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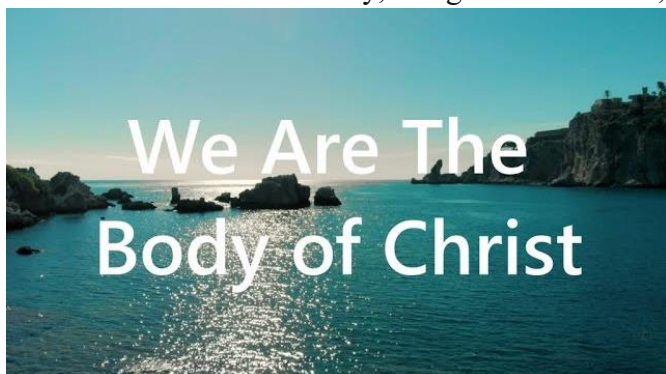
Sunday 18th August 2024

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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BECOMING THE BODY OF CHRIST FOR OTHERS.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus asserts that eating the Living Bread, himself, allows us to participate in his life and to grow here and now in our eternal life with God. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one Body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body for the life of the world.



We need to allow our body to be broken and our blood shed for others as Jesus did: When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we accept a great challenge. We accept the triumphs and the tragedies, joys and pains necessary to build up the Kingdom of God wherever we have been called to serve. That is why, at the end of the Mass, we are sent out *to announce the Gospel of the Lord* through the witness of our humble service and exemplary lives, radiating Jesus' love, mercy, forgiveness, and spirit of service all around us. As we walk away from the altar, we may perhaps hear Jesus saying of us: *"This is my Body, which will be given up for you"* and *"This is the Chalice of my Blood ... which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins"*. What a power we would be for our world around us if each one of us could say that and mean it! That is why, at the end of the Mass, we are sent out with, *"Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life"* through our lives. Lord, help us to become your body for others in the world. Amen.

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FATHER JAMIE WRITES WITH THANKS. Fr. Jamie would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously to making his 80th birthday at St. Paul's so special, both at the Mass and at the reception afterwards.

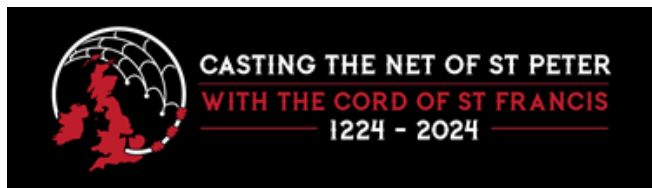
He thanks the parish for the very special picture and the sick Communion Set together with all of the cards and gifts that were also kindly given. A very special day indeed! More photos of his special celebration can be viewed on our website <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/parish/>



FATHER JEFF WRITES. I thought I had better let you all know that by the time you read this I will have moved to a bungalow in Petts Wood with a lovely sitting room that looks out onto just the right sized garden. They are getting a curate in Bexleyheath at the end of the month, so I was offered a new perch. I am quite excited. It will be the first time I will be living in a building not attached to a church since I was fourteen. Fortunately, there is a lovely active parish just up the road with a friendly priest who asked me to celebrate Evening Mass last Thursday for the Feast of The Assumption and help in other ways in September. I will let people have my new address when I have a proper phone number. In the meantime, say a little prayer Smokey and I settle in well. Look after yourselves. Best Wishes, Fr. Jeff.

ST JUDE'S PRAYER GROUP meeting will be held on the 19th August at 2pm in St Paul's Hall. All are welcome.

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. Pilgrims are expected from across the country including East Kent. All Christians, of any denomination, are welcome to participate.

Monday 9th September 2024: 4:30pm. Walk from Dover Beach to St. Edmund's Chapel for evening prayer and a short talk on Early Franciscans and St. Edmund by local parishioner Paul Smye Rumsby. RSVP Encouraged. Please wear appropriate foot wear, clothing and bring water to drink.

6:30pm. Two course dinner, see pilgrimage web site for menu choices, at La Salle Verte Café (**RSVP needed/cost £11.55 pp**). *Nb £1.55 admin charge to be donated to the Filipino poor, a cause supported by this parish.*

Tuesday 10th September 2024: 7:30am. Roman Catholic Mass, Dover Beach with Friar Carlos Trovarelli, OFM Conv., Minister General of the Greyfriars and 120th successor to St. Francis of Assisi (Rain location, St. Paul's Catholic Church). RSVP Encouraged. Please bring seat to sit on and wear appropriate foot wear, clothing and bring water to drink.

Mass immediately followed by breakfast, see pilgrimage web site for menu choices, at La Salle Verte Café (**RSVP needed/cost £6.13 pp**). *Nb £1.33 admin charge to be donated to the Filipino poor, a cause supported by this parish.*

Booking Instructions: If you would like to participate in the pilgrimage events, dinner and / or breakfast at La Salle Verte Café then please book and pay for your meals by going to the pilgrimage website ASAP and by the **23rd August at the very latest** <http://franciscan-pilgrimage-england-800thanniversary.com>

If you are unsure or unable to book and pay via the pilgrimage website, our parish secretary, Mary, (doover@rcaos.org.uk) has kindly agreed to help you by offering telephone advice on how to complete, pay and submit, 07936 573155, or meeting you personally, in the presbytery, Tuesdays and Thursdays, to book your event and menu choices on the pilgrimage website with you present and using your debit or credit card as the payment method. Please support this exciting once in a life time experience with your presence. Thank you. Deacon Barry 07715 546938, barrybarton@rcaos.org.uk
**Please note that the pilgrimage programme may be subject to change without notification.*

MUSTARD SEEDS CHILDREN LITURGY GROUP. Volunteer leaders needed.

The Mustard Seeds will be back on **Sunday 15th September** 9.15am Mass - this is a delayed start due to volunteer availability. We are a very small team and in need of volunteers. It doesn't matter your age or gender, you just need to be enthusiastic, approachable and be able to engage with the children. You must be willing to have an enhanced DBS check. With enough volunteers, we can ensure The Mustard Seeds runs every week in term time. It would be lovely to be able to have enough volunteers that it could run on a rota basis, meaning that leaders can have the opportunity to attend the whole Mass. If you are interested, please talk to Father Leo, Laura, or Jan (leaders)

RIDE & STRIDE AND HERITAGE OPEN DAY will take place on Saturday 14th



Saturday 14 September 2024

September. St Paul's church will be open as part of the Heritage Day. Parishioner Mark Kennett has kindly agreed to cycle to over 50 churches to raise funds for Kent Churches of which the parish will get a percentage. Last year he raised £197.50 for us. A sponsor form is at the back of both churches. Please hand sponsor money to Mark or Mary (parish secretary)



at St Paul's or Anne Rowe at St Finbarr's. You can also donate through the CollecTin <https://givealittle.co/c/e8b66750-4ea0-478c-9ff7-53f823fdc306> If anyone else would like to take part in the Ride & Stride or help man St Paul's on the day, please let Mary know. Many thanks in advance.

FATHER JOHN PANARIO JUBILEE CELEBRATION. The new date for this event which had to be postponed is Saturday 21st September. There will be Mass at Our Lady's at 12 noon followed by a reception in the church hall. Parishioners from Our Lady's, St. Francis' and The Good Shepherd are invited to join us.

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
	September 2024	
Bible Study at St Finbarr's	Tuesday 3 rd September 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Rosary and Bible Study at St Paul's	Thursday 5 th September	St Paul's, Dover
Pilgrimage to St Therese of Lisieux	Friday 6 th to Sunday 8 th September	Lisieux, France
Confirmation Classes start	Saturday 7 th September	Upper Room, St Paul's
Mustard Seeds	Sunday 15 th September	St Paul's, Dover
St Finbarr's Feast Day/Family Fun Day Celebration	Sunday 22 nd September after 11.15am Mass	St Finbarr's, Aylesham

CONFIRMATION 2024. Our Confirmation preparation classes start back on Saturday 7th September. They will take place each Saturday: 10am to 11am in the Upper Room at St Paul's.

ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY AT ST PAUL'S. The rosary and bible study groups are taking a summer break, and both will return on Thursday 5th September.

CATECHISM

Do Catholics worship Mary?

No, Catholics only worship the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It would, in fact, be sinful to worship Mary. Theologians call divine worship latria, or the adoration due only to God.

However, in English the word worship is equivocal. In Britain it is often used of high personages, with the meaning of revering or honouring them due to the dignity of their office. David gave such honour to Saul, for example, because God had placed him as king over Israel. Such "worship" is derivative, sourced in the Father, as St. Paul taught (Eph. 3:14-15), analogous to that which the Decalogue commanded for parents (Ex. 12:20; Dt. 5:16).

The Church's theological term is dulia, from the Latin word for service. It is the reverence and respect owed to all the faithful servants of God (Mt. 24:21-23), the angels and saints whom God Himself honours with crowns of glory (Prov. 16:31; 1 Tim. 4:8; 1 Pet 5:4; Rev 4:4). We honour them and, in turn, join with them in honouring God, the source of all holiness (Rev. 4:9-11). Yet, Mary is not just any other saint.

She is the Theotokos, the God-bearer, or Mother of God (Luke 1:43; Council of Ephesus, "Against Nestorius"). She is the true Ark of the Covenant who carried the Word Himself, the Bread of Heaven, and the Good Shepherd (Heb. 9:3-5; Rev. 11:19-12:1). The Archangel told her that she was "full of grace" (Luke 1:28), and Elizabeth, moved by the Holy Spirit, called her "blessed among women" (Luke 1:42).

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr's: Ann McCallum, 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: Sr Rani Xavier, Thanima Jayan, Janice & Livra Fernandes, 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: Owen McCallum, Josephine Elizabeth Margaret Fewkes, Nellie Mills, Valerie Mary Bailey, Bryn Rossiter, Charles Whitehouse, Antony Deverson, Judy West, John Gerard Kirwan.

St Paul's: George Gibbins, Mary Goodacre, Sr. Mary Cyril, Fr Wilfred D'Silva, Christopher Hall, Anthony King, Richard Nolan, Lewis Harris, Mark Edward Tapley, Maureen Johnston, Bernard John Smith, Marie Donovan, Ted Huntley, Dr Penny Hill (nee Smye-Rumsby), Roberto Gismondi, Deacon Ray Partridge, Paul Mitchinson, Win Clarke, Allan Wills, Mona Richardson, Charlotte Hood, Norah Seary, Douglas Fletcher, Samuel Patrick Pitts, Louise Giordani, Alice Fall, Frederick William Millar, Mary Morris, Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
	Saturday 17th August	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 18th August	11.15am	Mass for Father Jamie 80th Birthday (Theresa)
SAINT PIUS X	Wednesday 21st August	10.15am	Mass for Peace in Ukraine & Russia
SAINT BARTHOLOMEW APOSTLE	Saturday 24th August	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 25th August	11.15am	Mass for Leadership in our Country
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
	Saturday 17th August	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E Sheila (Pat) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for G/E Imelda Mills & Teresa Jones (Andrea)
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 18th August	9.15am 11am 3pm	Mass for Roberto Gismondi RIP (Bernardina) NO MUSTARD SEEDS Coffee after Mass Mass for Chris Francis RIP (Jane) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SAINT JOHN EUDES	Monday 19th August	10am 2pm	Mass for The church in England St Jude's Prayer group in the hall
SAINT BERNARD ABBOT	Tuesday 20th August	10am	Mass for single men and women in our Parish
SAINT PIUS X	Wednesday 21st August	10am 5.30pm	Mass for Elderly Priests and Nuns Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm
SAINTS JOHN WALL & JOHN KEMBLE	Thursday 22nd August	10am	Mass for Victims of disease in Central Africa
SAINT ROSE OF LIMA	Friday 23rd August	10am	Mass for Children in Israel and Gaza
SAINT BARTHOLOMEW APOSTLE	Saturday 24th August	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Residents of Care Homes Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Missionaries
TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 25th August	9.15am 11am 3pm	Mass for John Goodbourne RIP (Jennifer Goodbourne) NO MUSTARD SEEDS Coffee after Mass Mass for Helen Mahon RIP (Janet & Margaret) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2024

First reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom builds her house and invites all to eat her bread there.

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way. 'To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

Responsorial Psalm

33(34):2-3,10-15

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be filled not with wine, but with the Spirit

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but you redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father **in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation

Jn1:14,12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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.