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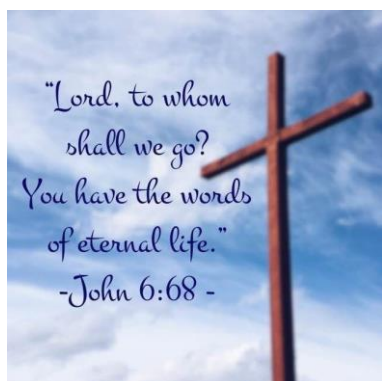
The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHOICE – GOD IS BIGGER THAN ELVIS: Actress Dolores Hart, who was once hailed as the next Grace Kelly, gave Elvis Presley his first on-screen kiss and worked alongside leading men like Montgomery Clift, Anthony Quinn and Marlon Brando — just to name a few. But in 1962 she left Hollywood behind and became a nun. In 2016, the former star, now known as Mother Dolores Hart, celebrated 50 years of vowed life at the Abbey of Regina Laudis, an enclosed Benedictine monastery and working farm in Bethlehem, Conn.



The now-82-year-old previously released a memoir titled “The Ear of the Heart: An Actress’ Journey from Hollywood to Holy Vows,” where she detailed her surprising journey. Her story was also the subject of an Oscar-nominated short film on HBO, titled “God Is the Bigger Elvis,” released in 2012. Today, Hart receives hundreds of letters from people across the country seeking guidance on having a closer relationship with God. Actress Dolores Hart accepted the challenge to make a brave choice for God and kept it with commitment. (Watch this clip: <https://youtu.be/Rxgzp1xSN7o>) (frtony).



The first three centuries saw thousands of Christians heroically choosing Christ and courting the cruel death inflicted by the pagan Roman Empire. **St. Thomas More** was the second-in-power in England and **St. John Fisher** the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University. Both were executed by King Henry VIII for choosing the teaching of the Church on marriage and divorce instead of choosing their king’s view.

Today’s readings challenge us to make a choice for God and His teachings or against God. Let us make our choice for Christ and live it: We Christians have accepted the challenge of following the way of Christ and making choices for Christ, fortified by the Bread He gives and relying on the power of His Holy Spirit.

CELEBRATING FR. JAMIE’S 80TH BIRTHDAY AT ST FINBARR’S LAST SUNDAY



Fr. Jamie would like to thank everyone at Saint Finbarr's for the 80th birthday celebrations which he much enjoyed and appreciated. The plant is now in pride of place in the living room. The special birthday cake with the paddleboard was amazing, as indeed the other cakes and refreshments. All generously given. Together the Lord is just amazing! (View more on our website <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/parish/>)



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.

A REMINDER FOR THOSE GOING TO LISIEUX 6TH – 8TH SEPTEMBER. Please attend an important meeting about the trip on **Sunday 1st September at 4pm** in St Paul’s Hall.

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. Father Jamie



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 <http://franciscan-pilgrimage-england-800thanniversary.com>

If you are unsure or unable to book and pay via the pilgrimage website, our parish secretary, Mary, (dover@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.*

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. Afterwards all are invited to tie a ribbon to our “LoudFence,” as a sign of solidarity, care & hope for survivors & as a memorial for those that have been lost to abuse.



CHILDREN’S LITURGY AT ST FINBARR’S will begin again on **Sunday 1st September.**

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.**

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.

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 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 / October 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 Dover
Meeting to explain the work of the Ordinariate	Saturday 14 th September 11am	St Paul's Hall, Dover
Mustard Seeds	Sunday 15th 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
RCIA Course	Monday 7 th October 7pm	Upper Room, St Paul's, Dover

CATECHISM

CATHOLIC FAITH | What You Need to Know



ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: Anointing of the Sick is that sacrament which is administered to strengthen Christians who are sick or in danger of death from sickness or old age. The Apostle James refers to this sacrament when he says, "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" (James 5:14-15).

Have you ever asked your priest for this sacrament? Anointing of the Sick bestows upon the recipient the courage and peace necessary to bear his suffering, forgives his sins, and imparts spiritual, physical, or emotional healing. In extreme sickness, this sacrament prepares him or her for a holy death.

- You can support your Catholic friends by encouraging them to receive the sacrament.
- You can inform your priest and accompany them to visit the sick.

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: Iris Sarah Doyle, Madge Douglas, Janet Pendlebury.

St Paul's: Frederik Marples, Majorie Wells, Bill Doolin, Louise King, Esther Mee, Terry Salter, Marie Donovan, Sr. Veronica Clemow, James O'Rourke, Charles Frederick Sayers, Julie Searles, Michael Tivnan, Kathy Santham, Tom Heath, Patricia Wolsoncroft, John O'Bree, Bridget Mahon, Gladys Sullivan, Florence Mary Newing, John Tollan.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
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
SAINT AUGUSTINE	Wednesday 28th August	10.15am	Mass for the Church in Nigeria
SAINT AIDAN AND THE SAINTS OF LINDISFARNE	Saturday 31st August	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 1st September	11.15am	Mass for Joan Hurly RIP (Terry)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
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) NO MUSTARD SEEDS Coffee after Mass Mass for Helen Mahon RIP (Janet & Margaret) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
BLESSED DOMINIC OF THE MOTHER OF GOD	Monday 26th August	10am	Mass for Jean MacKenzie RIP (Robert)
SAINT MONICA	Tuesday 27th August	10am	Mass for Joe & Maureen Johnston RIP (Colin)
SAINT AUGUSTINE	Wednesday 28th August	10am 5.30pm	Mass for Holy Souls Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm
THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	Thursday 29th August	10am	Mass for Father Jamie's Birthday (Sheila)
SAINT MARGARET CLITHEROW AND OTHERS	Friday 30th August	10am	Mass for the soul of DYO RIP (Gail White)
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	Mass for G/E Vincent Crofts (Tim Morris) NO MUSTARD SEEDS Coffee after Mass Mass for John & Gladys Sullivan 'F' Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2024

First reading **Joshua 24:1-2,15-18**

We will serve the Lord, for he is our God

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges, and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm **33(34):2-3,16-23**
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second reading **Ephesians 5:21-32**

Christ loves the Church, because it is his body
Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself, she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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 **John 6:60-69**

Who shall we go to? You are the Holy One of God

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.'

For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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.