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## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2021

### The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our churches are open.

Masks must be worn unless exempt

**Our Practices in Light of The Pandemic.** The Bishops issued a statement on Thursday. We are going to be allowed to sing. They seem to be recommending everything else stay in place for the moment. As their statement came out on Thursday Night there is not much time for those keeping us safe to digest the small print and discuss any changes before the weekend. I hope you won't mind if therefore we keep things as they are for at least another week or two or in light of what they say, perhaps for longer. It does not seem the right time to me to be too radical, certainly not without looking at things carefully. Fr. Jeff.

**Julia James Funeral.** Julia's funeral will take place this Thursday at Canterbury Cathedral at 12 noon. It is by invitation only but will be streamed live from the Cathedral. We do not have streaming details so please check the Cathedral website <https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/worship/online-worship/>. St Finbarr's church will be open for anyone wanting to light a candle and say a prayer. A procession will take place, travelling through the village, starting at Dorman Avenue South, around the Market Square and back out via Dorman Avenue North. If you wish to gather in the Market Square or line the streets for a final farewell please do so. They will be leaving Snowdown around 11.05am so should be in the village around 11.10am. May Julia Rest In Peace.

**Priests Corner** Those readers who attend or tune into our weekend Masses, unless for the 9.15, which I have not celebrated since I returned, may remember my suggestion Our Lord may be inviting us to branch out or perhaps change an attitude under his guidance. This is in light of the situations facing the world, involving the pandemic, climate change, and the church in various ways. I did not expect to be doing so as soon but I find myself suggesting you might buy a book 'Let us Dream' by Pope Francis and Austen Ivereigh that is both exhilarating and challenging, but is easier to read than an official papal document. It is obtainable from St Paul's Catholic Bookstore beside Westminster Cathedral: (020 7828 5582). You can pay by card and they post it straight away. It is a novel idea but if you take me up on it, you may well be glad. Turning to other things, I am glad to report, I am doing alright but am having to be careful not to do too much. This means I am spending quite a lot of time reading and just taking life easy. Hence the suggestion.

Have a Good Week. Fr. Jeff.

**Please Pray for Tony Bold**, my friend Michael's Father who has died, well into his nineties. He was a great supporter of the church and a man I admired. May the Lord grant him the reward he deserves. Fr. Jeff.

To Vee Bentley, Dover Outreach Centre,  
Open Letter of Reply

From St Paul's Catholic Church  
Dover- July 2021

Dear Vee,

We, at St Paul's Church, are all very sorry to learn of your retirement contained in your letter published in our parish newsletter last month. In that letter you informed us of your declining health and your resignation as Centre Manger for the Dover Outreach Centre (DOC) and consequently from the essential and valuable work that you have undertaken since 2016 to help house and care for the homeless of Dover and those from further afield. Many from St Paul's have worked alongside you, and your husband Peter, at the DOC that was initially attached to our church, in the former St Paul's Social Club premises, or have collaborated with you, in some way, in this vital

mission. We commend you for your selfless Christ centred devotion to the homeless and the way in which your management and presence at the centre became central to the lives of many clients over the years in providing them with a sure foundation. You will be sadly missed. We wish you all the best for the speedy restoration of your health and every good wish for the future. You are always welcome to visit us at St Paul's. Yours in friendship, Father Jeff, Deacon Barry, David Evans (Chair of St Paul's Management Group)

Vee has already received a copy of the above letter and has replied:

Please may I ask you to pass on my thanks, to the signatories, for the kind thoughts and good wishes expressed in their letter. It made me cry, but was much appreciated nevertheless. Kind regards, Vee.

**Safeguarding** A previous newsletter article (23rd May) informed the parish that all DBS Disclosure Certificates more than 3 years old MUST be renewed, or the volunteer MUST stand down from the role. In addition, any volunteer performing a role requiring a Disclosure Certificate (for example, as a Eucharistic Minister, even if undertaken in church only) who has never held a Disclosure Certificate for that role MUST stand down from that activity immediately and apply now, if they are willing to undertake that role following receipt of their Disclosure Certificate. The Parish Safeguarding Team is commencing the renewal and new application task now and your co-operation and patience are sought and appreciated. If you hold a certificate that is 2½ years or more since issue, and you are willing to continue the volunteer role, please contact your Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR): Stephen Carton for St Finbarr's; Zoroaster Bordios and Keith Wells for St Paul's. Their mobile phone numbers are on a poster displayed at both churches and on the parish website. Their email addresses are now permanently displayed at the back of this newsletter. A text message setting out your name, role and email address (if you have one) will be helpful and will begin the process. A PSR will speak at all Masses soon. Keith Wells.

**News from St Richard's.** It has been a busy time at St Richard's. The staff have been working away on so many different projects and the children have been having a wonderful time. Year 5 have been writing about the Phantom of the Opera! The writing they have produced is amazing and it has been lovely to see them running around dressed as the Phantom. Year 6 have worked hard completing mock SATs, we are so proud of them, and their results were amazing! Year 4 completed the Multiplication Times Tables check. This gives the children a score out of 25. Our lovely children got an average of 21.75! My previous school was often in the top 50 Primary Schools in Kent and they didn't even do that well. The other classes have been creating Fire engines in Design and Technology or wonderful paintings based on Vincent Van Gogh. The highlight for me, as Principal, was the response I had to a school project. I asked everyone to write St Richard's prayer in their own home language. What I got back was beautiful. The time, effort and care which went into every piece of work was fantastic. I have asked if these can be on display at St Paul's as I am so proud of them all. Colin Taylor. Academy Principal.

**Young People at St Paul's aged 13 and Upwards.** Hello Young People; How are you? We would like to invite you for a short time of Snacks. Let's enjoy a Saturday snacks and pizza together and we can say hello to one another. Come and say hello and bring your friends along for this free snack time. Let's connect again together after all the lockdown things.

**Date: July 24th, 2021. Time: 2pm**

**Place: Parish Hall.**

I am waiting for you. Don't miss it. :) Fr. Leo and Christina Empson.

**CTiD Youth Event.** Christians Together in Dover are running a Youth Event called "No Fear Living" on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 1pm-9pm** to be hosted at One Church Dover. This is for young people aged 11-14 yrs. across the town of Dover (and beyond).

**A Visit to Joe and Maureen Johnston** Last Monday we, along with Sheila, Jim Mahon, went down to Exeter to spend a few days in the area and to visit Joe and Maureen in Sidmouth. We were able to make appointments with the care home for Sheila and Jim to visit last Tuesday and for us last Thursday. After having negative Covid tests we were able to see them in a small summerhouse in the grounds of the home. The home has an excellent reputation in the area and certainly looks very nice and has friendly and helpful staff. For both visits Joe and Maureen recognised us and seemed pleased to see us. They both agreed in conversation that they are happy and cared for in the home. They are taken on outings and the home organizes many activities. We were able to talk about many things including the church, the choir, people they knew, early life in Ireland etc. However, such conversation was limited and rather repetitive as their short-term memory is poor. However overall, we were all very pleased with the visit. Last Wednesday we were invited to have afternoon tea with Chevonne and John (Joe and Maureen's daughter and son in law), as this was Sheila's 91st Birthday. This was a very enjoyable occasion for us all and we hope to visit them again next year. Len and Bernadette Stevens.

**Deacon Joseph Bennett RIP** It is with much sadness that I inform you of the death of Deacon Joseph Bennett died on 6th July 2021 in Efi Nkwanta Hospital, Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana. He was a deacon in the parish of St Francis, Maidstone for many years following his ordination in 1988. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

# READINGS FOR SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021

## First Reading

**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

*I will gather together the remnant of my flock and raise up shepherds for them.*

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them anymore; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks

–  
when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence.

And this is the name he will be called:  
The-Lord-our-integrity.’

## Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 22(23)**

**The Lord is my shepherd and there is nothing I shall want.**

## Second Reading

**Ephesians 2:13-18**

*Christ Jesus is the peace between us, and has made the two into one.*

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, *peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand*. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Jn10:27**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,**

**I know them and they follow me.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

**Mark 6:30-34**

*They were like sheep without a shepherd.*

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So, they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So, as he stepped ashore, he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Please pray for those who are unwell, especially Fr Jeff, Charlie Golden, Brendan Quinn, Tina Isaacs, Ray Deverson, Lucy Purbrick, Amanda Dennis, Jadon Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Tara Conklin, Jamie Chitwood ; Gail White, Peggy Merrell, Ryan Whittall, Denise Bishop, Sean O’Regan, Iris (Tilly) Ball, Jean Ann Dowle, Diane Jones, 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, Cathy Huntley, Mary Nelson, Emin Jain, Pat Sherratt, Liz Whelan and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Allen Lonie, Basil Walter Ward, Quentin Steele, Michael De La Mare, Harry & Hilda Elworthy, Sandra Lane McCann, William Albert Wilson, Joseph Mather, Henry Coates, Mary Elizabeth Hoy, Sir Patrick Sheehy; Abby Tait, Derry Maher, Joe ,Gavigan, Quentin Clifford Steele, Phyllis Page, Brigid Clark, Ida Madeleine Huntley, Nick Sanders, Bill Naylor, Kathleen Hodgson, John Downie, William Wilson, Dr Gregory McSwiggen, Michael Maher, Dudley Michael Wilmshurst, Tony Medhurst, Ada Willis, John Henry O’Brien, Fr Geoffrey Winchester.

## EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

**OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR MASS**

	Saturday	5pm 6pm	<i>Confessions in St Paul's Presbytery (until 5.45pm) Fr Leo Mass for Robert and Mary Golding RIP (SVP) Fr Leo</i>
	Sunday 18th July	9.15am 11.30am 3pm	<i>Mass for The Homeless Fr Jeff Mass for Pat Grilli RIP (Theresa) Fr Jamie Exposition until 4pm</i>
	Monday	10am	<i>Mass for G/E Liz Whelan (Colin) Fr Jamie</i>
	Tuesday	10am	<i>Mass for Ida Madeleine Huntley RIP (Mary) Fr Jamie</i>
	Wednesday	10am 7pm	<i>Eucharistic Service Exposition until 8pm</i>
<b>Saint Mary Magdalene</b>	Thursday	10am	<i>Ordinarate Mass for G/E of Sandra and Family (Sheila) Fr Jamie</i>
<b>Saint Bridget Patron of Europe</b>	Friday	10am	<i>Mass for G/E of Marilyn and Bill (Lizzie) Fr Jamie</i>
	Saturday	5pm 6pm	<i>Confessions in St Paul's Presbytery (until 5.45pm) Mass for Jutta RIP (Sheila)</i>
	Sunday 25th July	9.15am 11.30am 3pm	<i>Mass for Jutta RIP (Sandra) Mass for G/E of Mary-Ann and Des (Roz and Rob) Exposition until 4pm</i>

## EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S

**OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR MASS**

	Saturday	3pm	<i>Syro Malabar Mass</i>
	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	11.15am	<i>Mass for Julia James RIP (Mary Ayres) Fr Leo</i>
	Wednesday	10.15.am	<i>Mass for Catherine O'Brien 'F' Fr Jamie</i>
	Saturday	3pm	<i>Syro Malabar Mass</i>
	Sunday 25th July	11.15am	<i>Mass for Julia James RIP (Jean and Jeanette)</i>

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