



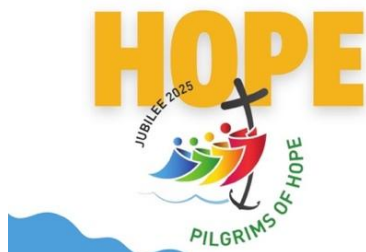
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C – 1st JUNE 2025

Missal P409 Order of the Mass P470

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.

PRIEST CORNER: PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP FOR THE PARISH JUBILEE CELEBRATION: (DOVER AND AYLESHAM COMBINED)



The year 2025 marks a Jubilee, a special time of renewal, forgiveness, and hope inspired by biblical tradition. In Our Parish, we have Chosen **the 28th of June as the day for our Parish Jubilee celebration.** We shall gather at the Parish on this day and do a pilgrimage walk from the Parish towards the seafront, via St. Edmund's Chapel and **then returning to the Presbytery Garden for the Parish Family Barbecue afternoon. This event is for the both Churches together.** On the Level of the Dioceses, we shall be gathering at the Aylesford Priory on the 7th of June to celebrate too.

The 2025 Jubilee is entitled; the "Pilgrims of Hope," emphasizing the journey of hope rooted in God's unconditional love for all. He invites us to be signs of hope through Catholic social teaching, caring for the earth, and supporting those affected by war, hunger, and poverty. This Jubilee challenges us to act daily with kindness, beauty, and courage, bringing light and God's love to a world in need. Together, as pilgrims of hope, we can inspire joy and renewal in every heart, beginning now. **Our celebration on the 28th of June will also Mark the feast of SS Peter and Paul which is also our Parish Fiesta. Please do be a part of this event.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION: MAY THEY BE ONE. In His final moments before the cross, Jesus turns to the Father in deep, heartfelt prayer, not for Himself alone, but for His disciples and for all who would believe in Him through their message. Central to His plea is a profound longing: **that they may be one, as We are one.** In a world that is so divided and Torn apart with division, this prayer is so needed. Today, there are more than 25,000 Christian denominations and churches with sects of all kinds with each making their own claims and creed. The prayer of Jesus therefore remains relevant and a source of Hope for us to continue to do our part to build that Unity.



This is not a superficial unity based on shared preferences or common goals. Jesus prays for a **spiritual oneness** rooted in the very nature of the Trinity—a **unity that reflects the love, harmony, and mutual indwelling of Father and Son.** He desires that this divine unity be the pattern for His people, a unity that is relational, self-giving, and holy. This prayer is both a **challenge and a comfort.** It challenges us to seek reconciliation, resist division, and live in humility with one another. it reminds us that unity is not ultimately our achievement—it is a **gift Jesus prayed for,** and empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is a unity anchored in truth and love, not uniformity. May we live into that prayer with humility, courage, and grace. Amen.

RECENTLY DIED Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Megan Dalziel**, who died recently, and for her family. Megan now joins her husband **Ian**, who passed away in March 2021. We also remember **Juliana Olatoun Madewa** (aged 84), mother of **Fr. Matthew Madewa**, Parish Priest of Mongeham, and **Juliana Da Silva**, who died in Sri Lanka, mother of **Daniel** from the Familia Una Youth Group. Funeral arrangements will be shared once confirmed. May they rest in peace.

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR PENTECOST - SPIRITANS PRIEST TRAINING. This is in support of the **Spiritans (Congregation of the Holy Spirit)** and their vital work in training future missionary priests.

SYCAMORE FOR YOUNG ADULTS FELLOWSHIP BBQ. Last Sunday our young people gathered in the presbytery garden to celebrate the end of their Sycamore Course. Thank you to those who helped prepare the food and the BBQ. It was a very special and enjoyable fellowship meal. **The new young adult course is called: "Faith and life", starting on Sunday the 1st of June by 6pm at the upper hall. Pls Join us. Fr Leo.**



NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR: We welcome and are blessed to have Donia Thomas-Murray, a parishioner of St Paul's, who has offered to take over the editing of the newsletter. Donia can be contacted by email on dovernewsletter@rcaos.org.uk. Thank you, Donia, for taking on this important ministry in our parish. God bless, Fr. Leo.

RESUMPTION OF FIDES SESSIONS AT ST PAUL'S: WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 2025 – 6.40PM FOR 7PM IN THE HALL. You are all invited to join us on **Wednesday 4th June 2025** for another evening of song, video entertainment, prayer and scintillating discussion; arrive early at 6.40 to enjoy refreshments of tea, coffee, soft drinks and snacks. Everyone is invited whether you've been before or not; bring friends, neighbours, and strangers you'd like to call friends. All are welcome. Keith, Anne & Anthony.

NEXT SUNDAY FEAST OF PENTECOST SUNDAY: PARISH CULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAY 8th JUNE. (322TH FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLY GHOST FATHERS (SPIRITANS)).

Pentecost is the birthday of the universal Church and has special meaning for us as a Spiritan parish in Dover and Aylesham. The celebration will commence with Mass in both churches on that day and be followed by a parish social celebrating the diversity of our parish family. **At St Paul's we will have one Mass on that Sunday at 10am. St Finbarr's will have 11am as normal. Please join us and come dressed in your national costume, and bring some food to share, ideally reflecting your cultural heritage. Scots, Welsh, Irish, Italian, Polish, Indian, African, Asian, Latin-American parishioners etc. have national dress and traditional food.** England may not have a general national dress, so why not consider wearing something; red, white and blue. Regardless of what you wear, or what you bring to eat, the most important thing is to bring yourself and your family and join in the celebration. God bless, Fr Leo.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS AT ST PAUL'S continues every **Saturday in the upper room of the parish hall from 10am to 11am. This week it will be in the Main Hall.** The Bishop will lead the confirmation ceremony in the Autumn.

ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY ST PAUL'S Next Thursday's pre 10am Mass rosary and post Mass bible study will take place on **Thursday, 5th June.** OT Book of Exodus.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES 2025: ST PAUL'S GROUP Classes **restart** after the half term break in Lower Hall, St Paul's Catholic Church, Dover at **9:30am, Saturday 7th June.** The final preparation class and FHC Mass rehearsal will take place at the end of the **final class on Saturday 14th June.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS 2025: ST PAUL'S GROUP - SEATING AT MASS, ADVANCED NOTICE

The **First Holy Communion Mass** for St Paul's Catholic Church, Dover will take place at **11am on Sunday, 22 June, the Feast of Corpus Christi.** We are expecting around **200 guests**, including FHC children and their families, which will occupy over **30 reserved benches**—about **two-thirds of the church.** Parishioners who usually attend the 11am Mass are welcome, with **seating available at the back and along the sides.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Deacon Barry.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP/MUSTARD SEEDS/FHC CRAFT AFTERNOON. There will be an afternoon of craft-making and decorating the church ready for Pentecost on **Saturday 7th June, St Paul's Church Hall, 2:00-4:30pm.** There will be drinks and snacks. All children need to be accompanied by an adult. If any families wish to stay longer to help put the decorations up, it would be most welcome! Any questions, please speak to George or Laura.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - FRIDAY 19th to MONDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER: The final date for booking is this **Monday 2nd June.** If you would like to go on this pilgrimage please contact Mary in the parish office this weekend, email dover@rcaos.org.uk or call/message 07936 573155. We have 2 double rooms left.

DOVER: A PLACE OF SANCTUARY & HOPE. Sunday 15th June 2pm-4pm. St Mary's Church Hall, Cannon Street, Dover CT16 1BY Mark the start of **Refugee Week 15-21 June** as we celebrate our refugees and the communities who have accompanied them. Jointly hosted by Caritas Southwark, Cliffs of Sanctuary and other local groups and charities. For further information contact caritassouthwark@rcaos.org.uk or pick up a leaflet at the back of church.

THE BOY FROM NAZARETH PLANNING MEETING: All are welcome to join us as we explore *The Boy from Nazareth*, a proposed Christian Unity production. We will be having two meetings - **June 14th, 10:30–12:30 at St. Finbarr's** and **July 5th, 10:30–12:30 at St. Paul's.** We will review the script, sample music, and discuss rehearsals and logistics. A final decision on going ahead will follow the July meeting. Though the play is in English, everyone is welcome—Christianity speaks to all backgrounds. Any questions or queries, please email Jeremy at jeremyhcrowe@btinternet.com.

Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham ‘Called to Bear Fruit’: Parish Renewal		
June / July 2025		
Mustard Seed Children’s Liturgy	Every Third Sunday 9am (Next 15 th June)	St Paul’s Upper Hall, Dover
Faith and Life Sessions for Familia Una (Adult Youth group)	Every Sunday 6pm (Next 15 th June)	St Paul’s Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude’s Prayer Group	Every Third Monday 2pm – 3pm (Next 16 th June)	St Paul’s Hall, Dover
First Holy Communion Preparation	Every Saturday 9:30am (not 31 st May)	St Paul’s Hall, Dover
First Holy Communion Preparation	Every Sunday 9:30am (not 1 st June)	St Finbarr’s, Aylesham
SYCAMORE Course, Fides & Bible Study, all combined session	Every Tuesday 7pm	St Finbarr’s, Aylesham.
Fides Course	Every Wednesday 6:40pm for 7pm	St Paul’s Hall, Dover
Confirmation Preparation	Every Saturday 10am	St Paul’s Upper Hall, Dover
Archdiocese Jubilee Celebration	Saturday 7th June 10am – 5pm	Aylesford Priory
Pentecost Sunday Celebration (Both Churches)	Sunday 8th June	St Paul’s, Dover 10am St Finbarr’s, Aylesham 11am
First Holy Communion (Both Churches)	Sunday 22nd June 11am	St Paul’s, Dover St Finbarr’s, Aylesham
Parish Family Day	Saturday 28th June Sunday 27th July	St Paul’s Dover St Finbarr’s Aylesham

THE NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT STARTED ON FRIDAY 30TH MAY

It will be recited every day at Mass until Pentecost

<https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Novena-Prayers-Holy-Spirit-.pdf>

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven, you promised to send the Holy Spirit to your apostles and disciples.

Grant that the same Spirit may perfect in our lives the work of your grace and love.

Grant us the Spirit of Wisdom that we may aspire to the things that last forever:

the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten our minds with the light of your truth;

the Spirit of Counsel that we may choose the surest way of doing your will, seeking first the Kingdom;

The Spirit of Fortitude that we may bear our cross with you and, with courage, overcome the obstacles that interfere with our salvation;

the Spirit of Knowledge that we may know you and know ourselves and grow in holiness;

The Spirit of Piety that we may find peace and fulfilment in the service of God while serving others;

The Spirit of Fear that we may be filled with loving reverence toward you.

Teach us to be your faithful disciples and animate us in every way with your Spirit. Amen.

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr’s: Audrey Stitt, 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: John Doyle, Maria Frost, Roz & Rob Pain, Rosa Mazzitelli, David Meadows, Roselene Hindle, Sr Rani Xavier, Thanima Jayan, Janice & Livra Fernandes, Catriona Stark, Mary Pressnell, Gaby Anaya Amor, Fr John Ryan, Pat Evans, Shirley Lazarus, Shirley Jefford, Clare Quigley, 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, 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: Elizabeth Mary Herr, Owen Yore, Mary Dunleavy Hilton, Thomas Doyle, Teresa Veronica Hunt, Margaret Devereux

St Paul’s: Fr. Joseph Redmond, Fr William Howell, Agnes Steele, Emily Irene Saueressig, William Millar, Mary Helen Mackett, Joseph Johnston, Florence Corry, Elsie Wickens, John O’Meara, Teresa Mary Chillingworth, Olga Mary Wills, Una Graddon, Vera Fletcher, Orlando Vasquez, Betty Brennan, Margaret (Margo) Mackie, Julia Gillan, Thomas Lear, Edward Pitloon, Fr Derek Summers OSB, Patrick (Pat) O’Kane

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Saturday 31 st May	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sunday 1 st June	11am	NO First Holy Communion Preparation in Church Mass for Troubled Immigrants
Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions Martyrs	Tuesday 3 rd June	7pm	SYCAMORE Course Fides & Bible Study Combined
	Wednesday 4 th June	10am	Mass for Conversion of England
Diocesan Jubilee Year Celebration	Saturday 7 th June	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
PENTECOST SUNDAY	Sunday 8 th June	9:30am 11am	First Holy Communion Preparation in Church Mass for People of the Parish Followed by Pentecost Celebration

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S			
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Saturday 31 st May	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for People with Disabilities Confirmation Preparation in the MAIN hall NO First Holy Communion Preparation Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Prisoners
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sunday 1 st June	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for G/E Ann & Malcolm Fisher (Keith & Theresa) Coffee after Mass Mass for The Homeless Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Faith and life sessions for Familia Una (Adult Youth group)
Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs	Monday 2 nd June	10am	Mass for G/E of Donor 'F'
Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions Martyrs	Tuesday 3 rd June	10am	Mass for G/E Shirley Lazarus (The Parish)
	Wednesday 4 th June	10am 5:30pm 7pm	Mass for Olga Mary Wills RIP & Family (Colin) Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm) Fides Session
Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr	Thursday 5 th June	9:30am 10am 10:30am	Holy Rosary in the church Ordinariate Mass for Holy Souls Bible Study in the hall OT Book of Exodus
Saint Norbert, Bishop OR Saint Luke Kirby, Priest and Martyr	Friday 6 th June	10am	Mass for Safe Travels of Fr Godwin
Diocesan Jubilee Year Celebration	Saturday 7 th June	9:30am 10am 10am 5pm 6pm	First Holy Communion Preparation in the main hall Eucharistic Service in St Edmund's Chapel Confirmation Preparation in the upper hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Diocese of Southwark 70 th Anniversary
PENTECOST SUNDAY	Sunday 8 th June	10am 3pm	Mass for Congregation of the Holy Spirit Followed by Pentecost Celebration in the hall Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY 1ST JUNE 2025

First reading

Acts 7:55-60

‘I see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.’

In those days; Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, ‘Behold I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.’ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97(96):1. 2b.6.6. 7c. 9. R 1a. 9b

The Lord is king, the most high above all the earth.

Or: Alleluia

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.
Justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.
The Lord is king, the most high above all the earth.
Or: Alleluia

The skies proclaim his justice,
all peoples see his glory.
All you angels, worship him.
The Lord is king, the most high above all the earth.
Or: Alleluia

For you indeed are the LORD,
most high above all the earth,
exalted far above all gods.
The Lord is king, the most high above all the earth.
Or: Alleluia

Second reading Revelation 22:12–14. 16–17. 20
‘Come, Lord Jesus!’

I, John, heard a voice saying to me: ‘Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

‘I, Jesus, sent my angel to testify to you about these

things for the churches. I am the root and descendent of David, the bright morning star.’

The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away, and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

Gospel John 17:20-26

May they become perfectly one.

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and praying said,
‘Holy Father,

I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me.

The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me, and loved them even as you loved me.

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.

I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

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.