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**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**The Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul**

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**THIS WEEKEND THERE WILL BE A 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE**

**MEETING FOR PILGRIMS INTERESTED IN GOING TO LISIEUX TODAY (SUNDAY) 4PM IN THE PARISH HALL**

**CELEBRATE DEACON BARRY'S 70<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY WITH TEA, COFFEE, AND CAKE IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER THE 9.15AM & 11AM MASSES THIS MORNING**

**THANK YOU, DEACON BARRY:** As a Parish Community, we want to sincerely thank our dear Deacon Barry for all the sacrifices and commitment in our Parish. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen you as you celebrate your 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We are most grateful for all you do. Fr. Leo

**WHO IS JESUS FOR ME?** Saints Peter and Paul are considered the foundational pillars of the Church. Peter



represents the stability of the Church and the office of the Vicar of Christ. Paul represents the mission of evangelization that was entrusted to the Church by Jesus Himself. He was also the Church's first theologian, which is seen in his numerous letters that expound on the Gospels. They were both martyred in Rome on June 29, just thirty years after the death of Christ making them twin martyrs. Peter was crucified upside down in the courtyard to the left of St. Peter's Basilica (in the courtyard behind the arch where the Swiss Guards stand on duty) and Paul was beheaded between Rome and the sea, in a place now called Tre Fontane (Italian for "three fountains" after the legend that the three springs in the spot mark the three places where Paul's head bounced after being beheaded). Peter was buried in the nearest cemetery which was

on top of Vatican Hill and St. Peter's Basilica was later built on top of Peter's tomb, with the main altar being directly on top of his tomb. Their twin martyrdom reminds us that the Church must be both stable and mission-oriented. It must remain grounded in the ancient Truth, yet grow and flower with an ongoing understanding of the mysteries of faith. As we reflect on their lives, today's Gospel sets before us the question that Jesus posed to his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:16) This is the essential and most important question of all: Who is Jesus for me? Who is Jesus in my life? Let us see how the two apostles answered that question. Peter and Paul answered that essential question in life – "Who is Jesus for me?" – by following him as his disciples and by proclaiming the Gospel. It is good for us to grow as a Church in the same way, by following the Lord, constantly and humbly seeking him out. It is good for us to become a Church that is also outgoing, finding joy not in the things of the world, but in preaching the Gospel before the world and opening people's hearts to the presence of God. Bringing the Lord Jesus everywhere, with humility and joy: in our families, in our relationships and our neighbourhoods, in civil society, in the Church, and political life, in the entire world, especially in those places where poverty, decay, and marginalization are deeply rooted.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR PETER'S PENCE.** This is to support the Holy Father's mission, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples.

**DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF REGINA ILLAH in Support of St. Mary's Orphanage Gwagwalada, Abuja, Nigeria and other local orphanages supported by Regina.** Please make your donations through this link. <https://givealittle.co/c/571e409c-55a5-4fe7-abae-de433e4cbd2e> or on the CollecTins. **There will also be a Cash Collection after the 7pm Memorial Mass on Wednesday. All are welcome to come to the Parish Hall for light refreshments after Mass. We continue to pray for Fr Leo** as he mourns the loss of his beloved mother and wish him safe travels as he returns home to Nigeria this week. May the Good Lord grant Fr. Leo and his family comfort, strength and peace and may Regina Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Linda Ann Leighton who died recently. Linda's funeral will take place at Barham Crematorium on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. May Linda Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory Amen.

**WEEKEND PILGRIMAGE TO ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX, FRANCE Friday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024.** **We have arranged for Tangney Tours, the tour operator for the pilgrimage, to come to St Paul's this Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm in the parish hall to speak about the itinerary.** If you are undecided, please come along and join those who have already booked. There are still places available. Contact Mary [dover@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dover@rcaos.org.uk) or call/text 07936 573155 to return or request a booking form. A poster with further information can be found in the porch of both churches or on our website <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/events/>

**NEXT WEEKEND WE WELCOME BACK FR. JEFF to celebrate his belated 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with us.** Mass at 6pm on Saturday at St Paul's followed by refreshments in the parish hall and Mass at 11.15am on Sunday at St Finbarr's followed by refreshment.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS 2024.** Please note - Our Confirmation classes have now broken up for the Summer. We hope our young Candidates enjoy their break. Classes will resume in September. Theresa Wells.

**JUNIOR YOUTH DAY FOR THE DIOCESE:** The next Youth Day of the Archdiocese of Southwark is going to be held on 6th July at St. John Fisher School, Chatham. We encourage parents and youth ministers to bring children ages 10-14 to this event, which will be a day packed with catechesis, games, sports, crafts, music, and adoration. We have made arrangements for our young people to attend from Dover. 10am - 5:30pm. We encourage all those who made their first Holy Communion from age 10 to attend. To book your child, contact: Christina Empson: [empsonchristina@gmail.com](mailto:empsonchristina@gmail.com) or George Xavier: [gxavier@rediffmail.com](mailto:gxavier@rediffmail.com). Parents will need to book a consent form: [www.tinyurl.com/yday6july](http://www.tinyurl.com/yday6july).

**ST PAUL'S WOMEN'S GUILD.** For over 50 years St Paul's Women's Guild has been very active in our Parish. The Guild has consisted of a group of ladies who have met socially (currently from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month), and they have organised and helped at all Parish activities. Over the years, hundreds of Pounds have been raised and donated to many Charities e.g. Pilgrims Hospice, Demelza Children's Charity, Mercy Ships etc. etc.

But times have changed. Many of our members have died, our current members are growing older and attendance at recent meetings has been sparse. For this reason we propose holding a **'Special' Meeting on Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 2.30 pm** to discuss the future of the Guild. If you would like to see the Women's Guild continue, or may be interested in forming a new Group, please come along and give your support.

**FATHER JOHN PANARIO'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.** The celebration to mark 50 years since Father John was ordained priest and originally planned for 2020 had to be postponed due to the pandemic. This celebratory event will now take place on Saturday 13th July at Our Lady's, Dover. Mass will be at 12noon followed by a reception and buffet. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**FATHER MADEWA'S CELEBRATORY MASS OF 20 YEARS ORDINATION TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD** will take place on Friday 26th July, with Mass at 6pm at St John the Evangelist church in Mongeham, 149, St Richard's Road, Deal, CT14 9LD. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**PARISHIONERS AGED 90 OR OVER: CELEBRATION OF BEING A NONAGENARIAN!!!!** Are you, or do you know of, any parishioners attending St Paul's or St Finbarr's who are already 90 years old or older, or who will be 90 sometime this year? If you do, please email or phone the parish secretary [dover@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dover@rcaos.org.uk) 07936 573155 to let her know the parishioner's name and contact details. The reason I am asking is that we do not want any parishioner who is 90 or over, to miss out on our planned parish wide celebration on Sunday 28th July, 2024, with Mass at 11am, St Paul's, followed by a social in the hall for the nonagenarians and their families. If you know of a parishioner who is 90 or over, please let the parish secretary know so that we can check what you tell us against the existing parish list. In this way the likelihood of accidentally missing a parishioner out is reduced. Thanks in anticipation for your help. Deacon Barry.

**MISSION RED BOX APPEAL.** Fr Joseph wishes to thank the parish for the welcome and generous response to the Red Box Appeal last weekend. 30 new boxes were taken. If you did not get a chance to collect a Red Box or Direct Debit form, please speak to your Mission Volunteer Theresa McAuley or one of the clergy. You can also find more information at [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)

## ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Do you care about improving children's education and want to contribute to your local community?
- Do you want to work as part of a team and value contributions made by others?
- Are you open to new ideas, willing to learn and undertake training to understand the role?

Then St Edmund's school would love to hear from you. Contact Mrs Vickers by email [svickers@st-edmunds.com](mailto:svickers@st-edmunds.com)

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
July 2024		
Memorial Mass for Mrs. Regina Illah. (Fr. Leo's Mum)	Wednesday 3rd July, 7pm Mass- followed by refreshments in the hall.	St. Paul's Dover
Fr Jeff's Deferred 80th Birthday Celebration	Saturday 6th July Immediately after the 6pm Mass	St Paul's Hall, Dover
Fr Jeff's Deferred 80th Birthday Celebration	Sunday 7th July Immediately after 11.15am Mass	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Seafarers Day Mass Fr Godwin Presiding, Deacon John Fogarty, Stella Maris, Preaching	Tuesday 16th July 10am St Paul's Church with light refreshments immediately afterwards	St Paul's Hall, Dover
St Paul's Family Fun Day	Saturday 20th July 11am-2pm	Connaught Park, Dover (If wet St Paul's Hall)
Celebration Day of Parishioners Aged Ninety and Over.	Sunday 28th July 11am Mass followed by refreshments	St Paul's Dover

**ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY.** Next Thursday's pre-Mass rosary and post Mass bible study will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

**APOLOGY.** Please accept my sincere apology for the fact that there was no coffee in St Paul's hall after last week's 9.15am Mass, no excuse, I simply forgot. Liz

**FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE: Dover to Canterbury 'Casting the Net of St Peter with The Cord of St Francis 1224 – 2024' Advanced Notice.** The Franciscan Family in the UK, based in Surrey, are planning an ecumenical pilgrimage\* to Canterbury from Dover to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the landing of the first Franciscans in England, at Dover, on the 10th Sept 1224. In outline, pilgrims from across the country including East Kent are invited to assemble in Dover during Monday 9th September, 2024, with a Pilgrims Meal planned for the evening. An anniversary day pilgrimage will commence with Mass on Dover seafront at 7.30am, (St Paul's Church is the wet weather alternative), followed by a Pilgrims Breakfast and an optional commemorative walk to Canterbury. For further information on the pilgrimage or offers of accommodation please contact Deacon Barry Barton [barrybarton@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:barrybarton@rcaos.org.uk). **\*Please note that the pilgrimage programme may be subject to change without notification.**

**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:** Catriona Stark, Chris Quinn, Mary Pressnell, Gaby Anaya Amor, Danielle Sutton, Fr John Ryan, Pat Evans, Shirley Lazarus, Shirley Jefford, Clare Quigley, Barbara Monclus, 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 Henbrey, Madison Woodall, Julie Balston, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Cathy Huntley, Emin Jain, Pat & Patricia Sherratt, Chris Roy,.

**Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:**

**St Finbarr's:** Fraser James McIntyre, Arthur Davies, Robert Baker, Constance Eileen Gardner.

**St Paul's:** Sr Bridie Costello DC, Fr Oscar Leake, Ann Worker, Hilder Driver, Daniel McGarry, Sr Teresa Devlin, Mark Hart Fr Oscar L, Joan Maher, Sr. Celia Mary UJ, Wilfred Husk, Kathleen McLauchlan, James Goldsmith, Allan Shepherd, Vittoria Corbo, Ellen Orris, Alex Holmes, Fr Roy Wratten, Patricia Fisher, Stella Marie Broom.

<b>EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S</b>			
	<b>Saturday 29th June</b>	<b>4pm</b>	Syro Malabar Mass
<b>SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL APOSTLES</b>	<b>Sunday 30th June</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	Mass for Felicia & John Adeniran RIP (George) & Going Forth Mass for First Holy Communion Children
	<b>Tuesday 2nd</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Bible Study in the church
<b>SAINT THOMAS APOSTLE</b>	<b>Wednesday 3rd July</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	Mass for Regina Illah RIP
<b>SAINT MARIA GORETTI</b>	<b>Saturday 6th July</b>	<b>4pm</b>	Syro Malabar Mass
<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Sunday 7th July</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	Mass for Regina Illah RIP Fr Jeff's 80th Birthday Celebration after Mass
<b>EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S</b>			
	<b>Saturday 29th June</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>10am</b> <b>5pm</b> <b>6pm</b>	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Shirley – Birthday (Sheila) Confirmation Class in the Upper Hall (until 11am) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm). Mass for Maria Victoria Soares
<b>SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL APOSTLES</b>	<b>Sunday 30th June</b>	<b>9.15am</b> <b>9.15am</b>  <b>11am</b>  <b>3pm</b> <b>4pm</b>	Mass for Deacon Barry – Birthday Mustard Seeds in the Hall Coffee after both Masses in the Hall for Deacon Barry's 70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday. Mass for Maureen Houghton RIP & Father Jamie (Mary-Ann) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Lisieux information meeting with Tangney Tours
<b>SAINT OLIVER PLUNKET</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>10am</b>	Mass for Maureen Houghton RIP (Sheila)
	<b>Tuesday 2nd July</b>	<b>10am</b>	Mass for Maria Victoria Soares
<b>SAINT THOMAS APOSTLE</b>	<b>Wednesday 3rd July</b>	<b>2.30pm</b> <b>5.30pm</b> <b>7pm</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b> Women's Guild Meeting Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Memorial Mass for Regina Illah RIP followed by refreshments in the hall
<b>SAINT ELIZABETH OF PORTRUGAL</b>	<b>Thursday 4th July</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10am</b>  <b>10.30am</b>	Holy Rosary in the church Ordinariate Mass for Maureen Houghton RIP (Bible Study Group) Bible Study in the hall
<b>SAINT ANTHONY ZACCARIA</b>	<b>Friday 5th July</b>	<b>10am</b>	Mass for Angelina de Costa
<b>SAINT MARIA GORETTI</b>	<b>Saturday 6th July</b>	<b>10am</b>  <b>5pm</b> <b>6pm</b> <b>7pm</b>	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Agnes White RIP (Geraldine Foran) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm). Mass for Regina Illah RIP Fr Jeff's 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration in the Hall
<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Sunday 7th July</b>	<b>9.15am</b> <b>9.15am</b>  <b>11am</b>  <b>3pm</b>	Mass for Ann Crabill RIP (Lizzie) Mustard Seeds in the Hall Coffee after Mass in the Hall Mass for G/E Chris Quinn (Jane Francis) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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# READINGS FOR SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024

## First reading

Acts 12:1-11

*'Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod'*

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews, he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

## Responsorial Psalm

33(34):2-9

**From all my terrors the Lord set me free.**

## Second reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

*All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation

Mt16:18

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church.**

**And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

*You are Peter and, on this rock, I will build my Church*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and, on this rock, I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

## 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.**