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Sunday 8th September 2024

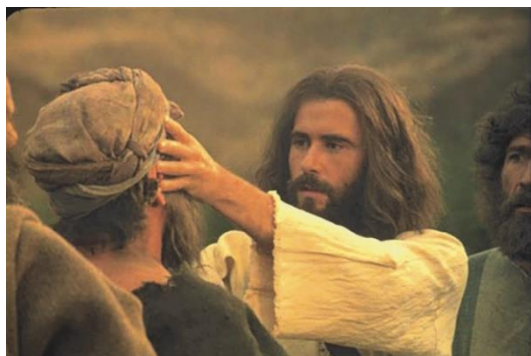
The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

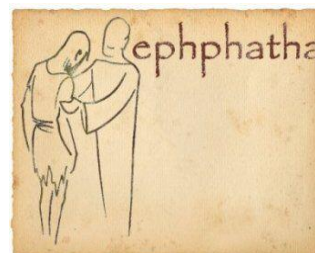
GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Touch of the Master's Hand “: The poem, “*The Touch of the Master's Hand*,” (for lyrics and music watch Myra Brooks Welch), tells the story of the auctioning of an old, dusty violin. The violin was about to be sold for a mere \$3 when a grey-haired man stepped forward, picked it up, dusted it off, tuned it, and began to play. The man played such sweet music that, when he finished, the bidding jumped into the thousands of dollars.



What transformed the dusty old violin into a precious instrument? The touch of the Master's hand. — The same “touch of the Master's hand” continues to transform our lives today. By God's touch we become His instruments to accomplish the marvellous works described in today's Psalm 146.

We need to pray daily for healing from our spiritual blindness, so that we really see God's presence in others, and act on what we see; from our spiritual deafness so that we will attentively listen to the word of God, hear the cry, and



needs of others, and meet them as far as we can, and end our spiritual muteness, so that we may be able to praise and worship God loudly and vibrantly during our family prayers at home and our liturgical prayers and hymns during the Holy Mass. We need to recognize our share in Jesus' healing ministry by lending him our eyes, ears, tongues, hands, feet, our hearts, and all our talents and blessings so that he may use them for granting all sorts of healing to people around us in our homes, parishes, and society.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX, FRANCE: Please pray for those of us visiting Lisieux this weekend following in the footsteps of the powerful young saint; Thérèse of Lisieux, **St. Thérèse of Lisieux Pray for Our Parish.** Fr. Leo

THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE (CES). There will be a second collection for CES this 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.

EVANGELII GADIUM SUNDAY (HOME MISSIONS) Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Home Missions. This helps the Bishops of England and Wales spread the Gospel in our own country.

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.





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.

RIDE & STRIDE AND HERITAGE OPEN DAY will take place next **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



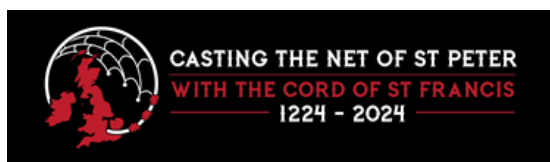
through the CollecTin <https://givealittle.co/c/e8b66750-4ea0-478c-9ff7-53f823fdc306>. Last year Mark visited 52 churches, and cycled 68 miles, and he aims to visit at least 50 this year. His route took him around Dover, Church Hougham, Capel, Cheriton, The Elham Valley. Bridge and Bekesbourne. He finished at St Pancras in Coldred. He found it interesting to visit some ancient churches and meet the people manning them. Please support him if you can.

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. Parishioners from Our Lady's, St. Francis' and The Good Shepherd are invited to join us.

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 **25th September 2024 6.30pm 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.



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 has begun again on Sundays.

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)

CONFIRMATION 2024. Our Confirmation preparation classes start back **Saturday 7th September.** They will take place each Saturday: 10am to 11am in the Upper Room at St Paul's.

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.

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.

Parish of The Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
	September/October 2024	
Confirmation Classes start	Saturday 7 th September 10am	Upper Room, St Paul's
Bible Study at St Finbarr's	Tuesday 10 th September 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Rosary and Bible Study at St Paul's	Thursday 12 th September 10am	St Paul's, Dover
Mustard Seeds	Sunday 15 th September 9.15am	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
RCIA Course starts	Monday 7 th October 7pm	St Paul's, Dover

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

DOVER YOUTH THEATRE Autumn Term begins on **Tuesday 10th September.** At the **Salem Baptist Church Hall, Maison Dieu Road, Dover.** Classes in both Dance and drama ages 8-21 years. All classes lead to a performance at the end of term. To join contact doveryouththeatre@hotmail.com or speak to the Artistic Director (Marie) on 01304 202544 or 07703 207878

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.



REQUEST FOR PRAYERS IN MEMORY OF JULIE ANNETTE GREEN:

The Huntley family are requesting prayers in memory of Julie, their maternal grandmother, on the 80th anniversary of her death. She died on the 13th September 1944, at Dover Priory Station. One of the last shells fired from France in WW2 hit the booking hall. Julie had just got off the train from London and was returning to her home in Dover. It was 2 days before her family knew she had been killed. She was a parishioner of St Paul's and a convert who was received into the church in 1929. May her soul and all those killed on that day Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Amen.



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: Margaret Doreen Davis, Emil Buzzey, Shelagh Margaret Rose, Keith Purbrick.

St Paul's: Jack Storey, Margaret Skinner, Kathleen Greenwood, Isabella Jones, Kenneth Lazarus, John Christopher Kennedy, Laurence Quigley, Margaret Hearne, Marie-Therese Hatherley, Sean O'Regan, Annie Workman, John Howland, Katherine Humphrey, Josephine Watt, Eileen Bishop, John Peter Shearn, Julie Annette Green, Patrick Gosgrave, Patricia Baker, Cynthia Asquith, Mme Lucienne Roby, Ronald William MacDonald, Michael John Joseph Doyle, Nancy Nash, Russell Woolhouse, Isabella Jones.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
	Saturday 7th September	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 8th September	11.15am	Mass for People of Aylesham
	Tuesday 10th September	7pm	Bible Study
SAINT AMBROSE BARLOW	Wednesday 11th September	10.15am	Eucharistic Service
	Saturday 14th September	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 15th September	11.15am	Mass for the Pope's visit in Indonesia
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT PAUL'S			
	Saturday 7th September	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for People of Israel & Gaza Confirmation Class in the Upper Hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for The Homeless
TWENTY- SECOND 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
SAINT PETER CLAVER	Monday 9th September	10am	Mass for Kirstina Kortman RIP (Kath Quigley)
	Tuesday 10th September	7.30am 10am	Franciscan 800th Anniversary Mass on Dover Beach Mass for G/E Vanessa in Thanksgiving for a safe birth (Tim)
SAINT AMBROSE BARLOW	Wednesday 11th September	10am 5.30pm	Mass for Mychal Francis Judge & Victims of 9/11 Attack in New York (Colin) Exposition and the Holy Rosary until 6.30pm
SAINT EANSWYTHE OF FOLKESTONE	Thursday 12th September	9.30am 10am After Mass	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Gehad, Annie & Family (Kath Quigley) Bible Study in the Hall
SAINT JOHN CRYSOSTOM	Friday 13th September	10am	Mass for Julie Annette Green RIP 80th Anniversary (Huntley Family)
	Saturday 14th September	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Sr. Paul (Sheila) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Veronika & Ivo on their wedding day (Tim)
TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 15th September	9.15am 11am 3pm	Mass for Ian Thomas Barber (Colin) MUSTARD SEEDS TODAY Coffee after Mass Mass for Mark, Linda & Family (Kath Quigley) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024

First reading **Isaiah 35:4-7**
The blind shall see, the deaf hear, the dumb sing for joy
Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm **145(146):7-10**
My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second reading **James 2:1-5**
God chose the poor according to the world to be rich in faith

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs **to the** kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation 1S3:9, Jn6:68
Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 7:31-37**
'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'
Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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.