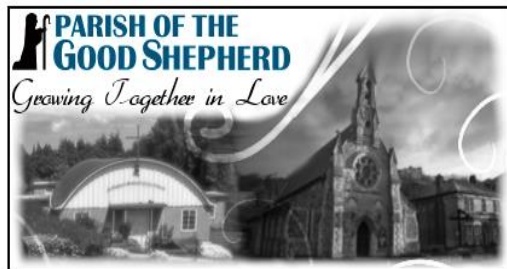


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Sunday 14th May 2023

The 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass book pg.268)

Thursday is The Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation

Mass in St Paul's at 10am & 7pm, and St Finbarr's at 10.15am

PRIESTS CORNER: **GRATITUDE TO ALL IN THE PARISH.**

Dear Beloved Parishioners, I want to sincerely thank you all for all the amazing participation and support for a successful induction ceremony at our Parish last Friday, the 12th of May. Both St. Paul's and St. Finbarr's were fully represented beautifully. We are part of God's amazing story and we are blessed to be



here at this time to do our part. Thanks to the Nine Families who came forward to host priests and guests in their home. Some of the priests were not able to make it due to the train strikes and some were able to find other ways to attend at the last minute. Some people even drove to pick up a priest who was stranded because of the strike. Thank you. Thank you for all who donated and arranged the flowers, meals, cash, time and all sorts of efforts to get things to move well. I am grateful to the Choir, the stewards, the La Salle Verte catering, our Parish event team, the brochure making team, led by Mary and Paul, the Altar Servers, the Schools, etc. I will not forget to thank Bishop Paul and my Dean, Fr. John Panario and all the Clergy from all the Churches in the Deanery, the CTiD and around. Thank you to the

Provincial of the Spiritans, Fr. Ugo, and Fr. Jeff my predecessor who arrived Thursday to support me. Thank you to the MP and other local leaders who were around. Thank you to all the guests from far and near, thank you the people at St. Mary's for letting us use their hall. Thank you to the Indian community for the lovely dances, and performances by Richie and Reina. I know the Lord sees all your efforts and may His divine blessings be upon us all and may we grow stronger as a parish. God bless you all. Fr. Leo

Please Pray for Pamela Empson who died on Wednesday. Pamela was a lovely lady who devoted her life to the family. We pray for them, especially for Mark and Christina who is a member of our Parish. **We also pray for Ellen McGurk who died on Thursday** Ellen was a former parishioner of St Paul's who moved to Buckland Parish about 2 years ago.

Please pray also for Ginny who died recently. She is a close family to Simon Partridge who is an active member of our Parish. She will be buried on the 23rd of May at 12:15 at St. Peter and Paul, St. Alphege Road. We pray for her repose and God's consolation on the family.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Susan Tophill who will be buried on the 19th of May at Barham Crematorium at 11am. God's consolation for the family. **We pray also for Mrs. Maralyn Fleming who will be buried on the 17th of May.** May the Lord rest their gentle souls and console the families. May they All Rest in Peace. Amen.

Joe Johnston Funeral Arrangements. Joe's funeral Mass is at The Church of the Most Precious Blood, Sidmouth at 10am on Wednesday 24th May. Please click the links for more information on Joe. (<https://funeralnotices.co.uk/notice/johnston/5121383> and <https://josephjohnston.muchloved.com/>)

St Jude's Prayer Group will meet this **Monday 15th May at 2pm** in St Paul's Parish Hall. All welcome.

Fides Prayer Meeting. The next Fides prayer Meeting will be on Wednesday **17th May at 7pm** in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's. The second at St. Finbarr's will be on **Friday 26th May at 7pm**. These meetings will be focused on the Holy Spirit as a preparation for the feast of the Pentecost Sunday.

The next SVP tea (St Finbarr's) will be at 2pm at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Ackholt Road, Aylesham on **Wednesday 17th May**. This will be the venue for all future teas. All welcome.

WHO ARE THE HOLY GHOST FATHERS? (THE SPIRITANS)

The Congregation of the Holy Ghost also called the Spiritans (CSSp) is a Roman Catholic order of priests, brothers and lay associates founded in 1703 in France by Claude-François Poullart des Places. Originally beginning with the training of seminarians, the congregation gradually took an active part in missionary work all over the world. Suppressed by the French Revolution, it was restored under Napoleon, but persecution kept it weak until 1848, when the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary merged with it, and Fr. Francis Libermann, a convert from Judaism, became its Superior General. The congregation pioneered in the resumption of African missions in the 1800s. Besides its missionary efforts, it carries on educational and social works and response to the poorest of the poor all around the world.



The Spiritans are consecrated to the Holy Spirit and dedicated to the poor. The members bound themselves by simple vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The purpose of the congregation, to bring 'the Gospel everywhere, to undertake the most humble and laborious works for which it is difficult to find labourers.' Deeply committed to missions in all the continents the Spiritans have sent more missionaries from Europe to Africa than any other organization. Thanks to the many French and Irish missionaries who took the missions round the world. Their most famous missionaries in Africa include Abp. Alexandre le Roy of Gabon, Abp. Prosper Augouard of the Congo, Bp. Joseph Shanahan of Nigeria, Rev. Charles Duparquet of Angola, Rev. Antoine Horner of East Africa, Rev. Laval of Mauritius, etc.

The first Spiritan to step foot in England was Fr. Jacques Bertout, from France. A refugee from the persecution of the Church during the French Revolution, he arrived on 19th September 1792 and immediately began missionary work here until he was able to return to France in 1802. The permanent establishment of the Congregation in England was in 1904 in the Diocese of Clifton when a large property called Prior Park was rented. The Province has however continued to experience growth and renewal with the mission-appointments here of Spiritans from other Provinces from the Congregation. The Province has enjoyed some great missionary successes and expansion in Britain and overseas and has maintained an international character in all its missions.

Location of Spiritans in the UK



We are determined to serve with the power of the Holy Spirit, touching lives, witnessing to the needy, leading people to Jesus with the total sacrifice of our lives. Our motto is: Cor Unum et Anima Una (One heart and one Soul). Acts 4:32. Fr. Leo Agbene Illah, CSSp, the new Parish Priest of Dover is a Spiritan, Ordained in 2008 and has since served in the Philippines before assuming the new mission in Dover. He comes with lots of gifts and experiences, dynamic with a compassionate heart for the people he serves. May the Ministry of the Holy Ghost Fathers flourish with joy and grace in Dover. Amen.

There is a Second collection next weekend for World Communications Day. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales. The CNN seeks to be of service both to the church and the world and supports the Bishops of England and Wales promoting the Gospel through the media.

Parish Youth Group. Dear Youngsters, our next meeting will be on **Saturday 20th May at 2pm.** We will meet at St Paul's hall and shall move together to the presbytery garden. We shall be inviting all those preparing for their Confirmation to join us on this date. Confirmation classes will not be held in the morning, it will be combined with our Youth Group meeting in the afternoon. Those on the Confirmation class, please do take note. It will be sunny. We shall have lovely games in the Presbytery Garden and enjoy with music. Bring your friends.

Marian Rosary Procession 21st May: We are inviting you all to our May devotion Rosary procession from Pencester garden to the Church at St. Paul with the Statue of Mary on the 21st May. It will start with Rosary and songs at 3pm and it will end with the crowning of Mary inside the Church, followed by ice cream and teas in the Hall. We encourage all the families to bring the children to be part of this lovely Marian event.

Novena to the Holy Spirit and Pentecost: Part of the new events within our Parish will be the Special devotion to the Holy Spirit. It is Part of the Charism of the Holy Ghost Fathers who are now administering the Parish. I invite you to join in the nine days Novena to the Holy Spirit which will start on the 19th May and it will end with the Pentecost celebration on Sunday the 28th. The novena prayers will be recited during the daily Masses at 10am every day with all present. You can join in via livestream or develop your personal devotion to the Holy Spirit during those special times from your home.

Parents Night for First Holy Communion Children: We shall be having a special night of prayer and fellowship with the parents of all the children preparing for their First Holy Communion this year. St Paul's Group is scheduled to be on Wednesday the 23rd May at 6:30pm. This meeting is only for the Parents, it does not include the Children. St Finbarr's date to be arranged. God bless.

Rev Andrew Bishop's Ordination 15th July at 12.30pm, St George's Cathedral Southwark. The parish has hired two 38-seater coaches to depart **St Paul's at 9am**, one of the coaches will go via **St Finbarr's at approximately 9.30am**, both arriving St George's around 11am – 11.30am. We shall depart St George's Cathedral at 3.30pm. The cost will be £30 per person. If you would like to reserve a seat, please contact Marie McMonagle tel 01304 827463 or 07540 999109. Payment is required up front when you book your seat. Please make cheques payable to RCAS DOVER or transfer to the parish bank account 60-50-01 79114784 ref 'Coach your name'.

A chance for adults to try stand-up paddle boarding with Fr. Jamie (British Canoeing Coach). The deal is that I am looking for six adults from each church (who must be able to swim and don't mind getting wet) for a one hour stand up paddle boarding lesson at Seapoint Canoe Centre, Prince's Parade, Hythe, Kent, CT21 5RL. It's on the Royal Military Canal, Hythe. All kit provided. It is a beginner's session aimed at adults who have never done it before but would like to give it a go. There is no cost for the lesson BUT each adult will be charged a minimum of £20.00 each and the money raised will to sponsor our young people to go to the World Youth Day in Lisbon in August. The first session is for 6 adults from St Finbarr's and is at 3pm. on Sunday 4th June. The second session is for six adults from St Paul's is at 3pm on Sunday 25th June, address as above. Family and friends are encouraged to watch and bring a picnic. To book please contact Fr. Jamie on 07955 242324, Money raised will be collected on the day.

The Next Bible Study at St Paul's will take place following the 10am Mass on Thursday 18th May. The Rosary will be prayed at 9.30am preceding the Mass.

Parish Diary Dates		
Marian Procession, Rosary, and Crowning	Sunday 21 st May	St Paul's 3pm
Conclusion of 9-day Novena to the Holy Spirit	Pentecost Sunday 28 th May	St Paul's 3pm
Children's First Holy Communion Mass	Sunday 11 th June	St Paul's 9.15am
Children's First Holy Communion Mass	Sunday 2 nd July	St Finbarr's 11.15am
Revd Andrew Bishop's Ordination Mass to the Sacred Priesthood	Saturday 15 th July	Southwark Cathedral London 12.30pm
Fr Andrew Bishop's First Mass	Sunday 16 th July	St Paul's 9.15am
Confirmation, St Paul's Church	Saturday 22 nd July	St Paul's 3pm

Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

At St Finbarr's: Monica Celilia Pereira, Anne Josephine McGowan, Isabella Coatman, Gwendoline Devereux, Paul Williams, Herbie Ruse, Patrick Cuff, Elizabeth Robinson.

At St Paul's: May Marsh, Jack Isaac Carr, William Sandell, Edith Holmes, Elizabeth Wilmott, Michael Moran, Wayne Wilson, Katherine Elizabeth Martin, Michael McConnell, Stefanina Watson, Bridget Mitchell, Margaret Ferris.

Please Pray for those who are unwell at St Finbarr's: Elisabet Sulianti, Rob Maguire, Gabriela le Bohec, Pam Osborne, Charlie Golden, Tina Isaacs, Ray Deverson, Lucy Purbrick, Amanda Dennis, Jadon Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Tara Conklin & Jamie Chitwood.

At St Paul's: Shirley Lazarus, Shirley Jefford, Clare Quigley, Barbara Monclus, Maureen Houghton, Gail White, Neil Stevens, John & Joyce Nix, Bailey Turner, Peggy Merrell, Ryan Whittall, Denise Bishop, Sean O'Regan, Iris (Tilly) Ball, Jean Ann Dowle, Norman & Nina Woolhouse, Ted Peel, Christopher Browne, Angela, Alice Wilson, Angela Henbrey, Madison Woodall, Julie Balston, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Cathy Huntley, Mary Nelson, Emin Jain, Pat Sherratt, Chris Roy.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
Our Lady of Fatima	Saturday 13 th May	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
6 th Sunday of Easter	Sunday 14 th May	11.15am	Mass for The People of Sudan Fr Ugo & Fr Leo
	Wednesday 17 th May	10.15am 2pm	Mass for the G/E of Rob McGuire Fr Leo SVP Tea at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
The Ascension of the Lord	Thursday 18 th May	10.15am	Mass for the People of Aylesham Fr Leo
St Dunstan	Friday 19 th May	1pm	Mass at St Joseph's School for Julia James Fr Leo
St Bernardine of Sienna	Saturday 20 th May	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
7 th Sunday of Easter	Sunday 21 st May	11.15am	Mass for all Marriages Fr Leo
EVENT'S THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
Our Lady of Fatima	Saturday 13 th May	10am 11am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Lena Gammie RIP (Sheila) Fr Leo Confirmation Class in the Hall Confessions in the Church until 5.45pm Mass for the G/E of Maureen Collins (Lizzie) Fr Leo
6 th Sunday of Easter	Sunday 14 th May	9am 9.15am 11am 3pm	First Holy Communion Preparation in the Upper Hall Mass for Joe Johnston RIP (SVP) Fr Ugo Coffee in the Hall after Mass Mass for the G/E of Joyce & John Nix (Sheila) Fr Jamie Exposition and the Divine Mercy Chaplet
St John Stone	Monday 15 th May	10am 2pm	Mass for Mary Hayes RIP (Sheila) Fr Leo St Jude's Prayer Group in the Hall
St Simon Stock	Tuesday 16 th May	10am	Mass for Mary Hayes Family (Sheila) Fr Leo
	Wednesday 17 th May	10am 6pm 7pm	Mass for John Johnston RIP (Lizzie) Fr Jamie Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 7pm Fides Meeting in the Hall
The Ascension of the Lord	Thursday 18 th May	9.30am 10am After Mass 7pm	The Rosary Mass for Angela Moyes RIP (Mary) Fr Jamie Bible Study with Deacon Barry Mass for the People of the Parish Fr Leo
St Dunstan	Friday 19 th May	10am 2pm	Mass for Barbara Daniels RIP (Sheila) Fr Leo Mass at St Richard's School for all school children Fr Jamie
St Bernardine of Sienna	Saturday 20 th May	10am 2pm 2pm 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Joe Johnston RIP (Kath Q) Fr Leo Confirmation Class Meet with Youth Group Youth Group Meet in the Hall Confessions in the Church until 5.45pm Mass for the G/E of Len & Bernadette (Sheila) Fr Jamie
7 th Sunday of Easter	Sunday 21 st May	9am 9.15am 11am 3pm	First Holy Communion Preparation in the Upper Hall Mass for Hilda Smith RIP (Smith Family) Fr Leo Coffee in the Hall after Mass Mass for the G/E of Liz Whelan (Kath Q) Exposition and the Divine Mercy Chaplet

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READINGS FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 14TH MAY 2023

First reading Acts 8:5-8,14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20
Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Second reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him,

and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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