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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - YEAR C – 22nd JUNE 2025

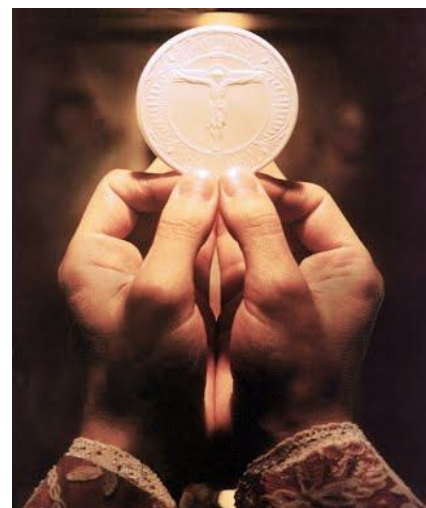
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PRIEST CORNER:

We rejoice and celebrate with Twenty-five young Children who are making their First Holy Communion in our Parish today. Twenty at St. Paul's and five at St. Finbarr's. Dear beloved Children, we are blessed by the gift of your innocent faith. We thank you and your Parents for supporting you and accompanying you to make this big step in your faith. We as your Church will continue to pray for you. Congratulations. Farewell to Fr. Godwin who will be resuming his ministry at St. Michael's Parish in Chatham on Monday, 23rd of June. We pray for him and wish him all the very best. We shall have him back for a celebration in July. Fr. Leo.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: REFLECTION ON THE BODY OF CHRIST- CORPUS CHRISTI.

The last two precious gifts given to us by Jesus are the Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food on Holy Thursday and Jesus' mother Mary as our spiritual mother on Good Friday. The feast of the *Corpus Christi* is the celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as *Emmanuel*— God with us — in order to give collective thanks to our Lord for his living with us in the Eucharist. The feast also gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the “*Real Presence*” on Jesus — body and blood, soul and Divinity under the appearances of bread and wine — so that we may appreciate the Sacrament better and receive maximum benefit from the Eucharist. **We explain the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist by:** “*Transubstantiation*” which means that the *substance* of the consecrated bread and wine is changed to the *substance* of the risen Jesus' glorified Body and Blood by the action of the Holy Spirit, and its *accidents* (like colour, shape, taste etc.), remain the same. Let us appreciate the “*Real Presence*” of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, by receiving him with true repentance for our sins, due preparation and reverence. Let us be Christ-bearers and conveyers: By receiving Holy Communion, we become Christ-bearers as Mary was, with the duty of conveying Christ to others at home and in the workplace, through love, mercy, forgiveness and humble and sacrificial service. Let us offer our lives on the altar along with Jesus' sacrifice, asking pardon for our sins, expressing gratitude for the blessings we have received and presenting our needs and petitions on the altar.



PARISH JUBILEE CELEBRATION / FAMILY DAY AND BARBECUE; NEXT SATURDAY As part of the Jubilee celebration for 2025, we shall have our **Parish Pilgrimage Walk**, family Barbecue Day next Saturday **28th June**. We shall all come together at **St. Paul's** for **11am start**; walk together **to the Sea Front**, return via **St. Edmund's Chapel** and end it with a joyful **Barbecue family celebration in the Presbytery Garden**. All the families, from **Aylesham to Dover** are invited for this planned event. It will also be the **Feast of Peter and Paul** which is our Parish special **Feast Day**. We will provide the Barbecue food and drinks. Please bring other food to share. There will be moments of prayer, laughter and games. Mark the date in your diary and join us for this event. God bless you as you come. Fr. Leo.

PLEASE NOTE There will be **NO Coffee** after the 9am Mass at St Paul's today as the FHC children and their families are gathering in the hall. Coffee will resume next Sunday as normal.

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE Peter's Pence is a global collection that supports the **Pope's mission of charity and mercy**. Through your offering, the Holy Father provides practical help to those in need—especially the poor, displaced, elderly, and victims of war or disaster. It also supports the work of the Holy See and struggling dioceses around the world. Thank you for your support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS 2025: ST PAUL'S GROUP - SEATING AT MASS The **First Holy Communion Mass 11am**. Today at St Paul's 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.

RECENTLY DIED Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Megan Dalziel**, who died recently. **Megan's Requiem Mass** will take place on **Friday 4th July 11am at St Paul's**. We also remember **Juliana Olatoun Madewa** (aged 84), mother of **Fr. Matthew Madewa, Parish Priest of Mongeham**. A Requiem Mass for Juliana will take place on **Wednesday 25th June, 6pm at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, St Richard's Road, Deal**. May both Megan & Juliana rest in peace. Amen.

LET'S REMEMBER IN OUR HEARTS AS WE PRAY: We remember also the deaths of **five Christian Eritrean young people** who lost their lives last month trying to reach Dover: Mussa, Ahmed, Natnael, an unidentified woman and her 8-year-old son. Their funerals were financed by well-wishers and took place in Calais. As Pope Francis reminded us, 'Every migrant has a name, a face and a story'. Ben Bano 'Seeking Sanctuary' www.seekingsanctuary.weebly.com

FAMILY FUNDRAISING QUIZ. Len and Bernadette would like to let you know that a quiz, to raise funds for **Dover Youth Orchestra**, will be in the Charlton Church Hall, Alphege Rd, Dover, CT16 2PU from **6.30pm next Saturday 28th June**. Teams will be up to 8 persons. There will be fun and trivia and you can bring your own food and drink. Cost £5 a head. If you can form a team please let us know or book your team by Email to info@standndeliver.com

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP SPORTS AFTERNOON- SATURDAY 12TH JULY

Next **JYG meeting** will be **Saturday, 12th July, 2pm - 4pm at Dover Leisure Centre for Football, Table tennis and Badminton!** Open to **children aged 7 and over**. Drinks and snacks available. All **children under 11 years old will need a parent or guardian with them**. Please **complete a permission slip (at the back of the church)** and return to **George or Laura**. We will need a permission slip for those children and teenagers who aren't coming with a parent. If you need a lift or can offer a lift, please let us know. Laura laakennett@gmail.com

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

ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY ST PAUL'S Thursday's **pre 10am** Mass rosary and post Mass bible study will take place on **Thursday, 26th June**. OT Book of Exodus.

THE BOY FROM NAZARETH PLANNING MEETING: Plays based on the Bible deal with possibilities and probabilities. They revealingly explore behind the written word Parishioners are being given the opportunity to decide whether they would like to be involved in such a drama. There will be two conclusive meetings, on **Saturday July 5th in St. Paul's (10:30-12:30)** as was previously shared, and in **St. Finbarr's on Saturday, July 12th (10:30-12:00)**. Any questions or queries, please email Jeremy at jeremyhcrowe@btinternet.com.

THE NEXT ADULT RCIA COURSE will begin on **Monday 6th October at 7pm in St Paul's hall upper room**. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Catholic Faith give them the date and invite them along.

COMMUNITY COHESION: ONE COMMUNITY, MANY VOICES Join us for a **free lunchtime meal** and open conversation in a safe, welcoming space. Share experiences, build understanding, and foster kindness. The **4-week cycle** began on **Thursday 19th June, 12 noon at Dover Outreach Centre, 168-172 Snargate St, Dover CT17 9BZ**. More info: office@doveroutreachcentre.com | **01304 339022 (Donna or Carina)**.

THE CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE: Every parishioner, as well as teachers and parents in our school, has free and unlimited access to the workshops created by the world-renowned Catechetical Institute. From Scripture to parenting workshops, to catechetical training and mentoring, there is something for everyone. For information on how to register your free account visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>

PLEASE NOTE: ST PAUL'S CAR PARK will be **closed Saturday 21st June** as clearing the presbytery garden continues. We may have to close the car park at short notice on other days. Apologies for any inconvenience.

WARNING - EMAIL SCAM: If you receive an email from Fr Leo or any of the clergy saying they are in a meeting and need help please don't respond as it is a scam. Let the parish office know dover@rcaos.org.uk so it can be reported.

Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
2025		
Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy	Every Third Sunday 9am	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude's Prayer Group	Every Third Monday 2pm – 3pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
'Familia Una' Adult Youth Group	Every Sunday 6pm	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
SYCAMORE Course, Fides & Bible Study, all combined session	Every Monday 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
First Holy Communion (Both Churches)	Sunday 22 nd June 11am	St Paul's, Dover St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Parish Family Day	Saturday 28 th June Sunday 27 th July	St Paul's Dover St Finbarr's Aylesham
Junior Youth Group meeting	Saturday, 12th July	St Paul's, Dover
RCIA COURSE	Monday 6 th October 7pm	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Confirmation Mass with Bishop Paul Hendricks	Sunday 12 th October 11am	St Paul's, Dover

CATECHISM ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST- CORPUS CHRISTI

Theological significance:

Vatican II states that as a sacrifice “*the Holy Eucharist is the centre and culmination of Christian life*” (*Lumen Gentium*, 11). Why? 1) Because it enables us to participate in Christ's sacrifice as a present reality and to benefit from its fruits in our own lives. 2) Because it helps us to worship the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the most perfect way. 3) Because it strengthens our charity and unity with Jesus and each other in a joint



offering of his Body and Blood to the Father. 4) Because it gives us a lasting memorial of Christ's suffering, death, and Resurrection, reminding us of our obligation to make loving sacrifices for others.

The Eucharist is the Mystery of our Faith, the mystery of our Hope, the mystery of our Charity. Why do we celebrate the Eucharist some 2,000 years later? We do this because Jesus told us to do so: “*Do this in memory of me.*” St. Augustine in the 5th century said it best when he said: “*It is your Mystery, the Mystery of Your Life that has been placed on the altar.*” This Holy Memorial is known by various names: 1) “**The Eucharist**” because Jesus offered himself to God the Father as an act of thanksgiving; 2) “**The Lord's Supper**”–or “**Breaking of the Bread**”– because we celebrate it as a meal; 3) “**Holy Communion**”, because, we become one with Christ by receiving him; and 4) “**Holy Mass**” (holy sending), because it gives us a mission: “*Go in peace glorifying God by your life.*” (Taken from Fr. Tony teachings).

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 Hembrey, 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: Helen Geraldine Bartolo, Tom McArdle, Rosalind Bridgland, Mrs N Doyle, Sylvia Mary Hogben, John Hogben

St Paul's: Fr Martin Gifkins, Sr Maria Brennens DC, George Bowles, Madge Henneker, Rosemary Chilton, Edwin, Ernest Perry, Jean Ford, Ernest Ford Stokes, Bruno Gismondi, Tony Marples, Annie Blackman, Percy Castle, Charles Ribbans, Francis Buhlman, Jeremy Barker, David Grilli, Bernardino Di Adamo, Lilian Reeves

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
Saint Aloysius Gonzaga	Saturday 21 st June	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI	Sunday 22 nd June	11am	Mass for First Holy Communicants
	Monday 23 rd June	7pm	SYCAMORE Course Fides & Bible Study Combined
	Wednesday 25 th June	10am	Mass for Anne Marie Cole RIP (Mary Bissett)
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Saturday 28 th June	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL	Sunday 29 th June	11am	Mass in Thanksgiving for New Home (Neenu & Ullas)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S			
Saint Aloysius Gonzaga	Saturday 21 st June	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Holy Souls Confirmation Preparation in the upper hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Memorial Mass for Vera Fletcher RIP (Parish)
THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI	Sunday 22 nd June	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for The Unemployed NO Coffee after Mass Mass for First Holy Communicants Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Faith and Life Sessions for Familia Una Youth Group in the Upper Hall
Saint Etheldreda	Monday 23 rd June	10am	Mass for Hector del Rio (Iliana)
The Nativity of Saint John The Baptist	Tuesday 24 th June	10am	Mass for Ernest Edward Stokes 'F'
	Wednesday 25 th June	10am 5:30pm 7pm	Mass for Ian Thomas Barber RIP (Colin) Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm) Fides Session
Saint Thomas Garnet, Priest and Martyr	Thursday 26 th June	9:30am 10am 10:30am	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for G/E Chira Boehm (Tim) Bible Study OT Book of Exodus
THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	Friday 27 th June	10am	Mass for Shirani Jeraldeen RIP (Dona)
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Saturday 28 th June	10am 11am 5pm 6pm	NO SERVICE in St Edmund's Chapel Confirmation Preparation in the upper hall Parish Pilgrimage Walk / Family Barbecue Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Parish of the Good Shepherd
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL	Sunday 29 th June	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Meg Dalziel RIP & Family (Ronnie Mitchinson) Coffee after Mass Mass for Jean MacKenzie RIP (Robert) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Faith and Life Sessions for Familia Una Youth Group in the Upper Hall

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Readings for Sunday 22nd June 2025

First Reading

Genesis 14:18-20

'He offered bread and wine.'

In those days: Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High. And he blessed Abram and said,

'Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!'

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 110(109):1.2.3.4.R.4bc

*You are a priest for ever, according to the order of
Melchizedek.
Or: Alleluia*

The LORD's revelation to my lord:
'Sit at my right hand,
until I make your foes your footstool.'

*You are a priest for ever, according to the order of
Melchizedek.
Or: Alleluia*

The LORD will send from Sion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of your foes.

*You are a priest for ever, according to the order of
Melchizedek.
Or: Alleluia*

With you is princely rule
on the day of your power.
In holy splendour, from the womb before the dawn,
I have begotten you.

*You are a priest for ever, according to the order of
Melchizedek.
Or: Alleluia*

The LORD has sworn an oath he will not change:
'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.'

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*'For as often as you eat and drink you proclaim the
Lord's death.'*

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you; that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

Alleluia.

John 6:51

Gospel

Luke 9:11b-17

'All ate and were satisfied.'

At that time: Jesus spoke to crowd of the kingdom of God and cured those who needed healing. Now the day began to wear away, and the Twelve came and said to him, 'Send the crowd to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we here in a desolate place.' But he said to them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish - unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.' For there were five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' And they did so, and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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.