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## 29th May 2022

# The 7th Sunday of Easter

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection today for World Communications Sunday.

**Priests Corner: Looking Up to Heaven.** We are a busy generation with loads of tasks every day; kids, family, health concerns, e-mails, calls, letters, meetings, bills, travel, jobs, properties to manage, cleaning, exams and lots and lots of things to do. Sometimes 24 hours seems not enough time to attend to all the things pending. But it is really funny and ironical in the sense that, despite all of these rounds of busyness, nothing really seems enough. The Cycle keeps going on and on endlessly. The truth is that only God is enough. We must do our best not to get lost completely in the busy bubbles of life's activities. We need to pulse and refocus our life on God. He alone is enough. We have just celebrated the Ascension of Jesus last Thursday, which reminds us to always look up to God. We must look up to heaven as our ultimate destination after all the rigmaroles of this earthly journey. Our first reading today from the Acts of the Apostles talks about the martyrdom of St. Stephen who gazed up to heaven and was consoled by the glory that awaits. The same theme is found in the second reading from the book of apocalypse where John talks about God as the Alpha and the Omega and the life of glory that awaits us if we abide in Him. In the gospels Jesus prays for us that the unity and love of the Father may remain in our hearts in all that we do. Keep the focus. We shall keep looking up in faith to heaven in all that we do. We have got confidence that he will see us through all the challenges we are facing at the moment. A blessed and happy Sunday to you and your families. Fr. Leo.

**Pentecost Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June Mass at St Finbarr's will now take place at 9.45am.** This will be followed by a Pentecost Service in St. Peter's Church, Aylesham at 11am, organised by Aylesham Churches together, to which everyone is invited. Aylesham Churches Together are holding this service to celebrate both the Jubilee and Pentecost. There will be a BBQ afterwards. For those who cannot attend Mass at 9.45am, Fr. Jeff has authorised a Sunday Celebration of the Word with Communion at St. Finbarr's at 11.15am, conducted by two of our Eucharistic Ministers.

**Our Rejuvenated Parish Council** is beginning to settle to its task. The members are Malcolm Fisher, Theresa Gordon, Heather Mash, Anne Rowe & Keith Wells. At their meeting a few weeks ago Malcolm Fisher agreed to become Chair and Heather, secretary. Malcolm will be going up to St. Finbarr's one Sunday in the near future to be introduced to the congregation. Matters discussed will be appearing under separate headings in this newsletter or referred to the relevant Church Management Team as appropriate. We surely wish our new council well. Fr. Jeff

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee.** Our Community at St. Paul's will be celebrating The Queen's Jubilee with a special event at St Richard's Catholic Primary School, Dover on Saturday the 4th of June. All are welcome.

The event will have three parts. 2pm 'Bring Your Own Picnic' (No Alcohol or glass bottles), chairs provided for adults. 3pm Talk; Mary The Mother of God: The Princess Years, by Fr. Leo & Deacon Barry. 4pm by a Celebratory Mass in the school hall.

**The Illustrated Talk** at St. Richard's on Mary the Mother of God: The Princess Years, will concentrate on the events leading up to Mary's birth and in her life up to and including her 15th year. Specially: her early family life, her presentation and upbringing in the Temple in Jerusalem, her virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity and how she practiced them, her trials and tribulations and finally her espousal to and married life with Saint Joseph.

Children are encouraged to attend and will have the opportunity to make crowns, during the talk, and wear them during the Pentecost Mass which immediately follows the talk. **Registration** For planning purpose please either 1) complete the sheet at the back of church or 2) email Deacon Barry [barrybarton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barrybarton@rcaos.org.uk) to register the number of adults from your family attending and specifying the number of children in particular for crown making purposes. **Please complete your registration by the 31<sup>st</sup> May.** Deacon Barry.

**Please pray for** Theresa Walker, who died recently. Theresa's Funeral Mass will be at St Paul's on 24<sup>th</sup> June at 11am. Also, Bernadette Crittall, whose Funeral Mass will be in St Paul's on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at Midday; May They Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

**Women's Guild Meeting.** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please come and join us for a Jubilee Celebration.



**Crowning of Mary.** Parishioners and clergy of St Paul's along with some of St Richard's children took part in the annual service of Crowning of Mary, organised by Moya Munro, that took place in St Paul's church, Dover on the afternoon of Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Each year the school generously allows St Paul's to borrow the statue. Following the service which included a short homily from Fr Leo and hymns dedicated to Mary, adults and children celebrated socially with tea, cakes and ice cream. A great time was had by all. Deacon Barry

**The Next Bible Study** will take place on Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 10am Mass and be followed by the rosary.

**SVP - ST Paul's Conference.** We at St Paul's SVP have been active in this parish for over forty years and in that time, we have helped many of our parishioners and their families and friends. If you know of anyone that we can assist in any way please contact us on 01304 365326 or 01304 268400. All calls are kept confidential. New members always welcome and an hour or two a week of your time much appreciated. Love your God, love your neighbour. That is what we do.

**Special SVP Collection Next Weekend** in both churches to support the roll of our local St Vincent De Paul Society.

**Sunday Obligation** Our Bishops are asking all, not at too much risk and who possibly can, to start attending Sunday Mass in Church from Whit Sunday, June the 5<sup>th</sup>. They have published a lovely document about it, which is available on our website <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/newsletters/>. In it they rejoiced in how so many had been sustained by joining in Mass via the internet and encouraged people when they can't get to church to continue to do so.

**Archdiocese of Southwark 2022 Spring Assembly** by the Justice and Peace Commission on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June is being held here in St Paul Hall, Dover. Preceded by Mass, for those who wish to attend, at 10am at St Edmunds Chapel, Priory Road, Dover CT16 1BB. Registration 10.40am at St Paul's. Programme 11am to 4pm. Entitled: Caught in the Act: How do we open a sea of hospitality in a distorted world for people fleeing countries of war, climate and economic disaster, when the Nationality and Borders Act and removal to Rwanda threaten their very being? Plus navigating the challenges to find opportunities in offering safe sanctuary to the people from Ukraine. There will be keynote speakers from major organisations. Everyone welcome. Entrance is free. Lunch is provided. Donations suggested. Email: [jpiccontact@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:jpiccontact@rcaos.org.uk) or just turn up on the day. Finishing with a prayer service at the sea front and ice-creams on the beach.

**CTiD Open Meeting 7pm, Thursday 9th June 2022, Dover Baptist Church.** Everyone Welcome. Yes, all Christians not just clergy and church leaders! Refreshments provided. Come and hear speakers from:

Dover Outreach Centre - Homeless Project; Paul and Noel

Dover District Council - How they are working with churches; Shaun and Debbie

Dover Foodbank - Changes and ongoing developments; Laura

For more information, full agenda, minutes of previous meeting please email Hazel Groves CTiD Secretary; [ctid.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:ctid.secretary@gmail.com)

**News from Dover Outreach Hub.** We have had a steady flow of Ukrainian refugees coming in through the Hub. They have used a variety of services, including using the shower and having food. Some have slept overnight, before heading on to their destinations. Home checks: If you haven't registered your interest to become a host on the [www.Gov.UK](http://www.Gov.UK) website you will need to do this and you will need to have a DBS check. Home checks will only go ahead once this is completed. You won't be able to be matched with anyone until home checks are passed.

**Ukrainian Support Meetings.** This is in the Sunrise Café, from 1pm to 3pm on Thursdays, with the option of using the meeting rooms in Outreach Centre, for private conversations. There will be free tea, coffee, cakes etc available. We are inviting agencies to join us, to help support our hosts and guests. Free ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) classes with Kent Adult Education. Contact Paula for appointments (she is based in Folkestone) and her number is 03000 411040. She needs for each applicant - Name, Sponsor's address, DOB, Phone no and Email address. Paula will create a student number and register them for a 20-minute appointment. The classes will be free. If you know anyone who is hosting Ukrainian refugees, and think they may benefit from these classes, please share this information with them. Please contact me if you have any questions or need any assistance with online form filling etc, I am here to help. Samm, Admin for Ukraine Support. Mobile: 07936 397252. [admin@doveroutreachcentre.com](mailto:admin@doveroutreachcentre.com)

# READINGS FOR SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

## First reading

Acts 7:55-60

*The stoning of Stephen*

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God's right hand. 'I can see heaven thrown open' he said 'and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' At this all the members of the council shouted out and stopped their ears with their hands; then they all rushed at him, sent him out of the city and stoned him. The witnesses put down their clothes at the feet of a young man called Saul. As they were stoning him, Stephen said in invocation, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and said aloud, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them'; and with these words he fell asleep.

## Responsorial Psalm

96(97):1-2b,6-7,9

**The Lord is King, most high above all the earth.**

## Second reading

Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20

*Come, Lord Jesus*

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.'

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning. The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come.' Then let all who are thirsty come: all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free. The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation

cf. Jn14:18

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you,  
and your hearts will be full of joy.  
Alleluia!**

## Gospel

John 17:20-26

*Father, may they be completely one*

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me. I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one.

With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you loved me. Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.' The Creed in Slow Motion

### Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen**

### A Prayer for Ukraine

**Loving and merciful God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and all the World. Amen**

### **Please Pray for those who are unwell:**

**At St Finbarr's:** Mrs T. Phillipson, Esiri Emedo, Charlie Golden, Tina Isaacs, Ray Deverson, Lucy Purbrick, Amanda Dennis, Jadon Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Tara Conklin, Jamie Chitwood.

**At St Paul's:** Neil Stevens, Joyce Nix, Gail White, Edward McCue Jnr; Jessica Robinson, Bailey Turner, Patrick McMenamin, Peggy Merrell, Ryan Whittall, Denise Bishop, Sean O'Regan, Iris (Tilly) Ball, Jean Ann Dowle, Norman and Nina Woolhouse, Ted Peel, Christopher Browne, Angela, Ellen McGurk, Helen Davies, Chris Francis, Alice Wilson, Angela Henbrey, Madison Woodall, Julie Balston, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Cathy Huntley, Mary Nelson, Emin Jain, Pat Sherratt & Chris Roy.

### **Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

**At St Finbarr's:** Kathleen Simpson, Elizabeth Mary Herr, Agnes Steele, Owen Yore.

**At St Paul's:** Grace Clayton, Betty Gavigan, Lyn Heynen, Fr. Joseph Redmond, Fr William Howell, Agnes Steele, Emily Irene Saueressig, William Millar, Mary Helen Mackett, Joseph Johnston, Florence Corry, Elsie Wickens, John O'Meara, Teresa Mary Chillingworth.

EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S			
	Saturday	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for G/E Kath Quigley (Sheila) Fr Leo Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Fr Leo Mass for Private Intention (Kay) Fr Leo
	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am 11.30am 3pm	Mass for Rosemary Griggs RIP. Fr Jamie Coffee in the hall after Mass Mass for Maureen Arman and Family (Theresa and Keith) Fr Jamie Exposition until 4pm
	Monday	10am	Mass Anita Cadman RIP for Fr Leo
The Visitation	Tuesday	10am	Mass for The Quigley Family (Kath Q) Fr Leo
St Justin	Wednesday	10am 2.30pm 6pm	Mass for G/E of Liz Whelan (Kath Q) Fr Leo Women's Guild Meeting Exposition until 7pm
St Marcellinus & St Peter	Thursday	10am After Mass	Ordinarate Mass for Clive Melvin RIP (Mike Whenary) Fr Jamie Bible Study followed by the Rosary Deacon Barry
St Charles Lwanga & Companions	Friday	10am	Mass for Deceased Daughters of Charity of St Mary's Convent (Kath Q) Fr Leo
	Saturday	10am 4pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for G/E of Sara (Sheila) Fr Leo Jubilee Celebration Mass at St Richards Mass for Liz Haymer RIP (SVP)
PENTECOST SUNDAY	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am 11.30am 3pm	Mass for G/E of Paul & Carol SR (Kath Q) Coffee in the hall after Mass Mass for Timothy John White RIP & Caroline White RIP (Alison S) Exposition until 4pm
EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
	Saturday	3pm	Syro Malabar Mass
	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	11.15am	Mass for John Golden RIP (Mary) Fr Leo
St Justin	Wednesday	10.15am	Mass for G/E of Donor Fr Jamie
	Saturday	3pm	Syro Malabar Mass
PENTECOST SUNDAY	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	9.45am 11.15am	Mass for Eve Jayechnik RIP (Fran) Fr Jeff Eucharistic Service

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