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Sunday 15th September 2024

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SECOND COLLECTION FOR EVANGELII GADIUM SUNDAY (HOME MISSIONS)

YOU ARE THE CHRIST:

On the first level, it is possible to have certain knowledge of Jesus from the opinions of other people. In this case, you can pick up information from books, movies or from the popular account of other people. This type of knowledge can be referred to as 'head knowledge.' On the second level, we can know Jesus by experience or by encounter based on the story of our own lives and our journey with God. Jesus wants us to know him, not by a 'head knowledge' but by the intimate experience of His divine love and power in our lives. This type of knowledge is only possible by heart; granted only through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

On this Sunday, Jesus challenged His disciples; who do you say I am? Who am I to you? enough of what people say; tell me what you say I am; Peter spoke up saying; 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Jesus wants to become a living reality in our lives, loving us, forgiving us, helping us, transforming our lives and outlook, and building a personal relationship with each of us. Our relationship deepens and grows as we listen to Jesus through the daily meditative reading of the Scriptures; our daily personal and family prayers, our encounter at the Holy Mass and the



daily experience of His divine love.

Prayer: Most merciful Redeemer, Friend, and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX, FRANCE.



Last weekend was beautiful in Lisieux. We travelled as Pilgrims seeking to walk in the footsteps of St. Thérèse. As a parish group, we prayed for everyone in our Parish and we felt that the Lord opened our hearts to His love through St. Thérèse.

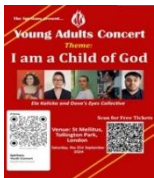
St. Thérèse is one of the most beloved saints in the Catholic Church, celebrated for her simple yet profound spiritual teachings. A pilgrimage to her shrine gave us a chance to connect deeply with her legacy of humility, love, and devotion. Our pilgrimage began in the charming town of Lisieux, where St. Thérèse spent most of her life in the Carmelite convent. The main highlight of the visit is the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Basilica of St. Thérèse, a stunning church built in her honor, completed in 1954. With its grand Romanesque-Byzantine architecture, intricate mosaics, and vivid stained-glass windows depicting the saint's life, the basilica is a testament to her enduring impact on the Catholic faith.

We visited the Carmel of Lisieux, the convent where St. Thérèse lived as a nun. Here, we saw the chapel where she prayed, her humble cell, and a museum showcasing personal items, including her manuscripts, and clothing. These relics offer us a deeply personal glimpse into the life of a saint who lived her "Little Way" with profound simplicity and love.

The experience of praying at her tomb, located in the Carmel chapel, is often the emotional and spiritual pinnacle of the journey. We felt a profound sense of peace and closeness to St. Thérèse, inspired by her message of trusting completely in God's love. We thank the Lord for the opportunity and we thank all who were praying for us. More photos can be viewed on our website <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/parish/>



PLEASE PRAY FOR Kathleen O'Hagan who has died. Funeral arrangements will be announced shortly. May Kathleen Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory, Amen.



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.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT takes place next weekend **21st/22nd September** and for the following weekends up to and including 13th October. Can those who normally count please note. The form will be at the back of each church. Thank you.

THE MUSTARD SEEDS. are back this week at St Paul's. We will be planning for our Harvest Festival celebration on 6th October.

HARVEST FESTIVAL MASS - Sunday 6th October 9.15am. The Mustard Seeds and Junior Youth Group will be leading in a Harvest Festival Mass. The children will be collecting items for Dover Foodbank. The items most needed are: Mash Potato, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, jam, cereal, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, deodorant, nappies; sizes 5, 6 & 7. More details to follow.

ST FINBARR'S FEAST DAY AND FAMILY FUNDAY CELEBRATION. (22/09/2024) - after the 11:15am Mass. Kindly bring some food and drinks to share. There will be a list of food items/drinks at the back of the church after Mass this Sunday, please let us know what you would like to bring along. Thank you

OCTOBER MARIAN DEVOTION AT ST FINBARR'S. As part of the October devotion, praying of the rosary will commence at 10:30am, before Mass every Sunday. All are invited to join in.

FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE: Dover to Canterbury 'Casting the Net of St Peter with The Cord of St Francis 1224 – 2024'

The pilgrimage to celebrate the 800th Anniversary of the arrival of Blessed Agnellus of Pisa and the first Friars Minor in England, at Dover, 800 years ago on the 10th September 1224 successfully commenced on Monday 9th September this week with a guided tour of Medieval Dover from Dover beach, the landing point of the 9 Franciscan Friars, to St Edmund's Chapel with its relationship to St Martin's, Dover Priory a particular focus.



Over 60 pilgrims, both clergy and lay, on the afternoon of the 9th September, were jointly led in evening prayer at the chapel by David Slater, Dover Port Chaplain, and tour guide leader and long-term St Paul's parishioner and Chairman of the Chapel Trust Paul Smye Rumsby. Earlier Paul gave an inspired account of the Chapel's history with particular reference to St Edmund of Abingdon, after whom the chapel is named, and Bishop Richard of Chichester. The history of the chapel and its internal architecture, past and present, were particular high points (www.stedmundschapel.co.uk).



Tuesday 10th September at 7.30am the 'Votive Mass for the Evangelisation of Peoples' took place on Dover Beach, with Friar Carlos Trovarelli, Minister General, 120th Successor of St Francis of Assisi, presiding with over 20 clergy both priests and deacons, and 80 lay people attending. Friar Joseph Wood, Assistant General, Friars Minor Conventual preached the homily. Auxiliary Bishop for Kent Area, Paul Hendricks, represented Archbishop John Wilson, Archdiocese of Southwark.

Pilgrims attended across England, USA and Europe including local parishes in the Dover area. In addition to spiritual nourishment provided through the Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharist, physical nourishment was provided by Sandra Malho and her staff at La Sale Verte Café, where a 2-course evening meal and a breakfast were provided in a most welcoming hospitable environment. Social nourishment was provided by the pilgrims themselves. Pictures of both the guided walk and the Mass on the beach are available at <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/parish/> Dover and Canterbury were only the start of the 3-centre pilgrimage with London 17th September and Oxford 20th/21st September.

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

Follow the complete 800th Anniversary Pilgrimage via the Smartphone App, "The Shell"

Finally, thank you to over 20 individuals, both clergy and lay, plus Dover Street Pastors, Christians Together in Dover, Dover Harbour Board, and local sea related business operating out of the Esplanade, Dover who made the Franciscan Pilgrimage Dover to Canterbury 'Casting the Net of St Peter with The Cord of St Francis 1224 – 2024' both possible and such a success. Deacon Barry

ST JUDE'S PRAYER GROUP will meet on **Monday 16th September** at 2pm in St Paul's Hall. All are welcome.

FIDES AT ST PAUL'S & ST FINBARR'S. The next monthly meeting is at 6.40pm for a 7pm start on **Tuesday 17th September at St Finbarr's and Wednesday 18th September at St Paul's**. We shall resume our prayer, discussion, and uplifting songs, with light refreshment at 6.40pm. The Fides teams look forward to your company once again; and if you have friends or family who would like to join us, bring them along; all are welcome.

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
	September/October 2024	
Rosary and Bible Study at St Paul's	Thursday 19 th September 10am	St Paul's, Dover
St Jude's Prayer Group	Monday 16 th September 2pm	In the Hall, St Paul's
Fides Prayer Groups at St. Finbarr's St Paul's	Tuesday 17 th September 7pm Wednesday 18 th September 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham 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
Bible Study at St Finbarr's	Tuesday 24 th September 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
RCIA Course starts	Monday 7 th October 7pm	St Paul's, Dover

CONFIRMATION 2024. Our Confirmation preparation classes continue. They will take place each Saturday: 10am to 11am in the Upper Room at St Paul's.

COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST: Cash & CollecTin £3062.73; Bankers Orders £3484.00; Thank you for your generosity.

FATHER JOHN PANARIO JUBILEE CELEBRATION. Saturday 21st September. There will be Mass at Our Lady's at 12 noon followed by a reception in the church hall.

THE NEXT RCIA COURSE begins on Monday 7th October in St Paul's Upper Hall at 7.00 p.m. If you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or you would like to know more yourself, then please come along.

SERVICE FOR HEALING AND HOPE for those that have been harmed by abuse and for those that work with or support those that have been harmed **25th September 2024 6.30pm St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY.**

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN DOVER – OPEN MEETING. Parishioners are invited to the Open Meeting, **Tuesday 17th September, 7pm, Dover Baptist Church.** We look forward to hearing from Nigel with an update on the work in Hungary and a report from the Ecumenical Franciscan Pilgrimage; Dover to Canterbury to be given by Paul Smye-Rumsby.

THE EXTREME TOUR. To reach the youth and marginalised (unchurched) with the gospel. The Extreme Tour is a US based Christian missionary group returning to Dover following their visit last year. The team comprise some 15 individuals made up of musicians, athletes, and skateboarders. This year, Dover Outreach Centre (DOC) is hosting the team's visit. Team's approach to mission is softly, softly. **Day one, (Thursday 19th Sept)** they'll come alongside people 'on the streets' in Dover and invite them to a concert and skateboarding event to be held on **Day 2 (5pm till 9pm, Friday 20th)** in Pencester Gardens. The concert includes music and fun activities, followed at the end by individuals from the Team sensitively sharing their faith. All Welcome. Peter Wallace, DOC.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING. We will be holding a Coffee Morning on **Sunday 29th September at Our Lady's after the 10.30am Mass** to raise money for this charity who provide such excellent support to those suffering with cancer and their families. Everyone is welcome, please bring family and friends. There will be cake and coffee and games for the younger people to play. We will be very grateful to anyone who can bring a cake, buns, donuts, or anything you would like to share at the event. Donations of raffle prizes would be very welcome.

I have two tickets for sale for the following event - Canterbury Cathedral's Crown & Coronation - an immersive light show exploring the Cathedral's royal links. Date Tuesday 24th September at 6:30 pm. Visit duration 45-60 mins. Ticket price £16 each. Contact Moya 01304 212186.

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, Jaden Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Tara Conklin & Jamie Chitwood.

St Paul's: Roselene Hindle, 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: Daphne Thomas, Myrtle Fullinfaw, Mary Beatrice Jones, Richard Ian Shepherdson, Sheila Mary Lambrous, Arthur McCallum, Mary Irving, Walter Upton.

St Paul's: Rose Neary, Pauline Chapman, Maggie Tait, Benjamin Leat, Sr Barbara Walsh DC, Richard Barry Black, David Hanson, Christopher Mulligan, Susan Atmore, Patricia Ferris, Arthur Lawrence, Sylvia Julie Eastwood, Joan Groves, Mary McCallum, Molly Stennet, Mary Cott, Cherry Grilli, Edmond Michael Anderson, Jan Danko.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS	Saturday 14th September	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 15th September	11.15am	Mass for the Pope's visit to Indonesia
SAINT HILDEGUARD OF BINGEN	Tuesday 17th September	7pm	Fides Group (meet at 6.40pm)
SAINT EDITH OF KEMSING	Wednesday 18th September	10.15am	Mass for G/E Clergy of the Parish of the Good Shepherd
SAINT MATTHEW APOSTLE	Saturday 21st September	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 22nd September	11.15am	Mass for Victims of the flooding in Vietnam Followed by Family Fun and Feast Day
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS	Saturday 14th September	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Sr. Paul (Sheila) Confirmation Class in the Upper Hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Veronika & Ivo on their wedding day (Tim)
TWENTY- FORTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 15th September	9.15am 11am 3pm	Mass for Ian Thomas Barber RIP (Colin) MUSTARD SEEDS TODAY Coffee after Mass Mass for Mark, Linda & Family (Kath Quigley) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SAINT CORNELIUS	Monday 16th September	10am 2pm	Mass for G/E Sheila (Kath Quigley) St Jude's Prayer Group
SAINT HILDEGUARD OF BINGEN	Tuesday 17th September	10am	Mass for Jonas Csik RIP (Gizela)
SAINT EDITH OF KEMSING	Wednesday 18th September	10am 5.30pm 7pm	Mass for Laurie Quigley RIP (Kath) Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Fides Group (meet 6.40pm) in Hall
SAINT THEODORE OF CANTERBURY	Thursday 19th September	9.30am 10am After Mass	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Private Intention Bible Study in the Hall
SAINT ANDREW TAE-GON	Friday 20th September	10am	Mass for G/E of the Quigley Family (Kath)
SAINT MATTHEW APOSTLE	Saturday 21st September	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel in Thanksgiving for the Pilgrimage Leadership (Lisieux Pilgrims) Confirmation Class in the Upper Hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Holy Souls
TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 22nd September	9.15am 11am 3pm	Mass for Bernard Willis 'F' MUSTARD SEEDS Coffee after Mass Mass for Sean O'Regan RIP (Yvonne) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024

First reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

I offered my back to those who struck me

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm

114(116):1-6,8-9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second reading

James 2:14-18

If good works do not go with it, faith is quite dead

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, says the Lord;

No one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously
Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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.