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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th October 2020

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

Next Weekend: CAFOD Family Fast Appeal

Welcome to Fr. Leo, who arrived on Thursday. He is very bright and is settling in well. Fr. Jeff.

Best Wishes: to Andrew who is travelling back to The Beda College in Rome this weekend and a big thank you to him for all he has done over the last three months. Fr. Jeff.

Priests Corner: I am sorry if you have sent me an email and I have not yet replied. This week I had to catch up with my in-service training on the internet, study and then answer questionnaires. It was time consuming, but I learnt quite a lot. Otherwise alright. Fr. Jeff.

Good News About the Building Project: In light of the comments received Charles has come up with a new idea and written a report, which is attached to this newsletter, to answer to all the questions received. It seems it best to say a huge Thank You to all those who responded to our questionnaire and suggest that anyone who hasn't done so holds fire until we engage in the same process again in a few weeks. Fr. Jeff.

CAFOD Family Fast Coronavirus Appeal: Next weekend we are marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day, which is on Friday, to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We have all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let us pray for all those effected and come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people. Please take a CAFOD envelope with the newsletter as you leave church this weekend and return it with your contribution next weekend or donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/give

An Interesting Weekend Re Streaming: A correspondent from Ireland was thrilled by the silence

and recollection during our Mass. We also had an email concerned that those sanitizing the benches started working before everyone had left, and that children were playing on them after they had been cleaned. Whilst it may seem a bit like big brother, it is something we need to be careful of. Someone told me too about the streaming from Armagh. During the Mass in what is Ireland's Principle Cathedral everyone turns to the cameras and waves to those who have to watch from home. There's a thought. Fr. Jeff.

Test & Trace App Notice from the Diocese: The government has introduced a new Test and Trace App called NHS Covid-19. Individuals can download this to a mobile device which allows them to use a QR code to register their attendance at a particular place. Should someone receive a positive Covid test the App will be used to contact other attendees and advise them what to do. Whilst not compulsory for churches to use this system it is strongly recommended. There will be separate QR code posters displayed at the entrance to St Finbarr's Church and St Paul's Church and Hall. We will still have paper Test & Trace forms for those who do not wish to use, or do not have the App on their phone. You do not need to complete the paper Test & Trace if you use the QR code. Only one person per family group needs to scan the code. The QR code will be available from week commencing 12th October. Any queries please contact Malcolm Fisher 07944754230 goodshepherddevelopment@gmail.com

Please pray for Mary Cott, who has died. Some of you may remember Mary. Her children were in the Youth Group when I was here before. Mary's husband and the Father of the children died soon after we started the Group & Mary was in the choir. Nothing changes. She rang me five days after I had left the parish saying 'after Evening Mass just now, I found myself wishing I had needed to leave by the side door because I was cross with you'. Mary was a lovely lady. Her Funeral Mass will be in St. Paul's on Friday at 11am. We will open the hall for the family as they have all moved away. May She Rest in Peace.

A message from Fr. Patrick: Thank you for your generous support of my book, both by helping to get it published in the first place, and buying it. I am also very grateful for the extra donations given: the total we have raised is now over £2000. Father Patrick

Repository: It is unlikely that the Repository will be open before Christmas, so if parishioners would like: Advent Calendars £1.50 2021 Church Art Calendars £0.90 2021 Vinyl Catholic Diaries £2.15 one page per week 2021 Gilt Edged Page Catholic Diaries £3.30 two pages per week Christmas cards or other cards Please contact Monica Pope: 01304 202643 monica1881@hotmail.co.uk

St. Finbarr's SVP: The next SVP meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6th October at 10.30am in the Church. A big thank you to all those who donated clothes, backpacks and tools for the Syrian refugee family. They were delighted with the gifts.

Collection for September 2020: Cash: £1651.15; Bankers Orders: £1369.67; Just Giving: £140.00. Many thanks for your generosity.

CAFOD and Missio Webinar: CAFOD's Geoff O'Donoghue, Senior International Programme Leader and Missio's National Director Fr Anthony Chantry will discuss the challenges facing our global family during the pandemic and how we are responding creatively, keeping hope alive. Please join us on Tuesday 6th October from 4-5pm for a webinar on the COVID-19 pandemic and the global response of the Catholic family. Register at <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/missio>

Stella Maris Centenary Mass (4th October): This year Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of the Sea) is celebrating 100 years of its support to seafarers, fishers, and their families. To mark the beginning of our centenary year we will be holding a live-streamed Mass celebrated by Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow. Sunday 4th October at 3pm. The Mass will be streamed at www.stellamaris.org.uk/centenarymass

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>

e pray for those who are unwell, especially Charlie Golden, Brendan Quinn, Peg Lecerf, 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:** Rita Mary Morgan, Clare Muriel Theresa Kelsall, Francois Borgarello, Kathleen Mather, Malcolm Albert Whitehouse, Tom Peters, Margaret Scott, John Horton, Joseph Cunningham, George Walford ; Tiny Douglas, Marcella Mary Rudd, Daisy Letchford, Bridget Mulligan, 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

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

CHURCHES OPEN ONLY AT SPECIFIED TIMES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

	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 Molly Rooke (Marianne & Family) (Fr. Jeff)
<i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Sunday 4 th October	9.15am	St Paul's, Mass for The People of The Parish (Fr. Jeff)
		11.15am	St Finbarr's, Mass for Charlotte Purbrick (Fr. Jeff)
		11.30am	St Paul's, Mass for Vinnie (Sheila) (Fr. Leo)
		3pm	St Paul's, Exposition until 4pm
<i>St Faustina Kowalska</i>	Monday	10am	Mass for University Students (Streamed only)
<i>St Bruno</i>	Tuesday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for Olga (Shelia)
<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	Wednesday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for Holy Souls
		10.15am	St Finbarr's, Mass for People who live alone
	Thursday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for Paul Mullen (Shelia)
<i>St John Henry Newman</i>	Friday	10am	St Paul's, Mass for Elderly Clergy (Fr. Leo)
<i>St Paulinus of York</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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Sunday 11 th October	9.15am	St Paul's, Mass for Andrew (Sheila) (Fr. Jeff)
		11.15am	St Finbarr's, Mass for Holy Ghost Fathers (Fr. Jeff)
		11.30am	St Paul's, Mass for Maureen Dowling RIP (Fr. Leo)
		3pm	St Paul's, Exposition until 4pm

Parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/parishofgoodshepherd

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St Paul's Community Hall Project, Dover

Issues brought up as a result of the presentation of plans and the invitation to comment:

Why has the new hall been shown in the proposed position on the plans?

The suggested position has been proposed to allow the new hall to be seen and accessed from Maison Dieu Road as the project must attract community involvement in order to gain any public funding. This position also allows direct access from the body of the church for after-services refreshment. Alternative locations have and are being considered.

How will the new hall be handled architecturally, particularly in relation to the church building?

The new hall must be seen as subservient to the church building and harmonious with the Presbytery. At the same time it needs to show a good relationship. This means the hall will be relatively simple in form and lower than the church. The walling materials need to be in harmony with the materials of the church and the presbytery. Materials such as Kentish rag stone and buff brick suggest themselves. The New Hall also needs to attract attention from the road and look attractive and welcoming, so the entrance is important and needs to be clearly visible.

Will the new hall will be large enough?

How large the space is depends on how many people are gathering and whether they will be seated or standing. Will they be seated in rows, as for a play or at tables as for a meal? The size of the space also depends on the building budget and the available space of the site as a whole. A large hall that is underused will be a costly burden on the parish to run and heat. A hall that is too small would not be worth the effort of building. It is a balancing act to get the most for most situations that can be afforded and will fit on the site. The hall space needs to be flexible to allow for large gatherings as well as small. The proposed plan is offered to start a debate about what is wanted within the Catholic community and what can be marketed to the broader community, since that is the key to getting anything at all. All feedback, especially regarding numbers of people and functions that can fill the hall as often as possible is welcome.

Will the kitchen to the new hall will be large enough?

The specialist designers (who provided free design guidance) have commented that the proposed kitchen will easily feed 100 to 150 people. It is drawn at 5m by 5m. This is larger than most restaurants around here and larger than some schools. In recent years, kitchen equipment has become more compact and more multi-functional, requiring less space than before. The only way to justify increasing the size of the kitchen would be for the parish to define what the extra space is wanted for, how many times a week it will be used in that way and how many people would be catered for. This can then be fed back to the kitchen designers who will be able to refine the offering.

Will the storage space for the new hall be adequate?

Storage space is a balance of use versus space available and cost. There are areas where extra storage can be created. As the most popular uses become clearer the storage requirement will also become clearer and will be accommodated. The downside to excess storage is that it becomes a 'dumping ground' which is an expensive and unnecessary burden.

Are the toilets as shown sufficient for the proposed numbers of people?

Toilet provision is governed by legislation and is generally set by the numbers of people being served and the situation they are in (for example it is different for an office and a theatre). In the final design the toilet provision will meet the British Standards. The toilet provision on the drawing is indicative only.

How will the side exit from church be handled architecturally?

This proposal implies that there are double doors set within the width of the exiting window. The wall below the window would be removed and new jambs formed. The upper part of the existing carved stone window opening would be retained. The stained-glass window will be taken out and adapted to become a panel over the doors. The details will be developed if this proposal progresses.

How will the entrance from Sacristy to the Altar affect the existing wood panelling?

The fine wooden panelling will be the key to where a door could be inserted, and this would be developed in a sympathetic way to make the door virtually invisible.

What is the timescale for the new hall?

The site would be cleared (including the old wartime bunker) and a compound established off Harold Street. Some of the derelict out buildings would probably also be demolished. The new hall would be built on the cleared ground. The existing hall would continue in use. Once the new hall is completed and occupied by the Parish, the old hall would be largely demolished back to a much smaller building and refurbished, and a retaining wall built across the site to retain the upper levels off Harold Street. This work could well take at least a year.

How is the project being financed?

Once a scheme has been agreed, Planning permission will need to be gained and a full cost plan established. A full business case will be developed covering construction and the first five years of operation to prove that the new hall is self financing in use. Funding will be sought from Grants and Trusts, External Major Donors, the Local Community, Local Businesses with 'Corporate Social Responsibility', the Local Authority who might support projects which improve the lives of everyone in the area, Legacies, Savings and a possible sale of assets. Only when it is certain that the project can proceed, and final plans have been agreed will any congregation fundraising be started.

Will the existing car parking off Harold Street be lost?

The space off Harold Street is very poor-quality car parking with notices clearly warning people of the risk of parking there. Once the flats scheme has been developed, agreed and implemented, it is possible that one or two dedicated parking spaces will be available to the parish. There is a good size car park on the same level as the front door of St Paul's which is free on Sundays.

Will the existing pedestrian pathway from Harold Street to Maison Dieu Road remain?

There is no 'right of way' from Harold Street to Maison Dieu Road. In the proposed site layout, a gently sloping path is proposed which does allow access under allowance.

Can a disabled lift be provided in the old hall to the upper meeting room?

Consideration will be given to all access requirements required under the Building Regulations.

Will the project reduce the saleability of the Presbytery?

If the presbytery were sold it might well be bought for development and converted into flats or similar, in which case, the loss of the garden could be of little significance. It would however be virtually impossible to find a better location for the Presbytery than the current one and the cost of a replacement Presbytery would make a nonsense of taking this course of action as things stand.

How much parishioner input has gone into the design?

Two open meetings were held in 2019 and recorded the outline aspirations of the parishioners who attended, a steering committee was formed, and numerous meetings have been held to establish the brief. The proposed layout has been reviewed and refined after comment to the point where it has been presented to the parish for debate and feedback. The questions and answers come from the questionnaire which was presented to the congregation along with the plans at mass, via live streaming and available in the newsletter and on-line. Further comments and support for the proposals are sought.

The plans printed in the newsletter are too small to read

Larger scale plans are available in St Paul's church building.