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## PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR C - 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025

**Missal P413 Order of the Mass P470**

**322ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPIRITANS**

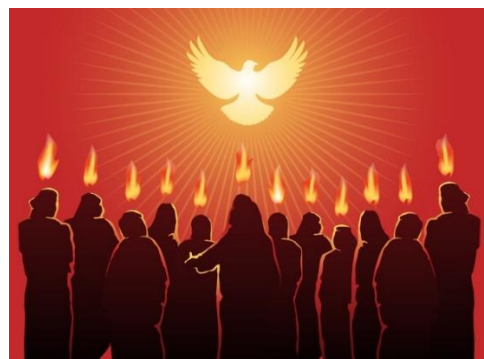
**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE  
SPIRITANS PRIEST TRAINING**



**WE WISH DEACON BARRY A VERY HAPPY & BLESSED BIRTHDAY ON THURSDAY**

**WELCOME BACK TO FR. GODWIN, THANKFUL FOR HIS SAFE RETURN**

**PRIEST CORNER:** The Holy Spirit is the third person of the divine Trinity. He is described as the action of the divine God head in the Universe. Described in uncountable ways; it is the breath of God in each of us without which we become lifeless; For it is the Holy Spirit that Gives life. (Jn 6:63). Here in our Parish of the Good Shepherd, (Dover and Aylesham), the Holy Spirit is at work. He has blessed us with every spiritual blessings through the ministry of our Priests and the unwavering faith of our community. Let us celebrate His love and Mercy with gratitude and Joy. Through our celebration of the Parish international day, we celebrate the gifts which are in abundance in our Parish. God unites us to be one people from every nation and tongue, bounded together by the Spirit of Love. **In a special way, we celebrate the birthday of the Church and the birthday of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, (The Spiritan Order) which we are blessed to have, serving in our Parish.** The Spiritans are celebrating the 322nd anniversary of their foundation today, founded in 1703 in France. We pray that their Mission will continue to flourish for the glory of God. May we all be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and may our Parish Continue to grow in love for one another. Amen.



**WHO ARE THE SPIRITANS:** We are a Roman Catholic Religious Congregation founded in 1703. Over 300 years on, over 3000 professed and lay Spiritans, drawn from all continents, today carry out their mission of evangelization in more than 60 countries throughout the world. founded by a young French nobleman – **Claude Poullart des Places** – who gave up the practice of law to study for the priesthood. He founded a community for young men who wished to become priests and dedicated it to the Holy Spirit. Today's Spiritan mission goes beyond pastoral services to deliver basic human needs. It is service and liberation, it is action on behalf of justice and peace, it is economic development among the most impoverished, It is education as transformation. The first Spiritan to step foot in England was Fr. Jacques Bertout, from France. A refugee from the persecution of the Church during the French Revolution, he arrived on 19th September, 1792 and immediately began missionary



work here until he was able to return to France in 1802. After 120 years in the United Kingdom, the Spiritans in the UK are involved in Parish Ministries, School Ministries, Prison ministries, school apostolates, care of migrants and refugees, etc. We are determined to continue to work and serve according to the leading of the Holy Spirit. To read more and support the Spiritans, Visit our Website: <https://spiritans.co.uk/story/>



**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm** at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, St Richard's Road, Deal. May both Megan & Juliana rest in peace. Amen.

**PLEASE NOTE: ST PAUL'S CAR PARK** will be closed on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June** as work begins on clearing the presbytery garden. We may have to close the car park at short notice on other days. Apologies for any inconvenience.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:30–12:30 at St. Finbarr's** and **July 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:jeremyhcrowe@btinternet.com).

**NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR DAY FOR LIFE.** This day celebrates the sacredness of life. Proceeds from the collection support the **Anscombe Bioethics Centre** and other Church-backed life-related causes, including grants to Catholic charities working in this year's chosen focus area

**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 7<sup>th</sup> June**. The final preparation class and **FHC Mass rehearsal** will take place at the end of the **final class on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June**.

**ADULT YOUTH GROUP** "Familia UNA "Faith and Life" course will begin on **15<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm**, in the upper church hall. All young people aged 16 and over are welcome.

**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.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS AT ST PAUL'S** continues every Saturday in the upper room of the parish hall from 10am to 11am. Bishop Paul Hendricks will lead the confirmation ceremony on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October** at the 11am Mass at St Paul's.

**ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY ST PAUL'S** Thursday's pre 10am Mass rosary and post Mass bible study will take place on **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> June**. OT Book of Exodus.

**MISSION MASS IN CANTERBURY** Join us for a Jubilee Year Mission Mass in Canterbury, which will be followed by lunch and a chance to meet one another. **Saturday 14 June 12 noon** at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Burgate, Canterbury CT1 2HJ. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Anthony Chantry (National Director of Mission) and Fr Joseph Donkor (new Missio Diocesan Director for Southwark). If you are able to attend, please email [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk) so that we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

**DOVER: A PLACE OF SANCTUARY & HOPE. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:caritassouthwark@rcaos.org.uk) or pick up a leaflet at the back of church.

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

**CHARLTON CHURCH DOVER 'Three Coins in The Fountain' Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm.** A recital of English, Italian, Russian, German & French song. With Greg Tassell (Tenor) & Spencer Payne (Piano) Adults £8, under 18 free.

**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](mailto:dover@rcaos.org.uk) so it can be reported.

**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.

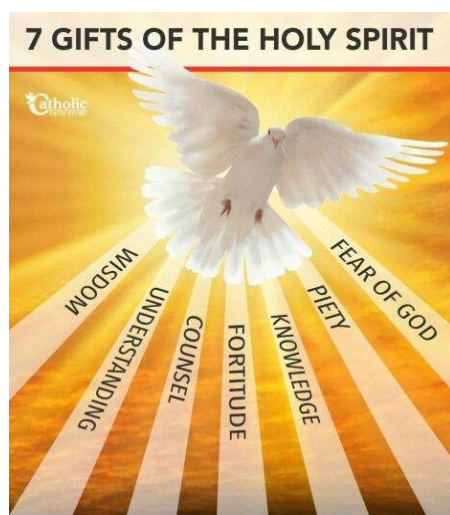
**Please Pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:**

**St Finbarr's:** Maurice Anthony Crane, Francisca Xavierae, Brigham, Stanley Herve, Gloria Rogers, Richard Knight, John Jardine, Elizabeth Maureen Hughes

**St Paul's:** Edward Pitloon, Fr Derek Summers OSB, Patrick (Pat) O'Kane, John Clarke, Gertrude & Peter Marples, Patricia Joan Wells, Tony O'Reilly, John Manton, Dudley Michael Wilmshurst, Dennis McGeeney, Kim Young, Joseph Dodd, Patrick McSwiggan, Francis Tiernan, Violet Docherty, Doreen Woods, Denis O'Meara, Alexander Shearer, Albert Letchford, John Colquhoun Jardine

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 <sup>th</sup> June)	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude's Prayer Group	Every Third Monday 2pm – 3pm (Next 16 <sup>th</sup> June)	St Paul's Hall, Dover
First Holy Communion Preparation	Every Saturday 9:30am	St Paul's Hall, Dover
First Holy Communion Preparation	Every Sunday 9:30am	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Familia Una Adult Youth Group	Every Sunday 6pm (15 <sup>th</sup> June)	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
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
Pentecost Sunday Celebration (Both Churches)	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	St Paul's, Dover 10am St Finbarr's, Aylesham 11am
First Holy Communion (Both Churches)	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 11am	St Paul's, Dover St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Parish Family Day	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	St Paul's Dover St Finbarr's Aylesham
RCIA COURSE	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 7pm	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Confirmation Mass with Bishop Paul Hendricks	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 11am	St Paul's, Dover

**CATECHISM ON THE PENTECOST:** Literally means 50th. It is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the Passover feast by the Jews and a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by Christians. The Jewish Pentecost was originally a post-harvest thanksgiving feast. Later, the Jews included it in the remembrance of God's Covenants with Noah after the Deluge and with Moses at Mt. Sinai. The event: On the day of Pentecost: **1)** The Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary as tongues of fire. **2)** The frightened apostles were transformed into fiery preachers and evangelizers and were given the gift of tongues by a special anointing of the Holy Spirit. **3)** The listeners experienced a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit through the apostles' gift of tongues: they heard Peter speaking in their native languages. **4)** The early Christians became powerful witnesses and brave martyrs for their Faith in Jesus.



**The role of the Holy Spirit in Christian life:** **1)** As an indwelling God, the Holy Spirit makes us His Living Temples (I Cor 3:16). **2)** As a strengthening God, He strengthens us in our fight against temptations and in our mission of bearing witness to Christ by our transparent Christian lives. **3)** As a sanctifying God, He makes us holy through the Sacraments: **a)** Through Baptism He makes us children of God and heirs of Heaven. **b)** Through Confirmation, He makes us temples of God, warriors, and defenders of the Faith. **c)** Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, He enables us to be reconciled with God by pardoning our sins. **d)** Through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, He gives us spiritual nourishment by changing bread and wine into Jesus' Body, Blood Soul, and

Divinity, through Epiclesis. **e)** Through the Sacraments of the priesthood (Ordination) and matrimony (Marriage), He makes the Church Holy. **4)** As a teaching and guiding God, He clarifies and constantly reminds us of Christ's teachings and guides the Magisterium of the Church in presenting Christ's teachings correctly. **5)** As a listening and speaking God, He listens to our prayers, enables us to pray, and speaks to us, mainly through the Bible. **6)** As a Giver of gifts, He gives us His gifts, fruits, and charisms, thus enriching the Church. **We need to permit the Holy Spirit to take control of our lives:** by asking the help of the Holy Spirit to do good for others and to be reconciled with God and others every day.



EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
Diocesan Jubilee Year Celebration	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	4pm	Syro Malabar Mass
PENTECOST SUNDAY	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30am 11am	First Holy Communion Preparation in Church Mass for People of the Parish Followed by Pentecost Celebration
	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm	SYCAMORE Course Fides & Bible Study Combined
Saint Barnabas, Apostle Memorial	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Mass for G/E Mary Pendaries (Christine Dobson)
The Blessed Virgin Mary	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	10:30am 4pm	'The Boy from Nazareth' Planning Meeting Syro Malabar Mass
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30am 11am	First Holy Communion Preparation in Church Mass for Sick Priests
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S			
Diocesan Jubilee Year Celebration	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
PENTECOST SUNDAY	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Mass for Congregation of the Holy Spirit Followed by Pentecost Celebration in the hall NO Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet today No Familia Una Adult Youth Group. Next on 15 <sup>th</sup> of June.
Mary, Mother of the Church	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Mass for G/E Veronika & Ivo (Tim)
	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Mass for Juliana de Silva RIP (Daniel)
Saint Barnabas, Apostle Memorial	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	10am 5:30pm 7pm	Mass for Missionaries Worldwide Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm) Fides Session (6:40 for 7pm)
Our Lord Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest Feast	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30am 10am 10:30am	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Deacon Barry's Birthday Bible Study in the upper hall OT Book of Exodus
Saint Anthony of Padua	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Mass for G/E Archbishop John Wilson
The Blessed Virgin Mary	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30am 10am 10am 5pm 6pm	First Holy Communion Preparation in the main hall Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Pauline Fuller RIP (Mary & Family) Confirmation Preparation in the upper hall Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Regina Illah RIP (Colin)
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	9am  11am  3pm 6pm	Mass for Regina Illah RIP (Theresa Gordon) & Fr Peter Arnold Anniversary (Keith & Theresa) Coffee after Mass Mass for Dennis & Marie McGeeney RIP (Brigid & Family) & Thanksgiving 5 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Jobins & Cigi 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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## First reading

Acts 2:1-11

**‘They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speak.’**

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a might rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians – we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.’

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## Responsorial

Psalm

**Psalm 104 (103):1ab.24ac. 29b-30. 31. 34 R.cf.30**

*Send forth your spirit, O lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

*Or: Alleluia*

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, how great you are!

How many are your works, O LORD!

The earth is full of your creatures.

*Send forth your spirit, O lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

*Or: Alleluia*

You take away their breath, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, and they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

*Send forth your spirit, O lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

*Or: Alleluia*

May the glory of the LORD last forever;

May the LORD rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

*Send forth your spirit, O lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

*Or: Alleluia*

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## Second reading

Romans 8:8-17

**‘For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God’**

Brothers and sisters: Those who are flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia,

alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

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## Gospel

John 14:15-16. 23b-26

**‘The Holy Spirit will teach you all things.’**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever. If anyone loves me, will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

‘These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said.’

## 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.**