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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR STELLA MARIS (FORMERLY THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA)

WE WELCOME FR. STAN CHUKWUBE, CSSp FOR SUMMER SUPPLY.

BEST WISHES FOR 17TH PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY OF FR. LEO-19TH OF JULY.

YOUTH SUNDAY: MASS FOR ALL OUR YOUNG PEOPLE: Our Mass today is dedicated to all our young people in the Parish. We have the members of the Adult Youth Group- 'Familia Una' doing the readings, singing the psalm, leading the prayers of the Faithful, servings as welcomers and servings as collectors today. They are all seated together, boldly bearing witness and inviting all the many other young people who are not yet part to Join them. The Familia Una- Adult youth group is for all young people from about the age of 16 to 35. They meet every Sunday at St. Paul's, praying together, supporting each other, leaning and sharing together about faith and life. As a Church, we consider the Youth ministry as a priority and we shall continue to ask for your support for them in any way possible. **We are planning ahead for the WORLD YOUTH DAY IN 2027 IN SOUTH KOREA. Be part of their journey.**

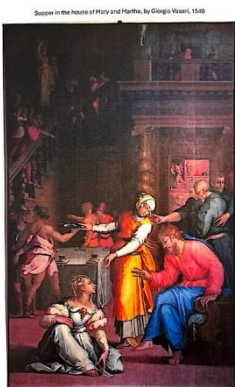


MEMBERS OF THE ADULT YOUTH GROUP- FAMILIA UNA



MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP AND MUSTARD SEED

GOSPEL REFLECTION: CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY: MARTHA & MARY-LK 10:38-42



The central themes of today's readings are the importance of Christian hospitality. The human society in general talks about hospitality and it is being practiced in all cultures in different forms. But for us Christians, hospitality is not just an act of humanitarian concern or civility; our hospitality is a reflection of the nature of Christ and whenever we show hospitality, it is for the glory of God, it flows from the Love of God for us which we are inspired to share to everyone. Anytime we show hospitality, we are responding to the Love of God in our neighbours, following the biblical mandate of the Lord: 'whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do unto me; When I was hungry you give me to eat, when I was thirsty you give me to drink, when I was homeless you gave me a home'...(Matt 25).

In the First Reading; we are presented with the beautiful story of Abraham; our Father in Faith. God manifests Himself to Abraham in an unexpected and mysterious way appearing in the form of three men who stand before him, seemingly ordinary yet quietly divine. Abraham, recognizing

their significance, warmly welcomes them and urgently pleads with them to stay, rest, and share a meal. In this sacred encounter, hospitality becomes the threshold for revelation and covenant.

In our gospel passage, Jesus gently teaches us the essence of true hospitality. While both Mary and Martha express their welcome in different ways, He commends Mary for choosing "the better part"; a posture of attentive listening and presence. Many spiritual writers interpret this as an affirmation of contemplation: that being with the Lord sometimes takes precedence over doing for the Lord. Yet the story doesn't diminish action; rather, it invites a balance. In the rhythm of Christian life, both contemplation and action are essential. We are called to serve like Martha, and to listen like Mary, each in its time, each with love. Every gesture of care offered to neighbor or to stranger is seen and honored by God, who does not overlook even the smallest act of goodness.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2024. This weekend we are publishing our Parish Financial Summary for 2024. You can find it on the notice board at the back of both churches. The total income for the year 2024 was £161,252.



This is an increase of almost £40,000 on the previous year, due mainly to our Planned Giving Drive in 2024. This is an amazing achievement and I wish to thank all those who have increased their offertory giving. Our expenditure was £174,339. Much of this increase in expenditure is due to rising costs, especially in gas, electricity and other utilities. If you have not yet completed an Offertory Giving or Time and Talents pledge form, or you wish to increase your offertory, forms are available at the back of church. Please hand completed forms to one of the clergy. God Bless you all. Fr Leo.

FR. GODWIN will be with us next weekend as we say goodbye and thank him for his ministry to our parish. You can still donate to a monetary gift on our CollecTins or through our website: <https://givealittle.co/c/e8b66750-4ea0-478c-9ff7-53f823fdc306>. **We will combine our celebrations with Fr. Godwin's 7th Priestly Anniversary and Fr. Leo's birthday, on 28th & 29th July respectively.** Fr. Godwin will celebrate **6pm Mass in St Paul's next Saturday evening, 26th July**, followed by a send forth celebration in the Presbytery Garden, weather permitting. On **Sunday 27th**, he will celebrate the **11am Mass at St. Finbarr's**, followed by a celebration after the Mass combined with **St Finbarr's Family Fun Day**. All are welcome.

PERMANENT DIACONATE. Today, **20th July**, we pray for our Permanent Deacons and for new vocations to this ministry at the **11am Mass St Finbarr's**. Are you a man aged 21–58, prayerful, active in parish and community life, and drawn to deeper service in the Church? God may be calling you to be a Permanent Deacon. To discern this call, speak with a priest or Barry Barton, our Parish Deacon, or visit the diocesan website at <https://rcaos.org.uk/vocations/is-god-calling-me/the-diaconate/> or contact the Diaconate Formation Director via e-mail: ianblack@rcaos.org.uk for more information. Deacon Barry.

MUSTARD SEED CHILDREN'S LITURGY. The Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy will be on today, at 9:00am in the Upper Hall of St Paul's. Please note that Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy will be **taking a break in August and will start again in September**.

ST. FINBARR'S FAMILY FUN DAY. Our family fun day is next **Sunday, 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. This Family Day is special as we shall combine this with the farewell for Fr. Godwin at St. Finbarr's. We look forward to seeing you there.

ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY ST PAUL'S. Thursday's pre 10am Mass rosary and post Mass bible study will take place on **Thursday, 24th July. OT Book of Exodus**.

DANIELLE SUTTON. The interment of Dany's ashes will take place on **Friday 25th July at 11am, St Mary's Parish Church, Dover**. Dany's ashes will join those of her husband Terry Sutton who died in February 2024. Parishioners of St Paul's are welcome to attend the internment. Deacon Barry.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Carl John Davis who died recently. Carl's funeral service will take place on **Friday 25th July at 11am at St Paul's**. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory, Amen.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2025 - Calling all grandchildren! Calling all grandparents! You are invited to celebrate the role that grandparents play in families and to say a special 'thank you' to God for grandparents on **Sunday 3rd August** at both the **9am** and **11am** Masses at St Paul's, and at the **11am** Mass at St Finbarr's. Grandparents and grandchildren after either of the 2 Masses at St Paul's are invited to stay to enjoy summer refreshments and each other's company in the hall. Deacon Barry.

GRANDPARENTS' MASS 3RD AUGUST: INSTRUCTIONS FOR PICTURES AND PRAYERS INVITATION. We would like the children of the parish to draw or paint a picture of their grandparent(s) and / or write a short prayer thanking God for them. These will be used to decorate St Paul's Church as part of the celebration of the Mass. Full details of how to do this are located in a basket at the back of St Paul's. Please take one home. Deacon Barry

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON is holding a Celebration of **St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent** on Bank Holiday **Monday, 25th August 2025** from **10:30 am to 4pm**. The reflection day will include teachings on the **Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus**. All welcome. Call Millie on **07957 594646**.

ARCHBISHOP'S CERTIFICATE (ArchCert) A Life-Changing Opportunity! The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course open to all in Southwark and beyond. It helps you explore your faith more deeply and share it with confidence and joy. The course begins on **18th October 2025**. **Cost: £400 per year (£800 total)**, plus a **£50 non-refundable registration fee**. More info and registration: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

THE WELL: AN EVENING OF BEAUTY, REFLECTION & EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL Youth Groups and Confirmation candidates. Join Christopher West and musician Mike Mangione at St George's Cathedral on **Thursday 11th September 6:30pm to 9:30pm** for an evening of music and inspiration. Tickets are £21 – selling fast! Book now: <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/dyfmqaly> Contact Fr Dermott: dermottogorman@rcaos.org.uk

Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
2025		
Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy	Every Third Sunday 9am (20 th July)	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude's Prayer Group	Every Third Monday 2pm – 3pm (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	Restarts Saturday 6 th September	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Parish Family Day	Sunday 27 th July	St Finbarr's Aylesham
Grandparents & the Elderly Day	Sunday 3 rd August	Both Churches
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 CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

OUR CONTEXT OF SIN AND GRACE

- Inhospitable
 - Hostile
 - Emphasis on externals
 - Always eating, drinking, partying, gimmicking
 - Mission without formation
 - Irreligious and irreverent meetings/groups.
- Christians who don't receive, or ignore the sacraments

- Accommodating/ Welcoming
- Knows his/her priorities
- Interior Christian life
- Lectio divina/ Scripture
- Visit to the Blessed Sacrament
- Holy Hour
- Formed Catholics
- Can see the relation of the Word of God to their lives

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 death anniversaries occur this week:

St Finbarr's: Harry & Hilda Elworthy, Sandra Lane McCann, William Albert Willson, Joseph Mather, Henry Coates, Mary Elizabeth Hoy, Sir Patrick Sheehy

St Paul's: Phyllis Page, Brigid Clark, Ida Madeleine Huntley, Nick Sanders, Angela Dyer, Bill Naylor, Kathleen Hodgson, John Downie, William Wilson, Dr Gregory McSwiggen, Michael Maher, Dudley Michael Wilmshurst, Tony Medhurst, Ada Willis, John Henry O'Brien, Fr Geoffrey Winchester, Dominic Grilli, Fr Geoffrey Dove, Maura Sanders, Mary Golding, Ronald Barrings, June Margaret Giordani

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST FINBARR'S			
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 20 th July	11am	Mass for Jean Cable RIP (Audrey)
SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST	Monday 21 st July	7pm	SYCAMORE Course Fides & Bible Study Combined
SAINT BRIDGET RELIGIOUS PATRON OF EUROPE FEAST	Wednesday 23 rd July	10am	Mass for The Homeless
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 27 th July	11am	Mass for The Conversion of England followed by Family Fun Day and Goodbye to Fr. Godwin.
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S			
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OR SAINT JOHN PLESSINGTON, PRIEST AND MARTYR	Saturday 19 th July	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Fr Leo's 17 th Priestly Ordination Anniversary Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Janet Kerr
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 20 th July	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for G/E Patricia Doolin (Keith & Theresa) Mustard Seeds Children's Liturgy in the Upper Hall Coffee after Mass Mass for Ida Madeleine Huntley RIP (Mary) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Faith and Life Sessions for Familia Una Youth Group in the Upper Hall
SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	Monday 21 st July	10am 2pm	Mass for Frances Nee St. Jude's Prayer Group in the Hall
SAINT MARY MAGDALENE	Tuesday 22 nd July	10am	Mass for Kim Ojana RIP (Charity)
SAINT BRIDGET RELIGIOUS PATRON OF EUROPE	Wednesday 23 rd July	10am 5:30pm 7pm	Mass for Holy Souls (Kumari Wijesinghe) Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm) Fides Session in the Hall
SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLUF, PRIEST OR SAINT JOHN BOSTE, PRIEST AND MARTYR	Thursday 24 th July	9:30am 10am 10:30am	Holy Rosary in the church Mass for Kevin Bennett RIP (Tim) Bible Study OT Book of Exodus
SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE	Friday 25 th July	10am 11am	Mass for Robert & Mary Golding RIP (Colin) Funeral Service for Carl Davis
SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Saturday 26 th July	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for Maria Calnan RIP (Tim) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Fr. Godwin (7 th Priestly Anniversary) followed by refreshments in the presbytery garden
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 27 th July	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Fr. Leo (Birthday) Coffee after Mass Mass for Youth Ministry of the Parish 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 20th July 2025

First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

'O Lord, do not pass by your servant.'

In those days: The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, 'O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, 'Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it and make cakes.' And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife?' And he said, 'She is in the tent.' The Lord said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15(14):2-3a.3b-4b.5.R.1a

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Or: Alleluia

Whoever walks without fault;
who does what is righteous,
and speaks the truth from his heart;
whoever does not slander with his tongue.

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Or: Alleluia

Who does no wrong to a neighbour,
who casts no slur on a friend,
who looks with scorn on the wicked,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Or: Alleluia

Who lends no money at interest,
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a one shall never be shaken.

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Or: Alleluia

Second Reading

Colossians 1:24-28

'The mystery hidden for ages but now revealed to his saints.'

Brothers and sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God in an honest and good heart,
and bear fruit with patience.

Alleluia.

cf. Luke 8:15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Or: Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 10:38:42

'Martha welcomed him. Mary has chosen the good portion.'

At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.'

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.