



St Paul's Church & Presbytery  
103 Maison Dieu Road, Dover CT16 1RU

St Finbarr's Church, Market Place, Aylesham CT3 3EZ

Parish Priest Fr Jeff Cridland: 01304 206766, [jeffcridland@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:jeffcridland@rcaos.org.uk)

Fr Patrick Adusei Poku: 07766 254987, [aduseipat@yahoo.com](mailto:aduseipat@yahoo.com)

Deacon Barry Barton: 07715 546938, [barrybarton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barrybarton@rcaos.org.uk)

Parish Secretary [dover@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dover@rcaos.org.uk)

St Finbarr's [aylesham@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:aylesham@rcaos.org.uk)

Parish website [www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk](http://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk)

St Paul's Mass Streaming Live Every Day (for times see below): [www.churchservices.tv/dover](http://www.churchservices.tv/dover)

Make a Donation at: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/good-shepherd-parish-st-paul-s-dover-st-finbarr-s-aylesham](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/good-shepherd-parish-st-paul-s-dover-st-finbarr-s-aylesham)

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

16<sup>th</sup> of August, 2020

*Our Churches Are Open for Mass*

*Face Coverings Must be Worn*

*Except by Children*

*Bring Your Own Mask if You Can.*

St Paul's Streaming: [www.churchservices.tv/dover](http://www.churchservices.tv/dover)

**Priests Corner:** Every weekend in both churches we are welcoming people coming back to Mass for the first time, which is lovely. On another hand, it has been quite jolly ringing someone thinking they are in Dover only to find they are in Scotland or Devon. I have a request. Would those who linger outside either of our churches in the fresh air for a chat, a jolly good idea, please keep their masks on. One group is bad at this. I won't say which one. On another level there is an opportunity. Fr. Reason, is coming down to stay next week. He will be saying his last Mass in St. Paul's, at least for a while, on Friday at 10.am. Wouldn't it be lovely if some of his friends came along, with safe distancing of course. Fr. Jeff.

### *Editorial Holiday.*

Fr. Jeff has insisted

Every editor needs a break in August

Any material for the next two newsletters should be sent to Andrew [andrewpaulabi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:andrewpaulabi@yahoo.co.uk) or dropped into the presbytery.

*The Editor*

**Interesting Days Off:** In the end I went up to London on Tuesday Night after a Zoom meeting about our building project. I wanted to do a little work on behalf of the parish on Thursday and still have some real time off. I was disappointed to find how low the temperature had been set where I was staying but decided to put up with it. What else could I do? It's relevant to what happened later.

Wednesday went well. I went out for a meal in the evening with the former Head of The St. Thomas The Apostle College. We had a good talk about how things are now in the world, the church and education. I am not good at reminiscing about the past. I went back to where I was staying, fell asleep straight away but woke up at 3am to find my breathing was up the spout.

At just after 6, I set out for home, deciding if I was going to be ill it was better to be there where friends were at hand and a garden. It turned out it was a chest infection, not helped by sleeping in a room where the temperature was set at 19 degrees. What was interesting was how peaceful I felt on the way home. I was able to tell The Good Lord to keep me safe. I was ready to go but really wanted him to keep me alive to play a part in building the new hall and the flats for the poor. I was grateful to God that he enabled me to get down to the deeper issues and that he taught me a lesson about being careful not to get infected, something we all need to keep in our minds. Fr. Jeff.

### **Volunteer Stewards still required.**

Dear Parishioner: We are still looking for more volunteer stewards to maintain our mid-week church opening here at St Paul's. The duty hours at present are Tuesday-Friday 9.15am until 11am with opening at 9.30am. Please email me at [pgsdavidaevans@gmail.com](mailto:pgsdavidaevans@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer and/or make any suggestions or comments about the times and days of opening. Any comments should be in time for our zoom management meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> August.

If parishioners feel reticent about returning to mass, please note that on a Tuesday there have been so far only 4/5 people attending mass and so there is loads of room for socially distancing for a safe experience. Thankyou. Dave Evans (Chairperson St Paul's Management Group)

**The Bruderhoff Community** at Darvill, near Hastings was the subject of a programme on BBC 1 on Thursday (13<sup>th</sup>). It was entitled 'Inside the Bruderhoff' and was worth watching. Perhaps you could get it on Catch Up TV.

**Our Building Project** is moving forward. It is difficult to bring you all into the picture as we can't have any meetings, our Masses have to be over in 45 minutes and not everybody feels able to get here at the moment, so I will write a little report every so often. This week it is about Tuesday's Zoom Meeting. Keith Wells represented the parish council, Teresa Gordon the hall users, Mary and Paul Smye-Rumsby were present on account of their roles in our daily lives, Richard Emedo from St. Finbarr's was on his own as Carina could not join him. Noel Beamish represented our possible partners in providing accommodation, two guests from the diocese, Keely Tattersfield, who is helping us with our feasibility study and Rosin McLoughlin who specialises in parish appeals joined and Charles Lynch our architect.

The meeting accepted my suggestion that we should prioritise getting on with the hall and providing a new

entrance and improving the ambience at St. Finbarr's. Noel reported his efforts to find possible funding sources for residential dwellings were both challenging and encouraging. The people from the diocese welcomed our decision to break the project into four segments, the church hall, the flats in Dover, the work on the entrance in Aylesham and the possibility of building flats there. They wanted us to clarify our plans in some areas and told us it would be wise to go as far as seeking planning permission before applying for grants.

I hope everybody will gradually be able to build up their own picture of what is going on and how far we have got. I am beginning to see that it will probably not be possible to have any major parish meetings under the present rules about gatherings and am wondering if it might be in order to use a sermon slot in September to bring you all more into the picture. We could give you all a copy of the plans to take home as you leave. The one thing I am sure about is we should not wait to get on with things until the rules about gatherings are changed. Nobody else is waiting to do things. Football clubs are finding way to move forward. We will have to find a user friendly way of doing so too. Fr. Jeff.

**Fr John Ryan**; the former Parish Priest of St Paul's; is comfortably settled into a nursing home at the address below; and is out of danger, though he still needs 24hr care. He would welcome any telephone calls between 10am-12noon and 2pm-4pm any day. At present it is not possible to visit him because of a Covid infection on the premises. His address is: Auckland Care Home, 35 West Street, Bexleyheath, DA7 4BE. Tel: 020 8304 3303

### Track & Trace

The Government Says Everyone Must Fill in a Form Every time they go to Church.

Forms available at church and on the website

<https://www.pariahofthegoodshepherd.uk/parish>

### Tickets at St. Paul's

Although you can turn up now and get in without a ticket, we urge you to choose a Mass and get a permanent plastic one so that you can be sure you will get in as people return and because we use them as our counters.

Apply to Anne Castle 01304 202 980

[annecastle@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annecastle@hotmail.co.uk)

**Please pray for those who are unwell**, especially Charlie Golden, Brendan Quinn, Tina Isaacs, Ray Deverson, Lucy Purbrick ; Denise Bishop, Sean O'Regan, Jean Ann Dowle, Diane Jones, Melanie Melone (daughter of Len and Bernadette), Nina Woolhouse, Maureen & Joe Johnston, Christopher Browne, Angela, Ellen McGurk, Helen Davies, Christine Mackenzie, Chris Francis, Alice Wilson, Angela Henbrey, Julie Balston, Madison Woodall, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Rev Michael Hinton, Cathy Huntley, Mary Nelson, Emil Jain, Pat Sherratt, **and those whose anniversaries occur at this time**: Pat Donnachie, Kevin & Mary McCartney, Owen McCallum, Josephine Elizabeth Margaret Fewkes, Nellie Mills, Bryn Rossiter, Charles Whitehouse ; Sean O'Sullivan, Sheila O'Neill, Bessie Green, George Gibbins, Mary Goodacre, Sr. Mary Cyril, Fr Wilfred D'Silva, Anthony King, Richard Nolan, Lewis Harris, Mark Edward Tapley, Bernard John Smith, Marie Donovan, Ted Huntley, Dr Penny Hill (nee Smye-Rumsby), Roberto Gismondi, Deacon Ray Partridge, Paul Mitchinson, and Win Clarke.

## EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

### CHURCHES OPEN ONLY AT SPECIFIED TIMES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

<i>Our Lady</i>	Saturday	3pm	St Finbarr's, Syro Malabar Mass (Fr Hans)
		5pm	Confessions in St Paul's Presbytery until 5.45 pm
		6pm	St Paul's, Mass for Dr Colm Malone RIP (Fr. Jeff)
<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	9.15am	St Paul's, Mass in Thanksgiving (Sheila) (Fr. Pat)
		11.15am	St Finbarr's, Mass for the People of Lebanon (Fr. Jeff)
		11.30am	St Paul's, Mass for Carol & Paul Smye-Rumsby & Family (Fr. Pat)
<b>No exposition till September</b>			
<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	Monday	10am	Mass for Intentions of Abudu & Emedo Family (Fr. Pat) <b>(Streamed only)</b>
<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	Tuesday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for Lena Gammie RIP (Ian and Meg) (Fr Pat)
		11.30am	St Finbarr's, Funeral Mass of Brian West RIP
<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	Wednesday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for G/E of Sheila Henneker (Ian and Meg) (Fr. Pat)
		11.30am	St Finbarr's, Funeral Mass of Anne Valerie Deary RIP
<i>St Bernard</i>	Thursday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for the People of the Parish (Fr. Jeff)
		1.30pm	St Paul's, Funeral of Roger Marsden RIP
<i>St Pius X</i>	Friday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for Fr. Ed RIP & Br. Francis RIP (Ian and Meg) (Fr Pat)
<i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Saturday	3pm	St Finbarr's, Syro Malabar Mass (Fr Hans)
		5pm	Confessions in St Paul's Presbytery until 5.45 pm
		6pm	St Paul's, Mass for Margaret & George Fine (Andrea Rees) (Fr. Jeff)
<i>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	9.15am	St Paul's, Mass for Roberto Gismondi RIP (Bernardina) (Fr. Jeff)
		11.15am	St Finbarr's, Mass for Arthur John Youden (F) (Fr. Pat)
		11.30am	St Paul's, Mass for Sean Kelly (George) (Fr. Jeff)
<b>No exposition till September</b>			

Parish Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/parishofgoodshepherd](http://www.facebook.com/parishofgoodshepherd)

For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact Matthew Cloke, Editor: [dovernnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dovernnewsletter@rcaos.org.uk)

Newsletter items received after 6pm Thursday may not be included that week. The Editor reserves the right to edit articles.

A parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark CIO Registered Incorporated Charity Number 1173050