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Sunday 19th September 2021

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masks must be worn unless exempt

There is a 2nd Collection today for Home Mission

Market House, Aylesham. It is funny how things come along together. There we were starting on necessary works in the presbytery in Dover. Suddenly we were dealing with problems in the old one in Aylesham. A hidden water valve had been slowly leaking away, possibly for two or three years, in the wall in the downstairs toilet and was only discovered when a puddle appeared in the hallway. We are waiting to hear if the cost of the search, mending the valve and repairing the damage is covered by the diocesan insurance. The man has been down but we are awaiting his report. Thank You Everyone who helped and to Mohamed and his family for doing some of the repairs without any charge, Fr Jeff

Priests Corner As we are not supposed to have bidding prayers just now I hope you won't mind me talking about how important it is to keep various intentions in our prayers, the medics, those with the virus, those waiting for other treatments, the people of Afghanistan and the climate change summit. There is a lot going on at the moment so we had better keep going with the prayers. Fr. Jeff

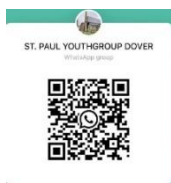
The Building Project Here we have a double. There hasn't been anything in the newsletter for a while about our big project yet this week we have two things about buildings. It is fair enough as it is time you all knew how things are going. The diocesan authorities want us to make sure we have the money for any projects before we consider going for planning permission. This means the building committees are concentrating on completing our feasibility studies so that we can apply for lottery money. At St. Finbarr's the study is about what to do about making the ramp for the disabled legal and the front of the church more attractive. At St. Paul's the study is about obtaining a lottery grant towards the hall. I am keen on another aspect here. If flats are going to be built too it would save loads of energy if we make decisions and go for planning permission about both the hall and flats at the same time. So, we are seeking a charity willing to help finance the flats. Please pray about this. Don't worry there will still be a debate when we know if the whole scheme is at all possible. I am certainly hoping we can do both but we will have to see and at St. Paul's a hall comes first. Fr. Jeff.

Please pray for Mary Jones, who died on Friday. Mary played a beautiful part in many lives and was a fixture in the choir at St. Finbarr's in later years, someone who was always pleased to see us all. We offer our sympathy to her lovely daughters who looked after her so well. May a Lovely Mary Rest in Peace.

St Finbarr's Corner Can you sing? Can you play an instrument? How about joining our choir? Please speak to us after Mass if you're interested or know anyone who is. He who sings prays twice!

Come and Welcome at St Finbarr's If anyone would like to be one of our welcomers to Mass at St. Finbarr's, greeting people as they come in and making sure they have a Mass book, a hymn book, a newsletter, please contact Myrna Gray on mylooroll@gmail.com or 07702825737.

Bible Study The weekly bible study led by Deacon Barry, continues on **Thursday 23rd September**, in the parish hall, following the 10am morning Mass at St Paul's. All are welcome. A bible will be provided if you do not have your own to bring with you. Deacon Barry



Parish Youth Group Meeting. We are inviting all the young people in our Parish to become part of the growing group. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday 9th of October 2021, 2pm at the Parish Hall at St. Paul's Dover.** We are inviting all our Parish young people to Join; from age 13 upwards. Come and let us support each other in Faith. Use the QR code to join our whatsapp group. Please ask Mum and Dad for permission if you are under 18 yrs. old. God bless. Fr. Leo and Christina Empson.

First Holy Communion (FHC) Programme Timetable Weekly preparation classes commenced on Sunday 12th September at 9am and are now on each successive Sunday and at the same start time until December with the exception of half term week; Sundays 24th October and 31st October. FHC Masses will take place around Christmas 2021 / New Year which will be quite magical. Deacon Barry and Fran Honis

2nd Collection this week for Home Mission Sunday. This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization.

St Jude's Prayer group will be meeting in the **Church Hall on the 20th September at 2pm.** All are welcome. Jane Francis

Collections for August: Cash £1883.88; CollecTin & Give A Little web £602.82; Bankers Orders £1830.00; Thank you to those who continue to give their offertory through the CollecTin's in church or the Give A Little web. Please consider using these methods of giving. They are very simple to use. If you need help, please ask one of the stewards or myself. Thank you for your generosity. Mary (Parish Secretary/Treasurer)

St Paul's Management Group Dear Parishioner, if you have any agenda items for consideration for the next St Paul's 'Management Group meeting towards the end of the month, please send them to me at pgsdavidaevans@gmail.com Also a parishioner has donated brand new copies of two books on the Virgin Mary's apparition at Medjugorje entitled 'Letters from Medjugorje' and 'Queen of the Cosmos'. Please feel free to take them. Thanks David Evans (Chairperson St Paul's Management Group).

Special Date for your diary. Sunday 3rd October

SVP invitation to a coffee morning from **10am---11-20am in the Church Hall**, come along and enjoy a cuppa and a slice of cake. There will be a cake sale for anyone who wants to spoil the family or themselves. A reminder nearer the time will be put in the newsletter, it would be lovely to see you all (like old times).

Dover Street Pastors It is with great pleasure that the Dover Street Pastors invite you to their 10th Anniversary Celebration on **Friday 24th September at One Church, Noah's Ark Road, Dover, CT17 ODD.** This is an open invitation but they ask that anyone who wishes to come to RSVP to secretary.dover@streetpastors.org.uk to enable them to cater appropriately for the light refreshments. No names are required necessarily, they just require numbers. Rev Les Isaac, founder of Street Pastors, is coming to speak. It will be a great time of coming together to celebrate 10yrs of Street Pastors – listening, helping and caring in Dover town community. Dover Street Pastors thank you for all your support over the last 10 years and anticipate your continued support.

Seeking Sanctuary invite everyone to a prayer service to mark the eve of the World Day for Migrants and Refugees, on the **25th September at 12noon, at the Migrants Memorial on Dover Seafront.** This is to be led by Bishop Paul McAleenan. Seeking Sanctuary aims to raise awareness about people displaced from their homes and to channel basic humanitarian assistance from Faith Communities and Community Organisations via partnerships with experienced aid workers. Our special concern is for the 2000 or so exiles who are stuck in north-western France, mistakenly expecting a welcome in the UK. They need food, water, good counsel and clothes, which are accepted, sorted and distributed by several organisations, including two Calais warehouses which also supply needs further afield. Further information from Ben Bano on 07887 651117 or Phil Kerton on 01474 873802. See our latest news at www.seekingsanctuary.weebly.com



Dover Foodbank: Request for Volunteers. As the Foodbank moves forward further volunteers are required. If you, or anyone you know, would like to know more about what being a DFB volunteer involves or would like to volunteer then please contact Laura at projectmanager@dover.foodbank.org.uk. The Foodbank is also contactable on info@dover.foodbank.orchrg.uk and also 07870 361180. The Foodbank team would love to hear from you.

Dover Money Course. Need help to BUDGET? We can help you! CAP Money Course. A free short course that makes managing your money simple. Budget Save Spend. If you, or someone you know, needs help to learn to manage their personal finances then please pass on the details of the forthcoming course. **Monday 20th September 7 - 9pm**, Footprints, The Beacon, London Road, Dover CT17 0SS. Coffee served from 6.30. Call/Text: 0742 294 0814. Email: info.dovermoneycourse@gmail.com. Facebook: Dover Money Course. This free course is run by Christians Together in Dover.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

First reading **Wisdom 2:12,17-20**

The wicked prepare to ambush the just man

The godless say to themselves:
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 53(54):3-6,8**

The Lord upholds my life.

Second reading **James 3:16-4:3**

The wisdom that comes from above makes for peace

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or

hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation **Jn8:12**

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel **Mark 9:30-37**

Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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, Norman and 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, Shirley Lazarus, Chris Roy and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Arthur McCallum, Mary Irving, Walter Upton, Denny Byrne; Sylvia Julie Eastwood, Joan Groves, Mary McCallum, Molly Stennet, Mary Cott, Cherry Grilli, Edmond Michael Anderson, Pamela Harcourt, Dolores Maria Cooper, Susan Gertrude Price, Dick Gammie, Bernard Willis, Eric Frost Bissett, Sr. Morwenna DC, Bernice Sophia Hardaker, Carlo Raimondi, Anthony Joseph Payne.

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

	Saturday	5pm 6pm	Confessions in St Paul's Presbytery (until 5.45pm) Mass for Anna Orlando RIP (Lina) Fr Jamie
Home Mission Day	Sunday 19th September	9.15am 11.30am 3pm	Mass for G/E of Olga Wills (Colin) Fr. Jeff Mass for Gini Ferri RIP (Kath Quigley) Fr Jamie Exposition until 4pm
	Monday	10am	Mass for Anita Cadman RIP Fr. Jamie
St Matthew Apostle	Tuesday	10am	Mass for People of the Parish Fr Jeff
	Wednesday	10am 7pm	Mass for Holy Souls. Fr. Jamie Exposition until 8pm
St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	Thursday	10am 10.30am	Ordinariate Mass for Alice Whenery RIP (Tina & David Irving James) Fr Jamie Bible Study: Parish Hall. Deacon Barry
Our Lady of Walsingham	Friday	10am	Mass for G/E of Donor 'F' Fr Jamie
	Saturday	5pm 6pm	Confessions in St Paul's Presbytery (until 5.45pm) Mass for G/E Liz Haymer (Colin)
	Sunday 26th September	9.15am 11.30am 3pm	Mass for Sheila Stewart RIP (SVP) Fr. Jeff Mass for Fr Charles Briggs RIP Fr Jeff Exposition until 4pm

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S

	Saturday	3pm	Syro Malabar Mass
Home Mission Day	Sunday 19th September	11.15am	Mass for Fr Patrick Best 'F' Fr Jeff
	Wednesday	10.15.am	Welcome Mass with St Joseph's School Fr Jeff
	Saturday	3pm	Syro Malabar Mass
	Sunday 26th September	11.15am	Mass for Refugees Everywhere Fr Jamie

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