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Sunday 1st September 2024

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX, FRANCE: As a parish community, we are making a pilgrimage of prayer to the Holy place of Lisieux to follow the footsteps of the powerful young saint; Thérèse of Lisieux. We travel on Friday, **the 6th of September until the 8th**. I am calling on Parishioners to pray along for the Pilgrimage. Even if you are not able to join physically, be part of this event Spiritually. While I am away with Fr. Godwin for this Pilgrimage, Fr. Jamie, Deacon Barry and a visiting priest; Fr. Gerard Ohaeri, CSSp will be leading the Parish through the weekend. St. Therese Of Lisieux, Pray for our Parish. Fr. Leo

A REMINDER FOR THOSE GOING TO LISIEUX Please attend an important meeting about the trip today, Sunday, at 4pm in St Paul's Hall.

PUT YOUR HAND IN JESUS' HAND": For almost 50 years Mother Teresa worked in the slums of Calcutta, India. She worked among the most forsaken people on earth. You and I would recoil from most of the people that she touched every day – the dispossessed, the downtrodden, the diseased, the desperate. And yet, everybody who met Mother Teresa remarked on her warm smile. How, after almost 50 years of working in conditions like that, did she keep a warm smile on her face? Mother explains, "When I was leaving home in Yugoslavia at age of 18 to become a nun, my mother told me something beautiful and very strange. She said, 'You go put your hand in Jesus' hand and walk along with Him.'" And that was the secret of Mother Teresa's life ever after. (Rev. King Duncan).



Many of us here have good jobs, we live in nice homes, and we have easy situations. But we don't have the warm smile on our faces that this little nun, working in the most desperate situation imaginable, had on her face. What's the difference? It may be that we've never put our hand in Jesus' hand. It may be that we have Jesus only on our lips as St. James remarks in the second reading and as Jesus remarks in today's Gospel.

Let us accept the challenge to become hearers and doers of God's word as St. James instructs us: Let us ask ourselves how the Sunday or daily readings are affecting or changing our lives. That will show us whether we are being attentive listeners to, and doers of, God's word. We become more fully Jesus' family members, only when we consistently "*hear the word of God and do it*" (Lk 8:21). When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion today, let us ask for the grace to become the doers of his word as Jesus was the doer of his Fathers' will. What is the effect of your coming to Church every Sunday? Are you growing daily into a better Christian? Jesus is more interested in the internal transformation of our lives to his image, not just the external show. Jesus wants us to be a people who focus on what is essential and deeper; which is the love of God. At the end of it; only the actions that will take in love will be what matters.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR NEXT WEEKEND. All items for the newsletter will need to be in by Wednesday evening at the latest as it will go print on Thursday. Many thanks.



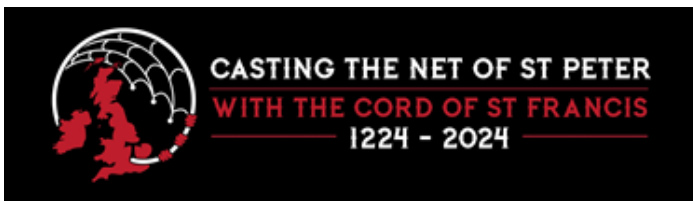
YOUNG ADULT CONCERT: THE HOLY GHOST MISSIONARIES; BRITISH PROVINCE (SPIRITANS) are inviting all young people to join the Concert for young adults. From Age 16 to 35. At St Mellitus, Tollington Park, London, **Saturday 21st September**. All are welcome! Contact any of the priests or the youth group leaders for more details: Jack Booth 07710 430893 or Christina Empson 07587 218374 for Dover and Contact David Macintosh: 07923 297233. A coach will be provided from Dover to London. We encourage all our young people to share this uplifting event. Fr. Leo.

THE ORDINARIATE AT ST. PAUL'S I am sure many you know that I am not a Diocesan Priest, but a priest of the Ordinariate of our Lady of Walsingham that was established by Pope Benedict XVI in 2011 to enable Anglicans, both lay and clergy, to be in full communion with Rome. You may not be immediately aware that our congregation has more than a few Anglicans who have converted to the Catholic faith. To help support the Ordinariate ministry in this parish with you I would like to invite you to a meeting in the church hall at St. Paul's at **11.00 a.m. on Saturday 14th September** to explain the work of the Ordinariate, and the vision Pope Benedict XVI had for the Church in England. Apart from ex-Anglicans, all members of the parish of the Good Shepherd are most welcome to this meeting. Fr. Jamie Houghton.



THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE (CES). There will be a second collection for CES next weekend. The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic Education. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education and it provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE: Dover to Canterbury 'Casting the Net of St Peter with The Cord of St Francis 1224 – 2024' 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. Please wear appropriate foot wear, clothing and bring water to drink. 6:30pm. Two course dinner (**Sold Out**)

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. (**Sold Out**)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST FINBARR'S will begin today Sunday 1st September.

MUSTARD SEEDS CHILDREN LITURGY GROUP AT ST PAUL'S. 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 Finbar'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. **Mark will be present at the end of each Mass, this weekend at St Paul's, collecting for the ride and Stride Bike Ride. He would be grateful for your support.** Last year he visited 52 churches, and cycled 68 miles, and he aims to visit at least 50 this year. His route took him around Dover, Church Hougham, Capel, Cheriton, The Elham Valley. Bridge and Bekesbourne. He finished at St Pancras in Coldred. He found it interesting to visit some ancient churches and meet the people manning them.

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- 10am	St Paul's, Dover
Parish 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
Fides Prayer group at St. Paul's and St. Finbarr's.	Resumes in September	TBA
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 next **Saturday 7th September**. They will take place each Saturday: 10am to 11am in the Upper Room at St Paul's.

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.

DOVER STREET PASTORS COMMISSIONING SERVICE. Parishioners are invited to the 2024 commissioning service of new street pastors on **Friday 6th September at 7pm**, The One Church, Noah's Ark Road Dover. Doors open at 6.30pm.

FAIRTRADE RECEPTION. On behalf of Dover Fairtrade Town Network I would like to invite you to join us on **Wednesday 11th September 2024** to a reception to mark Fairtrade Fortnight. This year is the 30th anniversary of Fairtrade. Since then, fairtrade has not only pioneered a unique, more equitable way of doing trade and how it makes a tangible difference it has become the worlds most recognised and trusted ethical label, The event will be an opportunity to understand more about what fairtrade means and the amazing work they do. The reception will be held at the council chamber of Dover Town council, Biggin Street, Dover CT16 1DW. 12.00 for 12.30 p.m. Plans include a presentation, Buffet, quiz, and Raffle. Rev Andy Bawtree, Area Dean of Dover, a keen supporter of Fairtrade will speak. The Mayors of Dover, Deal and Folkstone (all Fairtrade Towns) have been invited as have pupils of Dover Girls grammar School (a Fairtrade School) For catering purposes, it would be appreciated if you can RSVP to pmbrevio@icloud.com or 0777 2471905

COFFEE MORNING. **Saturday 14th September** 10am - 12 Noon, Dover Baptist Church. Hot and cold drinks, Cake, Clothes, Bric A Brac, Bookstall, Handmade Greeting Cards. All welcome.



SERVICE FOR HEALING AND HOPE. You are warmly invited to the annual service of hope & healing for those that have been harmed by abuse and for those that work with or support those that have been harmed. **Date 25th September 2024** Time 6.30pm Venue St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY.

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: Mary Ann Bramwell, Joan Kathleen Trim, Lord Robert Leslie Eustace Maude Hawarden.

St Paul's: Ernest Edward Stokes, Seamus Mallon, Mary Morris, Ralph Coyne, Gladys Parsons, Mary Brewer, Denis Brazil, Mary Alice Huntley, Timothy Smye-Rumsby, Dennis Wilson, Sean O'Connor, Henry Berrecloth, Mary Josephine Noakes, Eddie McCue Jnr, Gabriel Frank Kelly, Mary Hawkins, Yvonne Ottley, Ralph George, Bernard Smye-Rumsby, Susan Catherine Bell, Eileen Mary Tumber, Stephen Nolan, Naomi Green.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
SAINT AIDAN AND THE SAINTS OF LINDISFARNE	Saturday 31st August	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
	Sunday 1st September	11.15am	Mass for Joan Hurly RIP (Terry)
SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT	Tuesday 3rd September	7pm	Bible Study
SAINT CUTHBERT	Wednesday 4th September	10.15am	Mass for Holy Souls
	Saturday 7th September	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 8th September	11.15am	Mass for people of Aylesham
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
SAINT AIDAN AND THE SAINTS OF LINDISFARNE	Saturday 31st August	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Sheila's Friends (Sheila) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Maura & Nick Sanders RIP (Colin)
TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 1st September	9.15am 11am 3pm 4pm	Mass for G/E of Vincent Crofts (Tim Morris) NO MUSTARD SEEDS Coffee after Mass Mass for John & Gladys Sullivan 'F' Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Lisieux Meeting in the Hall
	Monday 2nd September	10am	Mass for Marilyn (Birthday) (Sheila)
SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT	Tuesday 3rd September	10am	Mass for G/E Father Jeff Cridland
SAINT CUTHBERT	Wednesday 4th September	10am 5.30pm	Mass for People of the Parish Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm
	Thursday 5th September	9.30am 10am After Mass	Holy Rosary in the church Ordinariate Mass for Sue Barton (Birthday) (Sheila) Bible Study in the Hall
	Friday 6th September	10am	Mass for Pilgrims to Lisieux
	Saturday 7th September	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for People of Israel & Gaza Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for The Homeless
TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 8th September	9.15am 11am 3pm	Mass for G/E of Clare Quigley & Gail White NO MUSTARD SEEDS Coffee after Mass Mass for Elizabeth Compton 'F' Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

First reading **Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8**
Observe these laws and customs, that you may have life

Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’

Responsorial **Psalm 14(15):2-5**
The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second reading **James 1:17-18,21-22,27**
Accept and submit to the word

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation **cf. Jn6:63,68**
Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**
You put aside the commandment of God, to cling to human traditions

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?’ He answered, ‘It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.’ He called the people to him again and said, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.’

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.