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## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6<sup>th</sup> of September, 2020

*Our Churches Have Reopened!  
Face Coverings Must be Worn*

*Except by Children*

*Bring Your Own Masks if You Can.*

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**Welcome to Fr. Uchenna**, a former colleague of Fr. Pat's in Manchester, who will be celebrating the 11.30 Mass in St. Paul's this weekend.

**Thank You, Best Wishes & Prayers** for Fr. Pat on his 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in his new parish. He has done well here. Not many priests give such good sermons on weekdays that they are put together in a book by the parishioners although he has only been with them for a year. He has been a good companion in the presbytery too. We wish him and his new people every blessing and assure him of our prayers at this special moment. Fr. Jeff.

**Next Weekend** we will be telling you more about the proposed new hall through an extended edition of the newsletter and the sermons at St. Paul's.

**Our Cars** When rules about tax were readjusted several years ago it was decided priests should own their cars and be paid by the mile when using them in the parish. On Fr. Reason joining us we felt we could not ask him to get a loan and buy one so I landed up owning two cars. It was all a bit over the top. I had to get a loan to buy my yellow one though I had not finished paying for what became known, as Fr. Reason's car. At the start of lock down I made a payment to the parish which made Fr. Reason's car totally mine. I have now sold it on. This brings us to the question of what to do about the next priest, who unlike Fr. Pat, won't have a car provided by his order as he is only staying in England for a year.

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Andrew's decision to buy a lovely new little red car has saved the day. Andrew has kindly agreed to his car being used by the new priest as long as he is reimbursed at the recognised rate per mile.

We just have to hope the new priest can drive. If he can't it will have to be the case that people ferry him around. That issue will be slightly on my mind, perhaps stupidly, until I ask the new priest 'Can you drive?' There are quite a lot of other things to sort out just now, but I feel happier. Fr. Jeff.

**Dover SVP:** The Dover Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society has been operating throughout the Covid 19 crisis during which time, although unable to make house visits, we have helped 10 families in extreme need. As a result of the current restrictions a TAM - Temporary Auxiliary Membership - has recently been introduced to enable a quicker recruitment process without new members requiring a DBS check. We are in urgent need of more help so if any members of the congregation would like to join us, on a temporary or permanent basis, please ring Theresa Gordon on 01304 206006 or Sheila Henneker on 01304 201437.

**Please pray for Those who have died recently Canon John McNamara**, who you may remember gave a series of talks in St. Edmund's for the parish, which were very popular, when I was here years ago. Also **Please pray for Fr. Michael Hickey**, a priest of the Hexham and Newcastle Diocese who brought Marriage Encounter to England. Those of you who read this newsletter who belonged to the parish of St. Thomas The Apostle years ago may remember he gave us a mission which was very well attended. May a valiant apostle enjoy the fulfilment heaven brings. Fr. Jeff. **Please Pray for Allan Wills**, Olga Wills' son who has died. His funeral will be in St. James Cemetery (the one past St Edmund's School) on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of September at 2pm. May they all Rest in Peace.

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

**Cathy Ryan's** daughter, Siobhan, wrote asking me to tell you all her Mum has settled happily into a nursing home near her and is enjoying recalling happy days with us all, not just really bygone days but even up to the celebration last year in the Castle. May the Good Lord look after Cathy and all her lovely family. Fr. Jeff.

**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, and also to replace existing stewards when some of them return to normal work duties in September; 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).

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**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:** Lord Robert Leslie Eustace Maude Hawarden, Margaret Doreen Davis, Emil Buzzey, Shelagh Margaret Rose ; Bernard Smye-Rumsby, Susan Catherine Bell, Eileen Mary Tumber, Stephen Nolan, Naomi Green, Jack Storey, Margaret Skinner, Kathleen Greenwood, Isabella Jones, Kenneth Lazarus, John Christopher Kennedy, Laurence Quigley, Margaret Hearne, Marie-Therese Hatherley, Annie Workman, John Howland, Katherine Humphrey, Josephine Watt, Eileen Bishop, and John Peter Shearn.

**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 People of the Parish (Fr. Jeff)
<i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15am	St Paul's, Mass for Irene Cunningham RIP (Maureen & Eddie) (Fr. Jeff)
		11.15am	St Finbarr's, Mass for Mary Tanner RIP (Fr. Jeff.)
		11.30am	St Paul's, Mass for The Community at Wonersh Seminary (Fr. Uchenna.)
		3pm	St Paul's, Exposition until 4pm
<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	Monday	10am	Morning Prayer ( <b>Streamed only</b> )
<i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Tuesday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for Allan Wills RIP (Sheila)
<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	Wednesday	10am	St Paul's, Eucharistic Service
		10.15am	St Finbarr's, Mass for People of the Parish
<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	Thursday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for Laurie Quigley RIP (Fr. Jeff)
<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	Friday	10am	St Paul's, Eucharistic Service
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		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 <sup>th</sup> 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. Uchenna)
		11.30am	St Paul's, Mass for Elzbieta Grzenkowska-Hawryluk RIP (Angelika Ciesielska) (Fr. Jeff)
		3pm	St Paul's, Exposition until 4pm

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