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## Sunday 22nd September 2024

# The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**ST FINBARR'S FEAST DAY AND FAMILY FUNDAY CELEBRATION.**  
**TODAY SUNDAY- after the 11:15am Mass.**  
**Bring some food and drinks to share.**

**PRIEST CORNER:** Our Church at St. Finbarr's in its current location is 74 this year. I would like to thank and congratulate all our Parishioners who have made a lot of sacrifices to keep it growing and bursting with new zeal for the Gospel. We shall be celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee year of the Church next year. For the first time in a long while, we are celebrating the feast of our Patron saint, St. Finbarr; connecting it as our family day together. The actual date is the 25<sup>th</sup> of September, but we shall celebrate it at the nearest Sunday to the date. Let us continue to dream together for the new things which the Lord will do for our Church as we journey together. Happy Celebrations.

On another note, I would like to say **thank you to Mark Kennett** who did the bicycle ride for 71 Miles last Saturday, visited 51 churches all around Kent to raise funds for our Parish. Thank you, dear Mark. May the Lord bless you more. Fr. Leo.

**FATHER JAMIE** thanks everyone for their prayers and thankfully is now feeling much better. He expects to return to parish life in the near future.

### GOSPEL REFLECTION: HUMILITY AND SERVICE (Mk 9: 30-37)

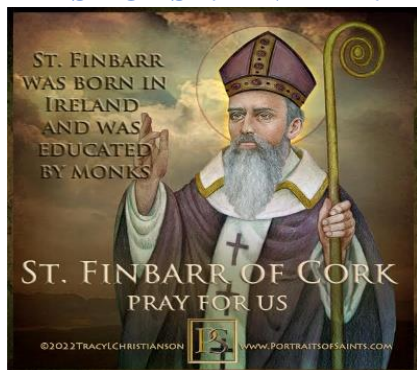
The theme of today's readings might be summed up in these words of Martin Luther King: *'Not everybody can be famous, but everybody can be great, because greatness is determined by service.'* Every human being is a desiring being. We all want to be great in one way or the other. But how can we be great?



On this 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we reflect on themes of humility, service, and the Christian life. The readings remind us that true greatness in God's kingdom is not about power, status, or recognition, but about serving others selflessly. It is not in being first, not in having more, not in being important, not how rich, intelligent and powerful. Greatness is in humility, simplicity and total dependence on God. Jesus' prediction of his passion in today's gospel reminds us that *the way of the cross is the way of self-sacrifice*. We are encouraged to follow Christ's example by

accepting suffering and difficulties with faith and trust in God in order to be great.

### FEAST OF ST. FINBARR: A BRIEF LIFE HISTORY OF ST FINBARR



**Our Church in Aylesham is consecrated to St. Finbarr.** Saint Finbarr was born in 550 in Connaught - Ireland. He was the son of an artisan, Amergin, and a lady of the Irish royal court. He was baptized Lochan and was educated at Kilmacahil, Kilkenny, where the monks named him Fionbarr (white head) because of his light hair. He went on a pilgrimage to Rome with some of the monks, visiting St. David in Wales on the way back. He evangelized Gowran, Coolcashin and Aghaboe, and founded a school at Eirce. He preached in Scotland before coming to southern Ireland where he lived as a hermit on a small island in a hermitage at Gougane Barra, where a beautiful replica of Cormac's chapel has been recently been erected in his honour.

**In 606 Finbarr** founded a monastery near the River Lee. His monastery became famous in southern Ireland and attracted many disciples. Eventually, the City of Cork grew up around Finbarr's monastery. Many extravagant miracles are attributed to Finbarr. Legend has it that his hand took on a visible radiance that caused him to wear a glove for the rest of his life. Finbarr died at Cloyne on September 25, 623. His body was then taken to Cork where it was interred in the cathedral he built, where it remained until 1089 when the city was raided and plundered, and his relics were sacrilegiously carried away. He is considered the first Bishop of Cork. He is also the patron Saint of Cork and his feast day is on the 25th of September.



In 1950 the present site of St. Finbarr's Church in Aylesham village was purchased, and several schemes for new buildings were explored. Mr. J. W. Pollock, the architect, came up with a design for church and church hall, which seemed to fit the needs and the purse of the community. However, his proposals, though modest, went well beyond the economies of country, diocese, and parish, all three of which were in a poor state after the war. Reluctantly, the Catholic community had to accept a building of pre-cast concrete, which would have the dual purpose of church and hall. As Fr. McCarthy said in his account, this had the 'advantages of space, durability and relative cheapness.' The Church was blessed on Low Sunday, April 28th, 1957, at the 11am Mass by Canon de Laubenque.

*(Photo - Opening ceremony of St Finbarr's church).*

**Quote from St. Finbarr:** "The angel of God shall come to meet my soul, and thy will lead it to the place of rest, where no shadows can ever fall".

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



### **EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (EVC) UGANDA APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND 28/29 SEPTEMBER.**

This Charity provides a future through education for some of the poorest children in the world. Judi Fawcett, Founder and Trustee, will speak briefly at all the Masses next weekend about their work. For further information please go to their website at <http://www.evcuganda.org>

**HARVEST FESTIVAL MASS - Sunday 13th 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.



### **MUSTARD SEEDS CHILDREN LITURGY GROUP AT ST PAUL'S. Volunteer leaders needed.**

The Mustard Seeds are back at the 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)

**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.

**NEWS FROM FR JEFF.** Fr Jeff is delighted to report he has been appointed as Chaplain to The Little Sisters of the Poor Convent, St Peter's Residence, Vauxhall, London. He moved on 9th September. Mary visited him on Friday to help him with some paperwork. He has a very nice house next to the convent, where they provide him with 2 meals a day; lunch and tea. Mary sampled the delicious 3 course lunch in the convent and was even offered a second helping! There is still some sorting out to do in the house, but it does look as if Fr. Jeff has found his 'Forever Home'. Praise The Lord!

**AFTERNOON FOR READERS to introduce the new translation for the Lectionary.** To address questions such as: Why the change in translation? How is it different from the translation we're using now? What different sorts of translation are there? What does it mean in practice, for readers? How is the Lectionary arranged? Also, an opportunity to reflect on some broader questions: The Word of God in the life of the Church. How we understand the Old Testament in the light of our faith in Christ. Led by Bishop Paul Hendricks

**VENUE: Church hall of St Thomas of Canterbury, 59 Burgate, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2HJ**

**DATE: Saturday 2nd November 2024. TIME: 2pm to 4pm.** NOTE: The hall will be open from 1pm, for anyone who may like to come early and bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee available.



**For this years' ride** I covered Dover and then called at village churches on my way out to Bridge. I then crossed to Stodmarsh, followed by Sandwich, and then finished at St Martin of Tours Guston. I visited 51 churches with 71 miles cycled. I visited some very interesting churches on the ride. This included St Clements Knowlton, nr Chillenden. The church is now redundant and situated some way off the road. Knowlton is one of the thankful villages, which means all those men who went to serve in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War returned home safely. Thank you to everyone who sponsored me for this ride. Half the sponsorship goes to St Paul's with the other half going to the Kent churches restoration fund. Mark Kennett.



Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
	September/October 2024	
Bible Study at St Finbarr's	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Rosary and Bible Study at St Paul's	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 9.30am & 10.30am	St Paul's, Dover
Confirmation Class	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	St Paul's, Dover
Marian Devotion at St Finbarr's	Every Sunday in October 10.30am	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Harvest Festival at St Paul's	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 9.15am	St Paul's, Dover
RCIA Course starts	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> 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 except this Saturday 21st September.

**THE NEXT RCIA COURSE** begins on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 **25<sup>th</sup> September 2024 6.30pm St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY.**



**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.

**DEACON JED WATKINS** is anxious to contact any member of the Golden family. If you know of their whereabouts and have an address/contact nr - would you kindly ask a member of the family to contact Deacon Jed. On 01304 374889/0772 440 4456.

**ACCOMODATION:** A young Catholic Parishioner is looking for a 2 or 3 bedroom accommodation in Dover or around Dover for rent. If you have a possible space for rent, kindly do assist this family. Phone no is: 07930304564- (Mercy). God bless.

**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:** David Meadows, 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 Hembrey, 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:** Denny Byrne, Robin Quinn, Bridget Hanley, Peter McCallum, Peter Williams.

**St Paul's:** Pamela Harcourt, Dolores Maria Cooper, Susan Gertrude Price, Dick Gammie, Bernard Willis, Eric Frost Bissett, Sr. Morwenna DC, Bernice Sophia Hardaker, Carlo Raimondi, Anthony Joseph Payne, Joe Moonsamy, Patrick Joseph McMenamin, Bridget Manley, Michael Wills, Angela Gibbins, Fr. Piet, Domenico Abats, Eileen Pile.

<b>EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S</b>			
	<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Mass</b>
<b>TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Mass for Victims of the flooding in Vietnam Followed by Family Fun Day</b>
<b>OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM</b>	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>ST FINBARR</b>	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	<b>Mass for G/E Father Jamie</b>
<b>SAINT WENCESLAUS</b>	<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Mass</b>
<b>TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Mass for All pregnant Mothers</b>
<b>EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S</b>			
	<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>5pm</b> <b>6pm</b>	<b>Mass in St Edmund's Chapel in Thanksgiving for the Pilgrimage Leadership (Lisieux Pilgrims)</b> <b>Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm)</b> <b>Mass for Holy Souls</b>
<b>TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>9.15am</b> <b>11am</b> <b>3pm</b>	<b>Mass for Bernard Willis 'F'</b> <b>MUSTARD SEEDS</b> <b>Coffee after Mass</b> <b>Mass for Sean O'Regan RIP (Yvonne)</b> <b>Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>
<b>SAINT PIUS OF PIETRECINA</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass for Kathleen &amp; Alf Huntley RIP (Colin)</b>
<b>OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM</b>	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass for Eileen Bishop RIP (Anniversary)</b>
<b>ST FINBARR</b>	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service</b> <b>Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm</b>
<b>SAINT COSMOS &amp; SAINT DAMIEN</b>	<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10am</b> <b>After Mass</b>	<b>Holy Rosary in the church</b> <b>Mass for The Church in Asia</b> <b>Bible Study in the Hall</b>
<b>SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL</b>	<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass for Jean MacKenzie RIP (Robert)</b>
<b>SAINT WENCESLAUS</b>	<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>10am</b> <b>10am</b> <b>5pm</b> <b>6pm</b>	<b>Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Persecuted Christians</b> <b>Confirmation Class in the Upper Hall</b> <b>Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm)</b> <b>Mass for All School Children</b>
<b>TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>9.15am</b> <b>11am</b> <b>3pm</b>	<b>Mass for Father Patrick Best 'F'</b> <b>MUSTARD SEEDS</b> <b>Coffee after Mass</b> <b>Mass for People of the Parish</b> <b>Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>

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# READINGS FOR SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

**First reading**                      **Wisdom 2:12,17-20**

*The wicked prepare to ambush the just man*

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. 'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.

**Responsorial Psalm**                      **53(54):3-6,8**  
**The Lord upholds my life.**

**Second reading**                      **James 3:16-4:3**

*The wisdom that comes from above makes for peace*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn8:12**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**                                      **Mark 9:30-37**

*Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me*

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house, he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

**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.**