing, anointing people with oil and reconciling them to the Lord. We see this in their ministry throughout the scriptures. In the Gospel it says; "They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them. (Mark 6:13). May the Lord grant us healing and peace as we embrace His mercy through the sacraments. Amen.

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr's: Audrey Stitt, 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, 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 Henbrey, Madison Woodall, 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: Catherine Turnbull, Desmond Thomas Martin, John Russell Bramwell, Margaret Quinn.

St Paul's: Frances McNena, Margaret Rose Upton, Helen Clancy, Peter Pia, Richard Laffey, Dominic Gillespie, Sr. Kathleen Cruise DC, Charles Jones, Ronnie Wills, Dino Borrello, Jeremy Sykes, Elsa Mabel Gill, Mary Ada Coles, Mary Tanner, William Martin, William Mechan, William Blanshard, Audrey Mahoney.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA	Saturday 8th February	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 9th February	9.30am 11.15am	First Holy Communion preparation in the Church Mass for Sick Parishioners at St Finbarr's
	Wednesday 12th February	10.15am	Mass for G/E Father Jamie
SAINT CLAUDE DE LA COLUMBIERE	Saturday 15th February	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 16th February	9.30am 11.15am	First Holy Communion preparation in the Church Mass for William Blanchard 'F'
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA	Saturday 8th February	9.30am 10am 5pm 6pm	First Holy Communion preparation in the hall. Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Sr Margaret Canny UJ RIP (Lizzie) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Chris Francis RIP (Jane)
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 9th February	9.15am 11am 2:30pm 3pm 6pm	Mass for Jean MacKenzie RIP (Robert) Coffee after Mass Mass for Arkadiusz & Joanna Szoszler (5th Wedding Anniversary) Exposition and adoration before the healing service Service for General Healing & Anointing of the Sick Sycamore Course for Young Adults
SAINT SCHOLASTICA	Monday 10th February	10am 7pm	Mass for Tony Neve RIP (Oliver O'Connor) The RCIA course in the Upper Hall
	Tuesday 11th February	10am	Mass for Michael Lyons 'F'
	Wednesday 12th February	10am 5.30pm 7pm	Mass for G/E Sheila (Kay) Exposition and Holy Rosary (to 6.30pm) The Adult Sycamore Course in the hall
	Thursday 13th February	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Honoria McKeown & John McKeown RIP (Christina Empson) Bible Study in the hall
SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS	Friday 14th February	10am	Mass for Tony Neve RIP (Theresa & Keith)
SAINT CLAUDE DE LA COLUMBIERE	Saturday 15th February	10am 11am 5pm 6pm	No First Holy Communion preparation (Half Term) Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E Ros & Rob (Lizzie) Lector's Training (Old & New Readers) to 12.30pm Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Celestina Freitas (Jose)
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 16th February	9.15am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Father Godwin's Birthday (Keith & Theresa) Coffee after Mass Mass for Tony Neve RIP (Oliver O'Connor) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Sycamore Course for Young Adults

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2025

First reading **Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8**
'Here I am! Send me.'

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.' And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 138(137):1-2a, 2bc, 3, 4-5, 7c-8, R1c
In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple.
2. I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
For you have exalted over all
your name and your promise.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.
3. All earth's kings shall thank you, O Lord,
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
'How great is the glory of the Lord!
4. With your right hand you save me;
the Lord will accomplish this for me.
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

Second reading **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**
'So we preach and so you believed.'

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers

and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unworthy to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 4:19**
Alleluia, alleluia.
Follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of men.
Alleluia.

Gospel **Luke 5:1-11**
'They left everything and followed him.'

At that time: The crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear the word of God. He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.' And Simon answered, 'Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.' And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.' For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.' And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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.