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## Sunday 26th September 2021

### The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masks must be worn unless exempt

**Priests Corner** I can't drive both ways in a day so I went up to London on Wednesday evening to attend the Priests Council the following day. It was the first one since the lockdowns started. I enjoyed it thoroughly. It was lovely to see everyone again and to be the recipient of so many kind remarks about my recent story. There was some great news concerning the synod that is to take place in Rome in 2023 about the Mission of the church and the groundwork they want us to do for it at parish level. Amongst other things you are going to get a lovely prayer to say every day, if you can, about openness to the Holy Spirit. The theme, how to become a more missionary church, the Pope wants us to discuss, is just right for our times and situation. More later. Fr. Jeff.

**Thanks & Bon Voyage to Andrew.** He is off back to Rome next Sunday for a special year. Students at the Beda are invited to be ordained a deacon at the end of their third year. Please say a prayer for him as he discerns if it is the Lord's will for him. In the meantime, let's all say a big thank you to Andrew for helping to keep the parish going in so many ways when I wasn't too well. Andrew, you will be missed. Fr. Jeff

**Help Wanted Please** I love the fact so many people use the footpath between St. Paul's and the presbytery up to Harold Street. When I go to my car, I often get opportunities to talk to people, hopefully giving them a better impression of the church than they sometimes get on TV or in the press. When the weeds beside the path begin to appear I either ask a lovely team to clear them away or, when they use our hall, the Salvation Army take the initiative. What worries me is the number of cans, bottles and coffee cups that often litter the path. I find myself wondering if we might find a volunteer willing to deal with the cans, perhaps on a weekly basis. We could give them a store of black bags and a place to put them to await the dustman. It would be a grace filled job as the doing of it would be largely unseen. Any Volunteers? Fr. Jeff.



Next Weekend Maggie, the lovely speaker from Cafod, who came to us a couple of years ago, will be paying us a visit to highlight Family Fast Day, which takes place next Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Maggie will be speaking at the end of the Mass at 6pm next Saturday, on Sunday at the 9.15 in St. Paul's and at the 11.15 in Aylesham.

**St Finbarr's Corner. Syrian Refugees in the Parish.** We are sorry not to have updated you recently concerning our two families. The Sabra family, who arrived in December 2019, eventually found the old presbytery in Aylesham (now called Market House) inconvenient in many ways. Neither of the parents has a driving licence, and anyone in the Parish who has visited St. Finbarr's can see how difficult that might make life for them. They now live in Dover. The present family are in a very different situation. Mohammad has a big car, which is necessary, because there are four sons, who need ferrying in various directions. There has recently been a crisis. A leak was found in the front hall, and all the concrete had to be drilled up and replaced. This took about seven weeks. However, they have overcome these problems, and have re-decorated the house, and installed many new and needed features. The house is now truly beautiful inside. Many improvements are also being made to the garden. It became clear during the recent crisis (and before) that we should have had in place a team of parishioners to look after the refugee families, and that the work (however pleasant) should not have fallen onto the shoulders of two or three people. This adjustment of a friendly nature (not administrative) is still needed. I should add that this has always been a Parish project, not confined to St. Finbarr's alone. This is because the £800 per month that we receive for rent goes into the Parish of the Good Shepherd finance pot and is not confined just to St. Finbarr's. If anyone from either end of the parish would like to be involved with the family in Market House, please contact me on [jeremycrowe@btinternet.com](mailto:jeremycrowe@btinternet.com). They are devout Muslims, and very hospitable.

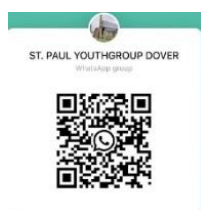
Although their English is remarkably good (the two older boys are studying at Canterbury College) they always welcome conversation. Jeremy Rowe

**First Holy Communion (FHC).** It has been a great pleasure to welcome 14 children for this year's FHC programme at St Finbarr's. Our first session went very well. Please keep them in your prayers. If you would like to be a prayer sponsor for one of the children, please let Fran or Carina know.

**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](mailto:mylooroll@gmail.com) or 07702 825737.

**The Dover SVP Coffee Morning and Cake Sale** has had to be cancelled due to current covid restrictions. We are hoping to have a Harvest Soup and Cake Lunch towards the end of Oct or early Nov, at St Margaret's. Information to follow.

**Bible Study** The weekly bible study, Peter 1 led by Deacon Barry, continues on **Thursday 30th 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, from age 13 upwards, 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**. 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

**Open letter from a Steward.** Dear Fellow parishioners of St Paul's, I hope that life finds you all healthy, happy and blessed. This letter does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the other stewards, but I think the issue needs to be raised. Recent events have prompted me to write this letter, in good faith, without prejudice or malice. When I was first approached to be a steward, I was in all honesty, for about two minutes, very reluctant. It was the height of the pandemic, and the thought of immersing myself among other people, on top of the public involvement I have at work did cause me a little anxiety. However, whilst the caller was speaking to me, I had a quick prayer and I decided that if I could not think of a good reason to say no, that wasn't either self-serving or mean spirited, I would commit to saying yes. And since that day I have adopted that attitude in all areas of my life. So, I said "yes". When I began my stewardship, I quickly made new friends with my fellow stewards and I have actually enjoyed the ability to give something back to the church, to be able to say yes to God and to help my fellow Christians with any problems they may have, where I am able to. My motivation in writing this letter has nothing whatsoever to do with me seeking praise, gratitude, or any kind of reward. I feel very privileged to be able to serve God and my fellow Catholics and to be able to contribute something for the benefit of others. However, on two or three occasions, a very minor, vocal group of parishioners have been, frankly, less than friendly in their response to us. You may not necessarily agree with track and trace forms, but at the end of the day, it is our Christian duty and our considerations need to be for the welfare of others, not just for ourselves. You may not agree with our churches health and safety policies in light of the pandemic (I for one believe that they are absolutely correct), but please don't make it a reason to pick an argument with the stewards. I am doing what I think is right, as called by God and my church, and being aggressive towards people whose only interest is to protect the interests and welfare of other people is not something I signed up for or should have to accept. I respect everyone's opinion and it is our democratic right to hold those opinions (try making your opinion known in Afghanistan and see how far you get). Democracy is not something we should take for granted or lightly. But by the same token, please remember that I too have the right to opinions and consider this my, very polite, right to reply. Thank you to everyone in the parish who has worked so hard during these very difficult days. God bless to everyone.

**The Bible Timeline Course** Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this free of charge, worldwide-famous course delivered online live by Mauro Iannicelli. The Bible Timeline Course uses a phenomenal approach which actually works! It divides the whole story in the Bible into 12 colour-coded periods, easy to understand and memorise. It starts Wed 29th September 2021. Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm). Info & Registration: [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org) .



**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](mailto:projectmanager@dover.foodbank.org.uk). The Foodbank is also contactable on [info@dover.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@dover.foodbank.org.uk) and also 07870 361180. The Foodbank team would love to hear from you.

**Dover Outreach Centre is looking to recruit a Centre Manager.** If you're interested in this role and would like to see the full job description, please email Noel Beamish at [noel.beamish@doveroutreachcentre.com](mailto:noel.beamish@doveroutreachcentre.com), or call him on 01304-339022. Job Title. Drop-In Centre Manager, reporting to the CEO and based mainly at Dover Outreach Centre, Victory House 168 Snargate Street, but you may be asked to work at other locations as necessary. Hours: 20 hours a week. The normal working hours are 08.00 to 12:00 Monday to Friday but you may be asked to be flexible on occasion. Purpose of role: To manage the day to day running of our Drop-In service for clients who are rough sleeping, sofa surfing, vulnerably housed, or at risk of eviction. The role will involve collaborative working with other initiatives that are part of this Charity, the Local Authority, other agencies, charities and organisations. It will also include working with and managing volunteers to deliver an excellent service in a calm, peaceful and safe environment to achieve positive and sustainable client outcomes.

# READINGS FOR SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

**First reading** Numbers 11:25-29

*If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them, they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 18(19):8,10,12-14

**The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.**

**Second reading** James 5:1-6

*The Lord hears the cries of those you have cheated*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the

same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter, you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn17:17

**R. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth

**R. Alleluia**

**Gospel** Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

*Do not stop anyone from working a miracle in my name*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us, we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

**Please pray for those who are unwell, especially Fr Jeff. St Finbarr's:** Charlie Golden, Brendan Quinn, Tina Isaacs, Ray Deverson, Lucy Purbrick, Amanda Dennis, Jadon Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Tara Conklin, Jamie Chitwood ; **St Paul's :** 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, Danielle Sutton. **and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. St Finbarr's:** Robin Quinn, Bridget Hanley, Peter McCallum, Peter Williams, Margaret Coates, Derek Jones, David Leidig, George Douglas, Alan Pearson, John Michael Leamy, Bridget Flynn. **St Paul's:** Bridget Manley, Michael Wills, Angela Gibbins, Fr. Piet, Domenico Abats, Eileen Pile, Fr. Pat Best, Pamela Rogers, John Nolan, Patrick Harney, Kathleen Baker, Archbishop Peter Amigo, Julia Margaret Naylor, Geoff Millar, Catherine Downy, Alan Pearson, Matthew Worsdell, Angela Gibbins.

#### EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

	Saturday	5pm 6pm	Confessions in St Paul's Presbytery (until 5.45pm) Mass for G/E Liz Haymer (Colin) Fr Jeff
	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
St Vincent de Paul	Monday	10am	Mass for Anita Cadman RIP Fr. Jamie
St Wenceslaus Martyr	Tuesday	10am	Mass for Liz Haymer's Birthday (Colin)
St's Michael & all Angels	Wednesday	10am 7pm	Mass for Derek Jones RIP Anniversary (Jones Family) Fr Jeff Exposition until 8pm
St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church	Thursday	10am 10.30am	Ordinariate Mass for Joyce and Joe Kavezki RIP (Tina & David Irving James) Fr Jamie Bible Study: Parish Hall. Deacon Barry
St Thérèse of the Child Jesus	Friday	10am	Mass for Holy Souls Fr Leo
The Holy Guardian Angels	Saturday	5pm 6pm	Confessions in St Paul's Presbytery (until 5.45pm) Mass for Deceased relatives of Olga Wills (Colin) Fr Leo
Rosary Sunday	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	9.15am 11.30am 3pm	Mass for Fr Ghislain De Jaeger (Anne-Marie De Jaeger) Fr Leo Mass for People of the Parish Fr Jamie Exposition until 4pm

#### EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S

	Saturday	3pm	Syro Malabar Mass
	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	11.15am	Mass for Refugees Everywhere Fr Jamie
St's Michael & all All Angels	Wednesday	10.15.am	Mass for Young Parishioners of St Finbarr's Fr Jamie
The Holy Guardian Angels	Saturday	3pm	Syro Malabar Mass
Rosary Sunday	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	11.15am	Mass for Sybil Veronica Pearce 'F' Fr Leo

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