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Sunday 12th May 2024

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass Book page 277)

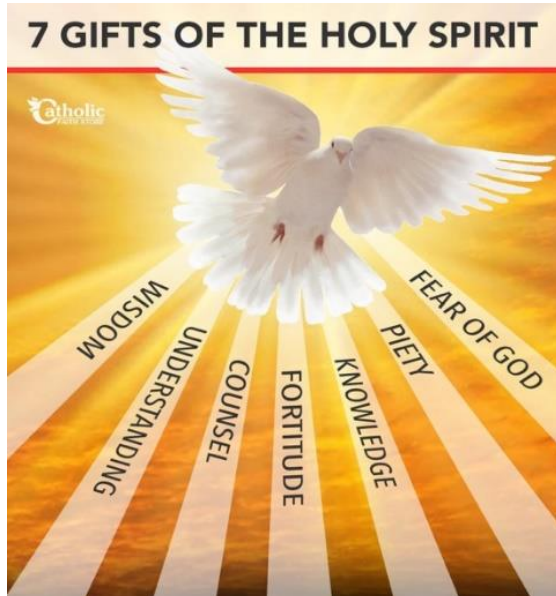
**TODAY THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR
WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

**MARIAN PROCESSION TODAY 3PM MEET ST PAUL'S CAR PARK
Followed by light refreshments in the hall**

**NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FEAST OF PENTECOST
Please note there will only be one morning Mass in St Paul's at 10am**

**SECOND COLLECTION ON PENTECOST SUNDAY FOR THE
TRAINING OF SPIRITAN PRIESTS AROUND THE WORLD.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION: PRAYING FOR THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:



We celebrated the feast of Ascension last Thursday in England, but the feast is being celebrated in some parts of the World today which is also the seventh Sunday after Easter. Ascension of Jesus after forty days was one of the final physical and symbolic events in the life of Jesus along with His disciples. After rising from the dead, Jesus accompanied His disciples, making sure that they are strengthened in their faith in His Physical and actual resurrection. And finally, at the Ascension, he made it clear to us that we are not of this world. He pointed to us that we belong to the Father above and when our earthly journey is over here, we shall all Ascend like he did to our eternal home.

Ascension reminds us to always look up and be focused on our eternal destination. Another important point after the Ascension is to consider the mandate given to us by Jesus; to continue to proclaim the Good News all over the world. Every Christian is a proclaimer; you may not be a preacher in the same fashion as your priests and deacons, but you are called to be a proclaimer through our daily lives. May we be bold to live the truth of the Gospel in a continuously changing society. Amen.

FEAST OF PENTECOST SUNDAY: PARISH CULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAY

Pentecost is the birthday of the universal church and has special meaning for us as a Spiritan parish in Dover and Aylesham. Specific details of Mass times and locations are in the parish dates table. Regardless of whether you and your family will be celebrating either at St Paul's or at St Finbarr's the celebration will commence with Mass and be followed by a parish social celebrating the diversity of our parish family.

Please join in the spirit, sorry for the pun, and come dressed in your national costume, and bring some food to share, ideally reflecting your cultural heritage. Scots, Welsh, Irish, Italian, Polish, Indian parishioners etc. have national dress and traditional food. England may not have a general national dress, so why not consider wearing something red, white and blue. Or, maybe a bowler hat, or a waist coat. As to ideas about what food to bring to share then what about mini individual 'toad in the hole' (first made in England in the 18th century!) or sausage rolls, scotch eggs, scones, or Victoria sponge cake. Regardless of what you wear, or what you bring to eat, the most important thing is to bring yourself and your family and join in the celebration.

INVITE TO THE WHOLE PARISH FROM ST JUDE'S PRAYER GROUP this Monday 13th May to a talk being given by Br. Paul O'Carm. from the Shrine of St Jude at Faversham, which will be held in **St Paul's Church at 2pm**. This is to partly celebrate that the Prayer Group will be going into our 10th year in September/October. Br. Paul will speak about how he became a Carmelite, the Shrine, and also about St Jude. Refreshments will be served after the talk and a chance to meet him. Everyone is welcome to join us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024: PRAYER SPONSOR'S PRAYER. Dear Parishioners, in the period leading up to the children of St Paul's and St Finbarr's making their FHC on Sunday 2nd and 9th June respectively. Please support the children by saying sponsors prayer:

Dear God, As our children prepare to come to your altar on and after the feast of Corpus Christi to receive nourishment, not with bread, but with Yourself, the true Bread of eternal life, help each child, their family, and our parish community to recognise and celebrate your presence every day in their lives. Walk with our children on their journey of faith as you once did with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Amen.

CONFIRMATION CLASS for 2024: Our Confirmation preparation will be starting on **Saturday 18th May**, 10am to 11am at the upper hall room at St Paul's. If you want your teenage children from the age of 12 years old to join this programme, kindly e-mail the parish or call the parish office to register your slot. We are looking forward to welcoming the Bishop in Dover by November 2024 for the confirmation ceremony. God bless.

FIDES PRAYER MEETING: It's that time again; the next Fides Group session, **6.40 for 7pm Wednesday 15th May at St Paul's**. "Lively discussion, loud praise in song, and prayer. **St. Finbarr's Tuesday 21st May, at 7pm**. Come and listen to inspiring talks and prayer together. Everyone welcome, begin the evening with, tea, coffee or fruit drink and light refreshment after your day's work; then praise the Lord."

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Dates MAY 2024		
YOUTH ALPHA FOR ALL FROM 16 YRS UP	EVERY SUNDAY	6PM AT ST. PAUL'S UPPER HALL.
ROSARY PROCESSION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.	ST. PAUL'S, 12TH MAY, 2024	STARTING AT 3PM FROM THE CHURCH CAR PARK- THROUGH TASWELL STREET- GODWYN ROAD WITH ROSARY AND SONGS TO THE CHURCH. END WITH TEAS AND COFFEE AT THE HALL, DOVER
CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE PENTECOST. WE SHALL CELEBRATE IT AS THE PARISH CULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAY. (SPIRITAN FEAST DAY)	AT ST. PAUL'S: SUN 19TH MAY. ONE SINGLE MASS AT 10AM FOLLOWED BY CELEBRATIONS IN THE HALL (NO 9:15AM OR 11AM MASS). Dress according to your cultural heritage. Please bring your cultural food to share.	AT ST. FINBARR'S – 26TH MAY- AFTER THE 11:15AM MASS. Dress according to your cultural heritage. Please bring your cultural food to share.

WEEKEND PILGRIMAGE TO ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX, FRANCE – Led by Fr Leo Illah CSSp. Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September 2024. The cost has now been confirmed at £355 per person based on 2 sharing plus £20 single supplement. A non-refundable deposit of £250 per person is required at the time of booking. Travel insurance is £37 per person if required. **Places are limited so please book early. Closing date is 30th June 2024.** Contact Mary dover@rcaos.org.uk or call/text 07936 573155 to request a booking form. A poster with further information can be found in the porch of both churches or on our website <https://www.parihofthegoodshepherd.uk/events/>

SVP COLLECTION last weekend came to £390.78. Thank you for your generosity. Due to a typing error in last weekend's newsletter the 2nd collection for St George's Cathedral should have read £302.53.

ACT NOW TO STOP DIY ABORTION UP TO BIRTH MPs Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have both tabled amendments to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill that would decriminalise abortion. In different ways, they would essentially legalise DIY abortion up to birth, for any reason. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose these extreme and barbaric proposals. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments>. The Bill will be debated on 15 May, so please contact your MP NOW. Please pray for the defeat of these amendments, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

CATHOLIC FREE SCHOOLS CAP At the moment, the Government currently requires admission authorities for a mainstream free school designated with a religious character to allocate at least 50% of its available places without reference to faith-based admission criteria, when oversubscribed, to foster inclusivity. However, the evidence suggests that this 50% faith admissions cap does not achieve inclusivity and means some high-quality faith school providers, such as the Catholic Church and its dioceses, are less likely to establish new free schools due to the 50% cap. The Government announced they were launching a consultation on this matter. You can find the consultation here: <https://consult.education.gov.uk/faith-schools-policy-team/faith-school-designation-reforms/>. We would encourage you to respond to it so that our excellent Catholic school network can be appropriately supported.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT- DAY THREE- INVOCATION- DAILY (INTEGRATED INTO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL)

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 PRAY TOGETHER)

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.

PRIEST: Final Prayer:

Spirit of God you brought order out of the chaos of the beginning of the universe. In a yet more remarkable way you brought peace and order among the Lord's disciples, shaken by his death, startled by his Resurrection, and mystified by his Ascension after their commission to convert the world. Help us to relive their days of prayer in openness to your sanctifying action as we prayerfully commemorate their preparation for the first Pentecost. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, God forever and ever, Amen.

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr's: Elisabet Sulianti, Gabriela le Bohec, Charlie Golden, Tina Isaacs, Ray Deverson, Lucy Purbrick, Amanda Dennis, Jadon Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Tara Conklin & Jamie Chitwood.

St Paul's: Mary Pressnell, Cecilia Maza, Gaby Anaya Amor, Danielle Sutton, Fr John Ryan, Pat Evans, Fr Jeff Cridland, Shirley Lazarus, Shirley Jefford, Clare Quigley, Barbara Monclus, Maureen Houghton, Gail White, Neil Stevens, John & Joyce Nix, Bailey Turner, Peggy Merrell, Ryan Whittall, Iris (Tilly) Ball, Jean Ann Dowle, Norman Woolhouse, Ted Peel, Christopher Browne, Angela, Alice Wilson, Angela Hembrey, Madison Woodall, Julie Balston, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Cathy Huntley, Mary Nelson, Emin Jain, Pat & Patricia Sherratt, Chris Roy.

Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:

St Finbarr's: Monica Celilia Pereira, Anne Josephine McGowan, Isabella Coatman, Gwendoline Devereux, Paul Williams.

St Paul's: Umberto Corbo, Fr Sean Rice, Patsy Hedges, Enid Carroll, James James, Elizabeth (Lena) Gammie, May Marsh, Jack Isaac Carr, William Sandell, Ellen McGurk, Edith Holmes, Elizabeth Wilmott, Michael Boston, Nigel Jonathan Walker, Donato Corbo, Michael Moran, Wayne Wilson, Katherine Elizabeth Martin, Michael McConnell, Stefanina Watson.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
	Saturday 11th May	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sunday 12th May	11.15am	Mass for Maureen Houghton for Divine Healing (Esiri) Fr Godwin
	Tuesday 14th May	7pm	Bible Study in the church
	Wednesday 15th May	10.15am	Mass for Emily Yonder 'F' Fr Godwin
SAINT JOHN I	Saturday 18th May	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
PENTECOST SUNDAY	Sunday 19th May	11.15am	Mass for Toga Abudu, Special Intention (Esiri) Fr Jamie
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
	Saturday 11th May	10am 12noon 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Maureen Collins RIP (Sheila) Fr Leo Junior Youth Group Sports Event (meet at St Paul's) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Fr Godwin Mass for The Elderly of the Parish Fr Godwin
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sunday 12th May	9.15am 9.15am 11am 2pm 3pm 6pm	Mass for Anastasia & George (George Adeniran) Fr Jamie Mustard Seeds in the hall Coffee in the hall after Mass Mass for the G/E of Mary Ann Hart (Anne & Peter) Fr Leo Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Marian Procession starting in the Church car park. Youth Alpha Course in the Upper Hall
	Monday 13th May	10am	Mass for Lena (RIP) Sheila Fr Leo
SAINT MATTHIAS APOSTLE	Tuesday 14th May	10am	Mass for Sergio Nardone RIP (Onorina Wilson) Fr Godwin
SAINT JOHN STONE	Wednesday 15th May	10am 5.30pm 7pm	Mass for G/E of Sheila (Kay) Fr Jamie Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Fides Meeting in the hall
SAINT SIMON STOCK	Thursday 16th May	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Teresita Serapio RIP (Ted & Lorraine Dilucia) Fr Jamie Bible Study in the hall
	Friday 17th May	10am	Mass for Jean MacKenzie RIP (Robert) Fr Leo
SAINT JOHN I	Saturday 18th May	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Catriona Stark (Sheila) Fr Godwin Confirmation Class in the Upper Hall (until 11am) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Fr Jamie Mass for Maureen Collins RIP (Philomena) Fr Jamie
PENTECOST SUNDAY	Sunday 19th May	10am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Restituta Crave RIP (Bong) Fr Leo NO Mustard Seeds today Followed by Pentecost Celebration in the Hall Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Youth Alpha Course in the Upper Hall

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2024

First reading **Acts 1:15-17,20-26**
We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us.

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says:

Let someone else take his office.

‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

Responsorial Psalm
102(103):1-2,11-12,19-20

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Second reading **1 John 4:11-16**
Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

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 17:11-19**

Father, keep those you have given me true to your name

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

‘Holy Father,

keep those you have given me true to your name,

so that they may be one like us.

While I was with them,

I kept those you had given me true to your name.

I have watched over them

and not one is lost

except the one who chose to be lost,

and this was to fulfil the scriptures.

But now I am coming to you

and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full.

I passed your word on to them,

and the world hated them,

because they belong to the world

no more than I belong to the world.

I am not asking you to remove them from the world,

but to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world

any more than I belong to the world.

Consecrate them in the truth;

your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world,

I have sent them into the world,

and for their sake I consecrate myself

so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

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.