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Sunday 21st May 2023 **The 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass book pg.275)**

Second Collection this Weekend for World Communications Day

MARIAN ROSARY PROCESSION TODAY (SUNDAY)

**Gather at Pencester Gardens at 2.45pm for 3pm Rosary and songs processing to St Paul's
It will end with the crowning of Mary, followed by ice cream and teas in the Hall
Bring the children and a posy of flowers to place around Mary**

The Month of May is a special Month for the Blessed Virgin Mary

We encourage all families to gather the Children together, buy them the Rosary and pray it with them. You can use many creative styles to pray the Rosary with the Children so that they can learn how to pray it. Most School have their Crowning of Mary. Our two Primary Schools; St. Richard's Dover and St. Joseph's Aylesham had their beautiful celebrations on Friday the 19th. At St. Joseph's, we had a beautiful procession from the school with prayers in memory of Julia James of Aylesham who died sadly two years ago.

After the procession from the School to St. Finbarr's Church, one of the Kids said to us that any time we crown Mary with flowers, we are reminded of how God loves us and how Mary also loves us her Children. We are inviting you to join us today (Sunday) as we shall have a Rosary procession from Pencester Garden to St. Paul's Church for the crowning of Mary with our Statue from St. Richard's.



How often do you pray your Rosary? Do your Children have the Rosary? We recommend the Rosary for your daily Christian life; it is a powerful prayer completely based on the scriptures with a calming, recollective and meditative gift for all Christians.



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 started 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. See our website for the prayers <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/newsletters/>

You can join in via livestream or develop your personal devotion to the Holy Spirit during those special times from your home. Join us for the Pentecost Celebration by next Sunday, Open your hearts and your hands for the new gifts of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: WAITING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT AFTER THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

Before his ascension, Jesus told his disciples to stay in Jerusalem till they receive the Holy Spirit. He called It the gift of the Father, the Promise of the Father, the Spirit of Truth, the Helper, Another Counsellor, the Advocate, etc. These names shows that the Holy Spirit is very necessary for the growth of the Church. Jesus always spoke of his Father. He kept saying that he and his Father are One. With regards to the Holy Spirit, he told them that they will receive It. Of course, we know that Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1.35), Elizabeth was equally filled with the Holy Spirit at the greeting of Mary (Luke 1.41), Jesus was driven into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 4.1). The Holy Spirit has been at work before the creation of the world (Genesis 1.2). But what happened on the Pentecost was a unique event that shows how rich and generous God is with His creatures. Pray and be personal in calling the Holy Spirit to fill your hearts and your family as we all await through the Novena for the fresh out pouring of the Holy Spirit on the Pentecost Sunday, next week. Amen. What new thing is the Holy Spirit doing in your Life today? This year?

Children's First Holy Communion Mass	Sunday 11th June	St Paul's 9.15am
Children's First Holy Communion Mass	Sunday 2nd July	St Finbarr's 11.15am
Revd Andrew Bishop's Ordination Mass to the Sacred Priesthood	Saturday 15th July	Southwark Cathedral London 12.30pm
Fr Andrew Bishop's First Mass	Sunday 16th July	St Pauls 9.15am
Confirmation, St Paul's Church	Saturday 22nd July	St Paul's 3pm

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 24th May 6:30pm**. This meeting is only for the Parents, it does not include the Children. St Finbarr's date to be arranged. God Bless.

Fides Prayer Meeting 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.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Michael Boston (Trudi's husband) who sadly died on Tuesday. Funeral arrangements to be announced shortly.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Tanya Harvey who died suddenly last week. Tanya was the fiancé of Dan (who is Jan Wright's son). May She Rest in Peace. Please Pray also for the Repose of the Soul of **Virginia Newby** who will be laid to rest on the 23rd of May at the Charlton Church at 12:15pm. Ginny is a close Family to Simon Partridge. May She Rest in Peace.

Joe Johnston Funeral Arrangements: Joe's funeral Mass is at The Church of the Most Precious Blood, Sidmouth at **10am this Wednesday, 24th May**. If you would like to join the Mass virtually it will be available on Zoom (meeting ID: 870 9360 4873, password: Mass). Further details (including if anyone would like to donate in Joe's memory) can be found at <https://josephjohnston.muchloved.com/>

CollecTins at St Paul's: We are sorry that these were not working last weekend. You can always donate through the website www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/giving/ or at the QR code poster located above the Tins in church if your mobile phone has a QR code reader or you can point it to the QR code reader here. Try it - you'll be surprised how easy it is!



Rev Andrew Bishop's Ordination 15th July at 12.30pm, St George's Cathedral Southwark. The coaches are filling up fast. If you would like to go, please book your seat as soon as possible. The cost will be £30 per person. 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'.



St Edmund's Catholic School would like to invite Ex Staff and Ex Pupils back to school to Celebrate the Present and Remember the Past 60 years. Saturday 10th June 2023. Drop-ins between 10am and 3pm. If anyone has any old photos or memorabilia we could borrow for a slideshow, please get in touch with Mrs Sally Vickers tel 01304 201551 or email svickers@st-edmunds.com

Do you need someone to clean your house: We have a young Catholic woman ready to assist in the cleaning of your home for a very moderate amount per hour. Kindly do contact her on this number: 07743 481935 and have a word with her.

The Next Bible Study at St Paul's will take place following the 10am Mass on Thursday 25th May. The Rosary will be prayed at 9.30am preceding the Mass.

Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

At St Finbarr's: John Gerald Murphy, Arthur Cable, Patricia Morris, William Gunson, John Mountford, Vivienne Cooke, Margaret Deverson, Patrick Herve, John Golden, Ivy Ann Canning, James Breen.

At St Paul's: Patrick Lynch, Robert Golding, Mary Hutchinson, Fred Pile, May Key, Patricia Frances Williamson, Molly Rooke, Ellen Bishop, Alfred Smith, Gertrude McMillan, Reg Stopher, Mary Richards, Desmond Hughes, Fr. Gary Gill, Ivy Couzens, James N Healy, John Sibley.

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.

**NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. DAY TWO
AND THREE (FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
MASSES)**

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, inflame the hearts of all the people with the fire of your love.

Send forth your spirit and all will be reborn.

All: And you will renew the face of the earth.

Leader: Holy spirit, open our eyes, and calm our minds.

Fill our memories of the Father's love, of the Son's unceasing prayer, of the world and of your own presence within us.

All: Holy Spirit, give us faith.

Leader: Holy Spirit, reveal to us the truth of the Father's unfailing promise, purpose and plan; of the Son's victory and risen presence; the truth about ourselves—sinful yet children beloved of God.

All: Holy Spirit, give us hope.

Leader: Holy Spirit, give us peace; peace with God and peace with all people. Kindle my desire for you. Strengthen our wills to live and serve.

Teach us and lead us where you will.

All: Holy Spirit, give us love.

**PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT (ALL STAND AND PRAY)**

Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven, you promised to send the Holy Spirit to your apostles and disciples. Grant that the same Spirit may perfect in our lives the work of your grace and love.

Grant us the Spirit of Wisdom that we may aspire to the things that last forever:

the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten our minds with the light of your truth;
the Spirit of Counsel that we may choose the surest way of doing your will, seeking first the Kingdom;

The Spirit of Fortitude that we may bear our cross with you and, with courage, overcome the obstacles that interfere with our salvation;

the Spirit of Knowledge that we may know you and know ourselves and grow in holiness;

The Spirit of Piety that we may find peace and fulfilment in the service of God while serving others;

The Spirit of Fear that we may be filled with loving reverence toward you.

Teach us to be your faithful disciples and animate us in every way with your Spirit. Amen.

ALL PRAY:

Come, Father of the poor, come, generous Spirit, come, light our hearts. Veni Sancte Spiritus. Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come breath of God; disperse the shadows over us, renew and strengthen your people. Amen.

**PRIEST OR LEADER: FINAL PRAYER FOR
DAY TWO**

Lord Jesus! The promise of your coming kept our Jewish forebearers full of hope through almost 2,000 years of painful waiting fulfilment. Your fulfilment of your promise to send the Holy Spirit to live within your followers has kept your persecuted Church alive and true to you for another 2,000 years. Open each of us to the Spirit's presence so that we will always be one with that Church in its fidelity to you and your truth, for you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

**PRIEST OR LEADER: FINAL PRAYER FOR
DAY THREE.**

Father! Through your son you invite men and women to become members of your family, brothers and sisters of Jesus, who, together with him call you Abba, Father. We have accepted that invitation by our baptism. As the fruit of that sacrament may we allow the Spirit dwelling within us to draw us into that oneness of faith, trust and love with Christ to whom our destiny calls us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**(ALL SIT AND MASS CONTINUES WITH
OFFERTORY HYMN)**

**PRIVATE SPIRITUAL READING
EACH OF US HAS A VOCATION (LEADER)**

God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have a mission—I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am like a link in a chain, a connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, do His work and be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it—if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may hide my future from me—still He knows what He is about.

Cardinal John Henry Newman

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
St Bernardine of Sienna	Saturday 20th May	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
7th Sunday of Easter	Sunday 21st May	11.15am	Mass for All Marriages Fr Jamie
St Philip Neri	Wednesday 24th May	10.15am	Mass for Mary Dormay 'F' Fr Jamie
St Augustine	Saturday 27th May	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
Pentecost Sunday	Sunday 28th May	11.15am	Mass for John Golden RIP (Mary Golden) Fr Leo
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
St Bernardine of Sienna	Saturday 20th May	10am 2pm 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Joe Johnston RIP (Kath Q) Fr Leo No Confirmation Class. Meet with youth group Youth Group in the Hall Confessions in the Church until 5.45pm Mass for G/E Len & Bernadette (Sheila) Fr Leo
7th Sunday of Easter	Sunday 21st May	9am 9.15am 11am 2pm 3pm	First Holy Communion Preparation in the Upper Hall Mass for Hilda Smith RIP (Smith Family) Fr Jamie Coffee in the Hall after Mass Mass for G/E Liz Whelan (Kath Q) Fr Leo Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Marian Rosary Procession
St Rita of Cascia	Monday 22nd May	10am	Mass for Angela Moyes RIP (Ronnie) Fr Leo
	Tuesday 23rd May	10am	Eucharistic Service
St Philip Neri	Wednesday 24th May	10am 6pm	Mass for Armando Baptista (Armando) Fr Leo Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 7pm
St Bede the Venerable	Thursday 25th May	9.30am 10am After Mass	The Holy Rosary Mass for Joe Johnston RIP (Fiona & Shivaun) Fr Jamie Bible Study with Deacon Barry
	Friday 26th May	10am	Mass for Mary Richards RIP (Mary) Fr Leo
St Augustine	Saturday 27th May	10am 11am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Maureen & Joe Johnston RIP (Ronnie) Fr Leo Confirmation Class in the Hall Confessions in the Church until 5.45pm Mass for G/E Maureen Collins (Marie) Fr Jamie
Pentecost Sunday	Sunday 28th May	9am 9.15am 11am 3pm	First Holy Communion Preparation in the Upper Hall Mass for Luis Correia (Armando) Fr Leo Coffee in the Hall after Mass Mass for Domingo Albanas RIP (Jennifer) Fr Jamie Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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READINGS FOR THE 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 21ST MAY 2023

First reading Acts 1:12-14 ©

The apostles all joined in continuous prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 26(27):1,4,7-8

Second reading 1 Peter 4:13-16 ©

It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

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 17:1-11 ©

Father, it is time for you to glorify me

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

‘Father, the hour has come:

glorify your Son

so that your Son may glorify you;

and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him,

let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him.

And eternal life is this:

to know you,

the only true God,

and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I have glorified you on earth

and finished the work that you gave me to do.

Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me

with that glory I had with you

before ever the world was.

I have made your name known

to the men you took from the world to give me.

They were yours and you gave them to me,

and they have kept your word.

Now at last they know

that all you have given me comes indeed from you;

for I have given them the teaching you gave to me,

and they have truly accepted this, that I came

from you,

and have believed that it was you who sent me.

I pray for them;

I am not praying for the world

but for those you have given me,

because they belong to you:

all I have is yours

and all you have is mine,

and in them I am glorified.

I am not in the world any longer,

but they are in the world,

and I am coming to you.’

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