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Sunday 29th September 2024

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Today we welcome Ted & Judi Fawcett who will speak at all Masses
 The Charity provides a future through education for some of the poorest
 children in the world. For further information please go to their
 website <http://www.evcuganda.org>

PRIEST CORNER: The Spiritans are celebrating the 120th anniversary of their Mission in the United Kingdom this weekend in Manchester. The first group of Spiritans arrived in England in 1904 from France and settled more in the north of England. Today, we have about 80 Spiritan missionaries in the UK, including Fr. Leo and Fr. Godwin. Do keep us in your prayers as we shall be away for the most of next week for the celebration. While we are away, Deacon Barry will be available for all pastoral needs and Mary will be available at the office. God bless. Fr. Leo

GOSPEL REFLECTION: MARK 9;38-43. GOD CAN MAKE USE OF ANYONE WHO SEEKS HIM.
 In today's Gospel, we see the apostles struggling with a sense of exclusivity. They want to keep God's love and healing power for themselves, as if they were the only ones authorized to share it. John comes to Jesus, upset that someone outside their group was casting out demons in Jesus' Name. They want Jesus to stop this person.



But instead of agreeing with them, Jesus rebukes their jealousy and narrow-mindedness. He calls them to open their eyes and recognize God's work wherever it is happening. God's work, Jesus reminds us, is not restricted to the twelve apostles or to a select few. His power and grace are available to anyone who responds to the call to do good in His Name. We need to celebrate and support God's work, wherever we find it, and be willing to collaborate with others who are also working for the good of humanity. Lord, open our eyes that we may see the goodness in other people. Amen.

NEW PARISHIONER/CHANGE OF ADDRESS If you are new to the parish or have changed your address and haven't let us know, please complete a New Parishioner form available at the back of both churches, so we can add you to our secure parish database, in case you need a priest in an emergency or a member of the clergy needs to contact you. Thank you.

THE WOMEN'S GUILD. The last meeting for the Woman's Guild will be on Wednesday 2nd October at 2.30pm at St Paul's. For those members who are available please come along, as we need to formally decide on financial matters before closing, and your input would be valuable. Tea and cake will be available afterwards and we can look back on lovely memories of what we achieved over many happy years.

CONFIRMATION 2024. Our Confirmation preparation classes continue. They will take place each Saturday: 10am to 11am in the Upper Room at St Paul's. (Main hall 28th Sept)

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.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT continues this weekend 28th /29th 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.

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.

FROM THE ADULT-YOUTH GROUP- The Spiritans are moving in this place

We woke up in the morning, early, grey, gregariously groggy, and made our way to Dover to gather outside Saint Paul's as the youth of the parish of the Good Shepherd. Greetings said, soon we were on the bus. On the



way we took out the speaker and practiced our dance, up and up, down and down, arms that way, not the other way – Good! The atmosphere was building. Finally, in London we registered and, entering the church, got to see just how many youth groups, of many other parishes, had come. A short time later, newly branded in the spirit, with the t-shirts to match, we began Mass. It was deeply moving to see all the Spiritan priests, each representing an enlivened and growing parish, lined up behind the altar. Little tongues of flame in crimson and gold.

The Mass itself was solemn but lively, and at the end we danced, joyful in the spirit. We heard our first group performance, from Gillingham. A passionate rendition of many songs, Amazing Grace, and others, seamlessly blended together. This set the stage moving forward. We heard poems, testimony, and more than one joyful song, all on our identity



as children of God. Hungry, but happy, we were taken downstairs for a sumptuous banquet for lunch. This was a time for ice breakers and getting to know people from other parishes a bit better. There was a common theme brought up by anyone we talked to. The churches are alive, with growing congregations, and involved youth. To end the day we had a concert, with praise and worship. Where again each song focused on our identity as children of God. This was an almost transcendent experience.

Joyous worship all around. The culminating crescendo of the day. And then it was time to leave our new friends and connections to return home. Home again, sleeping or chatting softly about the wonderful experiences we had had. Quietly impassioned to keep the spirit moving in our parish. David Heath.

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.



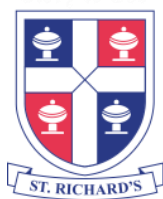
MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING. We will be holding a Coffee Morning on **Sunday 29th September at Our Lady's after the 10.30am Mass** to raise money for this charity who provide such excellent support to those suffering with cancer and their families. Everyone is welcome, please bring family and friends. There 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.

BHARATHANATYAM, INDIAN CLASSICAL DANCE CLASSES held in Whitfield Village Hall and Dover. Anyone interested please get in touch with Dr Erin Anthonyrajah: Tel 07988 707838.

THE EXTREME TOUR DOVER 2024. The evening of Friday 20th September saw the planned 'music and skateboard jam' take place in Pencester Gardens. The event was arranged by a local skateboard group and Dover Outreach Centre. Music was provided by a USA based missionary group. 'The Extreme Tour.' Attendance was supported/funded by Christians Together in Dover and local churches including St Paul's. The event was coordinated with Dover Street Pastors and The Beehive, which stayed open during the evening. Free food and cold drinks were provided by Temple Ewell CofE. The event was well supported, with a good atmosphere created by live music and a skateboard competition. 'Extreme Tour' music had a Christian witness and spoke directly to each person's intrinsic value and worth and how this was demonstrated in what Jesus came and did for us. The event also showed how local Churches and Christian groups can work together to bless the local community and advance the good news of Jesus. Pete Wallace, DOC.

THE CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognized qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. Please visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs for further information. Closing date for applicants this year is 4 November 2024.

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
October 2024		
Bible Study at St Finbarr's	Tuesday 3 rd October 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Rosary and Bible Study at St Paul's	Thursday 4 th October 9.30am & 10.30am	St Paul's, Dover
Confirmation Class	Saturday 6 th October	St Paul's, Dover
RCIA Course starts	Monday 7 th October 7pm	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 th October 9.15am	St Paul's, Dover



ST RICHARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL. Do you want your child to attend a simply amazing school in September 2025? If so, please come along to meet us so that we can show you what our school has to offer you and your child. Our Open Events are on: **Friday 8th November at 9.30am Wednesday 13th November at 5.30pm Saturday 23rd November at 10.00am Thursday 5th December at 9.30am** We warmly welcome you to come and look around our friendly school. "At St Richard's School we take pride in everything we do. We value all achievements and encourage everyone to reach their potential. Our caring approach, high standards, beautiful location all create a happy environment for children to thrive in" As a

Catholic school, we develop positive and supportive relationships, with pupils and parents within our community. We value prayer, worship and faith development as well as curriculum learning. We celebrate the richness of our cultural diversity. We offer an excellent Breakfast Club from 8am and After School Provision Until 5pm. Please contact the office and speak to Mrs. Robinson, to book an appointment to visit the school or meet with the Headteacher, Mr. Taylor. Ofsted 2022 'Pupils are happy at school and enjoy learning' Pupils said of the staff 'They don't just listen to us, they hear us' **St Richards Catholic Primary School, Castle Avenue, Dover, CT16 1EZ Telephone No: 01304 201118 Email: office@st-richards.kent.sch.uk Website www.st-richards.kent.sch.uk**

ACCOMODATION: A young 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: Margaret Coates, Derek Jones, David Leidig, George Douglas, Jade Louise Deary, Alan Pearson, John Michael Leamy, Bridget Flynn, Robin Quinn, Rita Mary Morgan, Clare Muriel Theresa Kelsall, Francois Borgarello, Kathleen Mather.

St Paul's: Fr. Pat Best, Pamela Rogers, John Nolan, Patrick Harney, Kathleen Baker, Archbishop Peter Amigo, Julia Margaret Naylor, Geoff Millar, Catherine Downie, Alan Pearson, Matthew Worsdell, Angela Gibbins, Bernard FitzPatrick, Sr Elizabeth DC, Dr Cecily Janet Partridge, Tiny Douglas, Marcella Mary Rudd, Daisy Letchford, Bridget Mulligan.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
	Sunday 28 th September	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 29 th September	11.15am	Mass for All pregnant Mothers
SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS	Tuesday 1 st October	7pm	Bible Study
	Wednesday 2 nd October	10.15am 11.15am	Mass for People in Care Homes Mass at St Joseph' s School
SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA	Saturday 5 th October	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 6 th October	11.15am	Mass for Peace in the Middle East
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
	Saturday 28 th September	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Persecuted Christians Confirmation Class in the Main Hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for All School Children
TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 29 th September	9.15am 11am 3pm	Mass for Father Patrick Best 'F' MUSTARD SEEDS Coffee after Mass Mass for People of the Parish Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
	Monday 30 th September	10am	Mass for G/E of Donor
SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS	Tuesday 1 st October	10am	Mass for G/E Billy Newham (Sheila)
	Wednesday 2 nd October	10am 2.30pm 5.30pm	Eucharistic Service The Women's Guild Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm
	Thursday 3 rd October	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary in the church Eucharistic Service Bible Study in the Hall
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI	Friday 4 th October	10am	Eucharistic Service
SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA	Saturday 5 th October	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Eucharistic Service in St Edmund's Chapel Confirmation Class in the Upper Hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Peace in Lebanon & Israel
TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 6 th October	9.15am 11am 3pm	Mass for G/E Anne Castle (Sheila) MUSTARD SEEDS Coffee after Mass Mass for P.J. Mc Menamin (Teresa, Theodore & Samuel) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024

First reading **Numbers 11:25-29**
If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm **18(19):8,10,12-14**
The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Second reading **James 5:1-6**
The Lord hears the cries of those you have cheated

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation Jn17:17
Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48**
Do not stop anyone from working a miracle in my name

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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.