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Sunday 25th of July 2021

The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our churches are open.

Masks must be worn unless exempt

Congratulations to Fr. Leo who celebrated his Priestly Ordination to the sacred priesthood on 19th July and celebrates his birthday on 31st July. We wish him every blessing and thanks for his ministry.

Update on Covid Guidance from Bishops House. We have received guidance from Bishops House about how we might handle the changes to the Government Covid Regulations that affect our churches. It is obvious the Bishops are of the same mind as many of us. They want us to carry on being really careful and to wear masks, keep the Holy Water Stoops empty and keep all the stickers in place The Bishops have said that Communion should still only be given under one kind but have decided that from now on receiving of the host in the mouth is permitted as long as the people who want to receive in that way come up last and the Minister sanitizes their hand between giving each individual communion. Track & Trace will remain in place too. As you will all be aware cases are now rising exponentially and it only takes one positive case in our church for all the congregation to have to self-isolate. We need to be careful. Fr Jeff

Priests Corner. Well Done to everyone who helped make the day of Julia James's Funeral so memorable. Thanks go to so many people. To the police for providing the motorcycle escort from Snowdown to Canterbury. Also, to the people of Aylesham, who stood on the pavements in such great numbers. So many that it made everything after that run ten minutes late. To Bethan and Patrick, Julia's son and daughter and her friends Tammy and Nikky, who contributed to the service so beautifully. Thank you, Mary and Paul who had such clear idea, of how they wanted the service to go. To the members of the lovely choir, led so beautifully by Vicky, so hastily assembled, and whose members had not sung for fifteen months. To the servers who did not put a foot wrong and lastly to the lovely people at the Cathedral who put everything in place and guided us all so beautifully. We all managed to pay a fitting tribute and to send a clear message to The Good Lord about someone who had spent so much energy throughout her life doing her best to make life better for everyone else. Well Done & Thank You to Everyone Concerned. Fr. Jeff.

Julia's Funeral Service Online. If you want to watch the service and in the case of the choir to hear everything that was said you can watch it on [Funeral and Service of Thanksgiving for Julia James - Thursday, 22nd July 2021 - YouTube](#)

St Finbarr's Corner The management group and the entire parishioners of St Finbarr's Aylesham would like to thank Jeremy and Anne Rowe for ensuring that our church was open for private prayer for the repose of Late PCSO Julia James whilst her funeral was taking place at Canterbury Cathedral on Thursday, July 22nd 2021. We would also like to thank all our parishioners who were able to attend her funeral especially the members of the joint choir and the staff and students of St Edmund's Catholic school Dover. We pray that God may console her mother Mary and other members of her family and friends. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace Amen.

The former presbytery (Market House) has undergone major repairs due to a plumbing fault and is also in need of a lot more renovation work including replacing the windows. All this is geared towards making it more habitable for our Syrian refugee family who are settling in very well. Esiri Emedo

First Holy Communion (FHC) for The Parish of the Good Shepherd

St Paul's. We have decided that it is best to start the First Holy Communion programme in September 2021 once the children are back to school following the summer holidays. Our preferred plan is for the children to be taught together in a group at St Paul's rather than individually at home via Zoom. Children attending St Paul's Church, Dover will be taught on a Sunday morning at St Paul's from 9 am for 45 mins. Children will join the mass and their parents in church in time for the consecration. This plan is, of course, providing that government and diocesan guidelines at the time permit. If this is not possible then our fallback position is to deliver the FHC programme using Zoom and probably on Saturday mornings from 10am for an hour. Whether we deliver the FHC course to a group of children or to individual children at home via Zoom we will be aiming for the children to make their FHC around Christmas 2021 / New Year which will be quite magical. I will be back in touch in late August / early September to confirm all the details. If you would like your child to make their FHC at St Paul's and you have not already informed us then please email me at barrybarton@rcaos.org.uk Deacon Barry

St Finbarr's First Holy Communion preparation will begin again at St Finbarr's Aylesham in September. If your child is in Year 3 or above in September then please speak to myself, Fran Honis, or email me at ayleshamfhc@rcaos.org.uk If I already know about your child, please feel free to check I have your forms. Carina and I look forward to spending this special preparation time with you. You will receive the relevant dates soon. Francis Honis

St Paul's Church Management Group. Please send agenda items for next management meeting to pgsdavidaeans@gmail.com David Evans, Chairperson St Paul's Management Group.

Drama Ok. Let me explain. The Catholic Academy of Performing Arts is a professional body. In many ways, it takes care of those involved in theatre, television and film. Most of the members are actors. Every year, the Academy stages an evening event for members only, when 'playlets' written by the members, who are not essentially playwrights, are presented through rehearsed readings. These evenings have proved highly successful, entertaining, and sometimes profoundly moving. Watching and contributing to the 'playlets', I have come to the conclusion that there is the opportunity for a new dramatic form here: namely, a series of short plays by different actors, forming a single dramatic experience. The plays can be about a person (Constantine the Great was my first idea); but they can equally well address a theme or a social or Catholic issue. If you have not written dialogue for the media, but would like to contribute, may I suggest that you find someone with whom to write the play. This can be more productive and more fun. The eventual aim of the drama would be professional performance, but it could well start in a school or dramatic society. Music and songs can form an inherent part. So far, no parishioner has shown any interest in the project. If there are no responses to this invitation two weeks from now, I will leave you alone, and trouble you no more. Thank you, Jeremy Rowe jeremyhcrowe@btinternet.com

The Sunrise Café is now open. Tasty food in a warm environment where everyone matters, everyone is valued, everyone is included and customers pay what they can afford. Open from 8am until 2pm Monday to Saturday. The Sunrise Cafe is a community cafe where there is kindness, friendship, sharing and true community spirit with all meals being prepared, cooked and served by our experienced cooks and supported by our wonderful team of volunteers! Professionally run as a social enterprise for the benefit of the whole Dover community, we serve breakfast and lunch plus mid-morning coffee and cake. We operate a 'pay what you can afford' model so that no one goes hungry, and customers are asked to pay what they can afford. Our goal is to provide hearty food for all, including those who are hungry and struggling to put meals on the table for themselves or their families in the Dover area. 168 – 172 Snargate Street, Dover, CT17 9BZ www.sunrisecafedover.org

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 25TH JULY 2021

First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

They will eat, and have some left over

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm
11,15-18

Psalm 144(145):10-

You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires.

Second reading
4:1-6

Ephesians

One Body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Jn 6:63,68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:1-15

The feeding of the five thousand

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did

the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough, he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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: Christine Burgess, Aileen Hayes, Kitty Phelan; Dominic Grilli, Fr Geoffrey Dove, Maura Sanders, Mary Golding, Ronald Barrings, June Margaret Giordani, Jenny Gartland, Dave McClelland, Fr Patrick Healion, Kathleen Saunders, James Phoenix, Margaret Mary Heyes, Neville Walton Cox, Dorothy Hall, Arry Petch, John Brennan, Trudy Thacker, Malcolm Warner, Ann Arthur, Anthony Casey, Sherry Carney, Ena Samitowska.

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR MASS

	Saturday	5pm 6pm	Confessions in St Paul's Presbytery (until 5.45pm) Mass for Jutta RIP (Sheila). Fr Leo
	Sunday 25th July	9.15am 11.30am 3pm	Mass for Flood victims in Germany and China. Fr Leo Mass for G/E of Mary-Ann and Des (Roz and Rob). Fr Jamie Exposition until 4pm
St Joachim and St Anne	Monday	10am	Mass for Education of children in the third world. Fr Leo
	Tuesday	10am	Mass for James Phoenix (Veronica). Fr Leo
	Wednesday	10am 7pm	Mass for The People of the Parish. Fr Jeff Exposition until 8pm
St Martha	Thursday	10am	Ordinariate Mass for G/E Fr Jeff. Fr Jamie
	Friday	10am	Mass for Arthur Ernest Youden 'F'. Fr Leo
St Ignatius of Loyola	Saturday	5pm 6pm	Confessions in St Paul's Presbytery (until 5.45pm) Mass for Pat Mullen RIP (Sheila) Fr Jeff
	Sunday 1st August	9.15am 11.30am 3pm	Mass for The People of the Parish Fr Jeff Mass for Margaret and Benjamin Leat 'F' Fr Jeff Exposition until 4pm

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S

OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR MASS

	Saturday	3pm	Syro Malabar Mass
	Sunday 25th July	11.15am	Mass for Julia James RIP (Jean and Jeanette) Fr Jeff
	Wednesday	10.15.am	Mass for The Clergy of Southwark Diocese. Fr Leo
St Ignatius of Loyola	Saturday	3pm	Syro Malabar Mass
	Sunday 1st August	11.15am	Mass for Holy Souls. Fr Leo

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