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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL - YEAR C – 29TH JUNE 2025

Missal P1025 Order of the Mass P470

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR PETER'S PENCE THE POPE'S MISSION OF CHARITY & MERCY

PRIEST CORNER: A Blessed and Happy Feast of our Patron; St. Paul the Apostle. Although we are remembering the two strong pillars of our Church, Peter and Paul today, but we are specially devoted to St. Paul who is our Principal Patron in Dover. May St. Paul continue to intercede for our Parish community; to keep growing stronger in faith. Amen.



I wish to congratulate all our 25 young children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday during the feast of the Corpus Christi. It was a joyous occasion at both St. Paul's and St. Finbarr's and everyone, especially the Parents were all blessed. We keep them in our Prayers, asking the Lord to sustain them in their faith journey. I am grateful to all the Catechists; Rev. Barry, Carina, Margaret and Jan who made a lot of efforts in guiding the young people. In both Churches, Carina and Rev. Barry are grateful to all who took time to decorate the Church and to make it really beautiful. Thank you. Two FHC children are making their FHC on Sunday 29th June at the 9am Mass. We wish them, their parents and family a blessed day. One FHC child will be making their FHC in India in February 2026.



Fr. Godwin: I want to also inform you that we shall be inviting Fr. Godwin back for Mass and a send forth celebration on the 19th and 20th of July, 2025. We shall have a generous gift offering (Collection) on the 13th of July in all our Masses and whatever we are able to raise will go directly to support him. Fr. Godwin will celebrate Mass in Dover on the Saturday evening, the 19th of July, followed by a send forth celebration in the Hall, and on Sunday the 20th, he will celebrate the Eucharist at St. Finbarr's, followed by a celebration after the Mass. Do mark your calendar for this.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL:

St. Peter and St. Paul are the principal pillars of the Church. **Peter** was son of Jona and brother of Andrew. He was a professional fisherman from Bethsaida, a fishing town on the Lake of Galilee (Gennesaret). Jesus changed his name from Simon to Cephas or Peter. Jesus made him the leader of his apostles. He was Martyred in Rome, during the reign of the emperor Nero in 64 CE. **Paul** the "Apostle to the Gentiles" and the greatest missionary was a Roman citizen by birth as he was born in Tarsus of Cilicia, a Province of Rome. His original name was Saul. As a Pharisee he was sent to Jerusalem by his parents to study the Mosaic Law under the great Rabbi Gamaliel. He wrote 14 epistles. He was martyred by beheading at Tre Fontane in Rome.

Today's Gospel explains the basis of our faith as the acceptance of Jesus as the Christ; *Who do men say that the Son of Man is?* Peter answered the question saying: *"You are the Christ (Messiah) the Son of the living God."* Jesus confirmed Peter's insight as a special revelation from God. For both Peter and Paul, the experience of full self-offering was an experience of grace. They recognized in Jesus Christ the living voice of God, and they offered their entire lives to helping others hear that same voice. As we join with Peter in professing our love for Jesus, let us never forget that we carry the treasure of the gospel in 'earthen vessels' and that, no matter how often we fail, Jesus never withdraws his love from us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS - The **First Holy Communicants** for St Paul's & St Finbarr's will be awarded their certificates at the **'Going Forth' 9am Mass at St Paul's** and the **11am Mass at St Finbarr's** on **Sunday 6th July**.

SEEKING ACCOMODATION: PAULINE MANDIGO: Pauline is a professional lady and a very active Catholic Parishioner who is new in Dover, she is looking for accommodation- a room or two with toilet and kitchen facility. If you have a space for rent; kindly contact her on: **07387-607507/ tetepau2010@gmail.com**. Thank you.

RECENTLY DIED Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Megan Dalziel**. Megan's Requiem Mass will take place on **Friday 4th July 11am at St Paul's. (No 10am Mass on Friday)** May Megan rest in peace. Amen.

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, 3rd July. 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 Hall (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.

JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE Monday 7th July 7pm **Canterbury Cathedral**. Mass: The Feast of The Translation celebrated by the Papal Nuncio; Blessing: With St Thomas Becket's relics; Reception: Champagne & chocolates with Certificate of Pilgrimage. Limited capacity. Email: info@canterburyjubilee2025.com or complete the RSVP form at: <https://canterburyjubilee2025.com/> For further information see the poster at the back of church.

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.

ST. FINBARR'S FAMILY FUN DAY. Our family fun day this year will be held on **Sunday, the 27th of July** immediately after Mass. All are invited to join in an afternoon of fun for all the family. There will be games, food and drink as well as a barbecue. Please bring along a meal to share. We look forward to seeing you there.

CALLED TO CARE FOR CREATION – JOIN US IN SOUTHWARK. As Catholics, we're called to care for God's creation and speak out for justice. That's why Catholics from across the diocese are joining **CAFOD** at the **'Act Now, Change Forever'** mass lobby of Parliament on **Wednesday 9 July 2025**—and we'd love you to come too. This is a chance to live out our faith by urging leaders to act on the climate crisis, which is already affecting the world's poorest communities. **How to take part:**

- **Register** at www.theclimatecoalition.org/act-now-change-forever . You'll receive all the details directly from The Climate Coalition.
- **Want to connect with other attending from your constituency? Email Sarah and Celeste** at southwark@cafod.org.uk . Let's come together in **faith, hope, and action**—for our common home.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES. There are still a few places available on the pilgrimage, which Southwark makes to **Lourdes from 22nd to 29th August** this year. For information and booking, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/> . There are a range of hotels available, though most Southwark pilgrims will be staying at the Hotel Eliseo. Further information is available from Bishop Paul paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk or Canon Perera edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk .

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).

Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham ‘Called to Bear Fruit’: Parish Renewal		
2025		
Mustard Seed Children’s Liturgy	Every Third Sunday 9am (Next 20 th July)	St Paul’s Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude’s Prayer Group	Every Third Monday 2pm – 3pm (Next 21 st July)	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
Junior Youth Group meeting	Saturday, 12th July	Meet at St Paul’s, Dover
Parish Family Day	Sunday 27th July	St Finbarr’s Aylesham
RCIA COURSE	Monday 6th October 7pm	St Paul’s Upper Hall, Dover
Confirmation Mass with Bishop Paul Hendricks	Sunday 12th October 11am	St Paul’s, Dover

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE HOLY COMMUNION IN BOTH CHURCHES.



Isabela and Elena in Poland earlier with their Priests.

QUOTE FROM ST. PAUL:

But whatever gains I had, these I have come to consider as a loss because of Christ. More than this: I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things, and I consider them so much rubbish that I may may gain Christ. (Philippians 3:7-8)

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: Fraser James McIntyre, Arthur Davies, Robert Baker, Constance Eileen Gardner

St Paul’s: Arthur Blackman, John Rice, Jean Button, Teresa Beven, Anastasia Medhurst, Sr Bridie Costello DC, Fr Oscar Leake, Ann Worker, Hilder Driver, Daniel McGarry, Sr Teresa Devlin, Mark Hart, Joan Maher, Sr. Celia Mary UJ, Wilfred Husk, Kathleen McLauchlan, James Goldsmith, Allan Shepherd, Vittoria Corbo, Ellen Orris, Alex Holmes.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL	Sunday 29 th June	11am	Mass in Thanksgiving for New Home (Neenu & Ullas)
THE FIRST MARTYRS OF HOLY ROMAN CHURCH	Monday 30 th June	7pm	SYCAMORE Course Fides & Bible Study Combined
	Wednesday 2 nd July	10am	Mass for Peace in the World
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 6 th July	11am	First Holy Communicants 'Going Forth' Mass for G/E Clinton & Crainie family (Mary Bassett)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S			
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
THE FIRST MARTYRS OF HOLY ROMAN CHURCH	Monday 30 th June	10am	Mass for Juliana de Silva RIP (Daniel)
SAINT OLIVER PLUNKET, BISHOP AND MARTYR	Tuesday 1 st July	10am	Mass for Jim Russell RIP (Tim)
	Wednesday 2 nd July	10am 5:30pm 7pm	Mass for Elena Csikova RIP Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm) Fides Session
SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE, FEAST, GLORIA	Thursday 3 rd July	9:30am 10am 10:30am	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Victims of Violence in Nigeria Bible Study OT Book of Exodus
SAINT ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL	Friday 4 th July	11am	Requiem Mass for Meg Dalziel
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OR SAINT ANTHONY ZACCARIA, PRIEST	Saturday 5 th July	10am 10am 10:30am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Veronika & Ivo (Tim) Confirmation Preparation in the Upper Hall 'The Boy from Nazareth' Planning Meeting in Main Hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Ministry of Pope Leo
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 6 th July	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for First Holy Communicants 'Going Forth' Mass for Sick Children Coffee after Mass Mass for Pro Life 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 29th June 2025

First Reading

Acts 12:1-11

‘Now I am sure that the lord has rescued me from the hand of Herod’

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, ‘Get up quickly.’ And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, ‘Dress yourself and put on your sandals.’ And he did so. And he said to him, ‘Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.’ And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, ‘Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R5

*From all my terrors the LORD set me free
Or: Alleluia*

I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.
*From all my terrors the LORD set me free
Or: Alleluia*

Glorify the LORD with me;
together let us praise his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.
*From all my terrors the LORD set me free
Or: Alleluia*

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This lowly one called; the LORD heard,
and rescued him from all his distress.
*From all my terrors the LORD set me free
Or: Alleluia*

The angel of the LORD is encamped
around those who fear him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good.
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.
*From all my terrors the LORD set me free
Or: Alleluia*

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18

‘There is laid up from me the crown of righteousness’

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia.

Matthew 16:18

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

‘You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.’

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’

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.