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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th of September, 2020

*Our Churches Are Open!
Face Coverings Must be Worn
Except by Children
Bring Your Own Masks if You Can.*

This weekend at St Finbarr's: Fr Terkura Igbe, the Chaplain at St Michael's Catholic High School, Garston, Hertfordshire, is the cover for 11.15am Mass. Please give him your usual very warm welcome.

Good News All Round: Our new priest, Fr. Leo, is in England. He arrived on Wednesday and is now isolating in a Spiritan House in London. I am sure you look forward to welcoming him. Fr. Patrick enjoyed his first weekend in Hartley too. I am jolly glad on both counts. Fr. Jeff.

A Visit: The BBC are going to be using St. Paul's on Tuesday to record an interview with Bishop Paul McAleenan, an Area Bishop in the Archdiocese of Westminster who is the lead Bishop on the refugee issue. Mass will still be at the usual time.

Priests Corner: Here we are entering a new phase about coronavirus. It is important to make clear the churches are not being shut again after the new rules come in on Monday. Now however everyone is back at school I want to make one change to our timetable. I have decided it would be best if we stopped having Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament on weekdays. On the other hand, I don't want you to stop praying about us all being the salt of the earth. I hope I am not saying it too often, but the more wisdom around just now the better. Fr. Jeff.

Liturgical Colours: It has been obvious to me since I came back to St. Paul's that sometime in the past either a decision was made, or a habit grew up, of not changing the colour of the tabernacle cover etc according to the feast. I think we ought to go back to the normal practice as we are one of the only parishes that streams that doesn't match the colour of our drapes with that of the vestments of the day. Information about the colour of the day is in the directory on the vestment press. Sorry to give our dear sacristans another job. Fr. Jeff.

Help for Syrian Family: A meeting was held last week at St. Finbarr's with the Syrian family living in the former St. Finbarr's Presbytery, to find out how we as a Parish might help them to overcome difficulties they have faced. They have a need for clothes, especially outdoor winter clothes, for two boys aged

5 and 9, and two girls aged 6 and 11, and school backpacks for the children. They also need any tools which would help them to keep their garden tidy and perhaps grow vegetables.

If you can help with any of the above, will you please contact Anne Rowe: 01304 840824 or mrsannerowe@btinternet.com

New Lock for St Paul's Hall/Church Side Door Entrance: The lock to the side door entrance for the hall/church will be changed week commencing Monday 28th September. Will current key holders please collect your new key before this date from Mary at the presbytery office on Tuesday or Thursday morning, or Paul on Sunday after 9.15am Mass.

Collection for August 2020: Cash: £2133.00; Bankers Orders: £1717.00; JustGiving: £200.00. Many thanks for your generosity.

Maureen Clunas, who comes to St Paul's for the 11.30 Mass says Thank You to the parish for the flowers and cards she received on her 90th birthday last week.

Virtual Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Sunday 27th of September. Covid-19 limitations result in the Shrine discouraging visits on weekends; therefore, we are not running coaches this year. Instead there will be an online participation. The Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe should be present in Walsingham. You can Take part at <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/> or <https://www.youtube.com/WalsinghamCatholicTV>
Further information at www.prolifepilgrimage.org

Fr Patrick: I would like to express my gratitude to you all for your love, support and prayers for me while I was with you in the parish. I am settling in my new parish and my parishioners are very welcoming. Please remember me in your prayers. Thanks, and God bless you all.

To all members of St Paul's Church Management Group: Dear Friends, I would be grateful if you would all regularly check your parish email accounts so that we can communicate ideas on the next meeting's agenda on Wednesday 30th September. This is going to be a Zoom meeting because of government restrictions and the worsening Covid circumstances. I will host the meeting and send everyone a meeting invitation at 6.45pm for a 7pm start. Thankyou. Dave Evans'

A recommendation: A series of talks by Fr Chris Alar, a Marian priest on many topics to do with Catholic Faith. You can find these informative talks on the Divine Mercy Youtube channel under "Explaining the Faith with Fr. Chris Alar MIC,": https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqz7fTVUfJikTb_4Cl8Nq5xtgfGOxGxKM

Spiritual Communion Prayer: From my earliest days in the seminary I was always told don't add extra prayers to the Mass, so I was never comfortable with the idea of doing so. I can see why it is a good idea on special occasions.

We are printing the Spiritual Communion prayer Fr. Pat used to read at Mass so that those that can't come out yet will cut it out of the newsletter and say it to yourself every day. Fr. Jeff.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

(the prayer we say before receiving 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 at least 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.
Amen.

L'arche Kent: The Community are looking for a dehumidifier for The Harbour, if you have one no longer in use please let me know. Anne Holiday, Office Manager. Telephone 01227 643025

Father Pat's Book: contact Andrew 01304 206766 (Dover) or Carina on 0776 406020 (Aylesham).

Request for stewards: More stewards are still required to ensure the continued opening of St Paul's Church for weekday masses. We need several more stewards to go on a reserve list in case of absence; otherwise we may return to situations where less weekday masses are open to the public. Thanks for your help in this mission. David Evans (Chairperson St Paul's Management Group).

Test & 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.parishofthegoodshepherd.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 as we use them as our counters.

Apply to Anne Castle 01304 202 980

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, Ted Peel, 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:** Keith Purbrick, Daphne Thomas, Myrtle Fullinaw, Richard Ian Shepherdson, Sheila Mary Lambrous, Arthur McCallum ; Julie Annette Green, Patrick Gosgrave, Patricia Baker, Cynthia Asquith, Mme Lucienne Roby, Ronald William MacDonald, Michael John Joseph Doyle, Nancy Nash, Russell Woolhouse, Isabella Jones, Rose Neary, Pauline Chapman, Maggie Tait, Benjamin Leat, Sr Barbara Walsh DC, Richard Barry Black, David Hanson, Christopher Mulligan, Susan Atmore, Patricia Ferris, Arthur Lawrence, Sylvia Julie Eastwood, and Joan Groves.

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

CHURCHES OPEN ONLY AT SPECIFIED TIMES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	Saturday	3pm	St Finbarr's, Syro Malabar Mass (Fr Hans)
		5pm	Confessions in St Paul's Presbytery until 5.45pm
		6pm	St Paul's, Mass for Eileen Bishop RIP (Andrew) (Fr. Jeff)
<i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Sunday 13 th September	9.15am	St Paul's, Mass for Laurie Quigley RIP (Newham) (Fr. Jeff)
		11.15am	St Finbarr's, Mass for Ernest Edward Stokes (F) (Fr. Terkura Igbe)
		11.30am	St Paul's, Mass for Elzbieta Grzenkowska-Hawryluk RIP (Angelika Ciesielska) (Fr. Jeff)
		3pm	St Paul's, Exposition until 4pm
<i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Monday	10am	Morning Prayer (Streamed only)
<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Tuesday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for Elizabeth Compton. (F)
<i>Ss Cornelius and Cyprian</i>	Wednesday	10am	St Paul's, Eucharistic Service
		10.15am	St Finbarr's, Mass for Holy Souls
<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	Thursday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for Canon John Macnamara RIP
<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	Friday	10am	St Paul's, Eucharistic Service
<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	Saturday	3pm	St Finbarr's, Syro Malabar Mass (Fr Hans)
		5pm	Confessions in St Paul's Presbytery until 5.45pm
		6pm	St Paul's, Mass for Mel Fine (Andrea) (Fr. Jeff)
<i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Sunday 20 th September	9.15am	St Paul's, Mass for Sue (Sheila) (Fr. Jeff)
		11.15am	St Finbarr's, Mass for Bernard Willis (F) (Fr. Uchenna)
		11.30am	St Paul's, Mass for Julie Anette Green (F) (Fr. Jeff)
		3pm	St Paul's, Exposition until 4pm

Parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/parishofgoodshepherd

For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact Matthew Cloke, Editor: dovernewsletter@rcaos.org.uk

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

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The Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover & Aylesham

Our Building Project has got to the stage where we need to tell you more about a possible New Hall beside St. Paul's

Over the next few months we need to have separate debates about all the four strands in the project.
Now is the time to talk about the Hall at St. Paul's.
As the geography of the site demands it is built first.

This is an exercise in bringing everyone into debates in manageable chunks.
Nothing is decided.

The Diocesan Authorities are fully involved in the discussions and will be accompanying us as we move the project forward.

The Archbishop has made two requests:

We keep the staff in the Finance Office & those running the Diocesan Estate fully informed & that Fr. Jeff does not retire until the project is completed.

Now is the time to talk seriously about the Hall.

You will see from the plan on the next page our architect, Charles Lynch, has suggested we build the new hall to the right of St. Paul's and keep part of the old hall for use by the Scouts, groups like the AA and the small working parties the council would love us to host if we had adequate access for the disabled.

Things to Note

Everyone needs to understand we are engaging in a process.

We are sharing the draft site plan as it is time you were all brought into the picture. If the general view, after some discussion, is these proposals are worth looking at further, we will need to approach the planning people.

Although we have the systems in place to look for grants, the questions about finance, whether we can get enough money to supplement what we have already, only comes if or when we get planning permission.

There is one important fact I want everyone to take on board at this moment though. The flats, which we will tell you more about at a later date, would not be financed by the parish.

There is one other thing. This Special Edition to the newsletter is about the general idea. Other Special Editions will follow, partly according to what is asked or because the committee running the project either want opinions about a particular aspect of the project or to tell you how they are getting on.

Attached to the end of this Special Edition newsletter is a Questionnaire. You can download an electronic copy of it in Word format from our website

<https://www.parihofthegoodshepherd.uk/newsletters/>

If you want to tell us what you think or want to ask a question, and we hope you will, please get in touch with Malcolm Fisher, email goodshepherddevelopment@gmail.com.

You can also email your completed questionnaire to Malcolm.

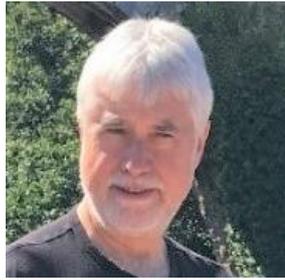


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Background

St Paul's Community Hall

St Paul's Church, Dover was built in 1868. It was designed in the 'Early English' style by Edward Pugin, the son of Augustus Welby Pugin (designer of 'Big Ben' and many aspects of the houses of Parliament). A boy's school was built adjacent to the church in 1872 and extended to include a girl's school in 1882 with an infant's school in 1889 which educated 170 children at the time.

The current 'hall' at St Paul's is essentially the original old school classrooms which were renovated some 40 years ago.

The hall space we have now is long and narrow with echoing acoustics; it is cold and uncomfortable and has to be accessed via a private corridor round the back of the Sacristy with steps at the end. All this makes the space virtually unusable, unwelcoming, un-lettable and an unwanted burden on the Parish. Some of the outbuildings at the rear have suffered from serious erosion of the brickwork to the point of being potentially unstable. Rising damp is a problem and there are numerous changes of level with steps all over the place. The cost of simply addressing the many problems would be considerable and many of the spaces are now totally impractical.

Consultation from last year confirmed that the Parish in general wants a hall space that is welcoming, accessible, flexible and large enough for the entire congregation to gather. A flexible, well-proportioned and well serviced space could suit many groups in the church and the wider society, from mothers and toddlers to Age UK, from keep fit and sports clubs to dance clubs, choirs and amateur dramatics and could even be used for after-Mass coffee mornings. There are many other potential uses as well.

A hall, such as the one which is proposed now, which is visible to the road, attractive and welcoming, could also be used to build better links to the community. The location, at the top of Pencester Road is within walking distance of the whole town centre which means it has the potential to be visible and to attract a lot of people.

A hall like this could be a real asset to the whole church family and could help build better links to the wider community by being a useful community asset.