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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C – 10TH AUGUST 2025

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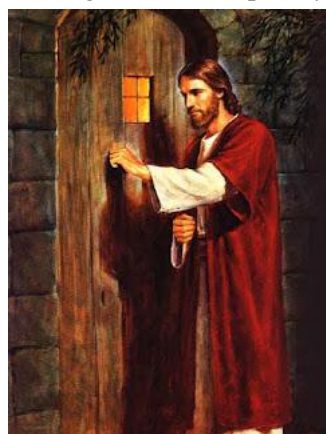
*Friday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and a Holy Day of Obligation.*

Mass in St Paul's 10am & 7pm, and in St Finbarr's 7pm

*Happy 81st Birthday to Fr. Jamie on Monday. May God Bless Your
New Age with Grace. Thank you for your ministry to our Parish.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION: BE READY – WIS 18:6-9; HEB 11:1-2, 8-19; LK 12:32-48

The central theme of today's readings is the necessity for us, as followers of Christ, both to believe in God's promises, trusting in Him completely, and to become, and remain, vigilant, always prepared to meet our God as our Judge and Rewarder at the unknown time of our coming death. Fidelity in doing God's will is the best preparation for our death.



The first reading from (Wis 18: 6-9) tells us that the Jews of old lived with courage because of the sure knowledge of the promises of God in which they put their faith. In the second reading St Paul says, Faith is confident assurance concerning what we hope for and conviction about things we do not see. In the Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to trust the Father's promise to give them eternal happiness in His kingdom. But they are to be prepared at all times, because the Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour, either at the moment of their death or at the end of the world, whichever comes first.

Since no one is sure about the time and circumstances of one's death, we must be ever prepared to face Jesus our Lord and Savior as our Judge at the moment of our death to give an account of our lives. Jesus wants to see that we have kept our personal relationship with him by growing in holiness. Such a growth is assisted by daily talking to him and listening to him in Bible reading; by asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit every day; by recharging our spiritual batteries through offering our lives on the altar and getting spiritual nourishment in Holy Communion during the Holy Mass; by getting reconciled with God every day, asking for His pardon and forgiveness with a repentant heart, and seeking His forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for serious sins; and by obeying Jesus' commandment of love by serving all the people around us, sacrificially sharing our blessings with them, and seeing the face of Jesus in everyone. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him and he with me" (Rev.3:20).

HANDBAG FOUND – A handbag was found in **St. Paul's Church on Sunday July 20th**. Please see **Theresa Wells** after **9am Mass on Sunday**.

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - ACTION NEEDED! The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on **Friday 12 September**. Right To Life UK has launched an **EasyAction** tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!

PLEASE PRAY FOR Gordon Goodacre from St Margaret's Bay who recently died. Gordon's funeral will take place on **Tuesday 12th August at 1pm in St Paul's**. May he Rest in Peace & Rise in Glory, Amen.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2025 – Thank you to all the grandchildren, parents, grandparents and parishioners of all ages who supported, in any way, this



celebration day, **3rd August 2025**. Twenty pictures and drawings were received from grandchildren depicting their grandparents and all were used in the montage at St Paul's. Some pictures were handed in, others were received in the post from those grandchildren who could not be at any of the 4 celebratory Masses at **St Paul's** and **St Finbarr's**, but still wanted to participate by submitting their pictures. Deacon Barry preached at St Paul's and Fr. Jamie at St



Finbarr's. The bidding prayers were all written by the children with assistance from **Laura Briant, Mustard Seeds and Junior Youth Group leader**. They were read out at all the Masses by representatives of the children who wrote them. The children at **St Finbarr's** drew their grandparents and told everyone about their grandparents, 2 young people read out poems.



After each of the Sunday morning Masses all parishioners were invited into the hall at St Paul's where 100 freshly baked scones, clotted cream and strawberry jam were enthusiastically consumed and all washed down with tea and coffee. **Members of Familia Una**, under the leadership of Christina Empson, kindly served the refreshments supported by many parish volunteers. Deacon Barry.

THANK YOU - All the Grandparents would like to thank the young people who helped serve the refreshments at St Paul's, and to those grandchildren who drew the pictures and read out their special bidding prayers.

COLLECTIONS FOR JULY: Cash & CollecTin £3,635.81; Bankers Orders £3,382.00; Stella Maris £287.64; Thank you for your generosity. God bless.

HOLY ROSARY AT ST PAUL'S. Thursday's Holy Rosary will take place at 9.30am. The Bible Study has taken a break for August and will reconvene on **Thursday, 11th September** following the 10am Mass.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AT ST PAUL'S. Please note there will be no Sunday Morning Coffee after the 9am Mass during August. We will **restart on Sunday 7th September**.

FAMILIA UNA YOUNG ADULTS YOUTH GROUP will not be meeting during August. They will **restart in September**. Date to be confirmed.

ST FINBARR'S SYCAMORE COURSE, FIDES & BIBLE STUDY will be taking a break during August and **resume in September**. Date to be confirmed.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST FINBARR'S. The Children's Liturgy at St. Finbarr's will be taking a break for the month of August. They will **resume in September**. Have a lovely holiday. Best wishes Fran and Sophie.

DONATIONS FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES. We are looking for donations of board games, sports equipment and crafts for The Mustard Seeds and Junior Youth Group. If you have anything no longer in use, it would be greatly appreciated! A box will be left at the back of the church for donations. If anybody would like to donate a large item, please speak to George or Laura or email laakennett@gmail.com.

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**.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP - FAITH - HOPE – CHARITY - Junior Youth Group will reconvene on **Saturday, 6th September 1 - 4pm**, for **9 to 15 year olds**. Sessions will be the **1st Saturday of every month**. Children will need a contact form for safeguarding purposes, and we kindly ask for a **voluntary £3 donation** to help with running costs. We will meet to grow in faith, spread hope by living the gospel values, and care for our parish and community through charity. Join us and have fun! More details to follow.

Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
2025		
Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy	Every Third Sunday 9am Restarts 21 st September	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude's Prayer Group	Every Third Monday 2pm – 3pm (18 th August)	St Paul's Hall, Dover
'Familia Una' Adult Youth Group	Every Sunday 6pm (No meeting in August)	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
SYCAMORE Course, Fides & Bible Study, all combined session	Every Monday 7pm (No meeting in August)	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
Junior Youth Group	Every First Saturday 1pm – 4pm Restarts Saturday 6 th September	St Paul's Hall, Dover
Harvest Festival Mass	Sunday 5 th October 9am	St Paul's Church, 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 – DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE IN RAPTURE?

"Rapture" is the recently proposed (18th century), doctrine taught by certain groups of fundamentalist Christians. It states that at the end of the world, Jesus will come on the clouds of heaven, and the righteous (born again Christians) will be "raptured," that is, caught up into the air, to be with Christ. They will be separated from sinners who will remain on the earth to endure a period of great suffering ("the Great Tribulation"). Then Jesus will come back a third time and rule the earth a thousand years ("Millennial Reign"). It is unbiblical theory made by combining the events described in *Revelation*, *Daniel*, *Matthew 24* and *I Thessalonians* as one story, ignoring their contexts.



The Catholic Church teaches that, at the end of time, Jesus will return to judge the living and the dead. At this time, everyone who is dead, just and unjust, will have a bodily resurrection and those who are alive, will have their bodies transformed for eternity. Those still in Purgatory will be released, joining the risen and the still-living, transformed just. Then the Last Judgment will take place. Catholics do not generally use the term *Rapture*, nor do they believe in a Rapture that will take place sometime before the Second Coming, as do many Evangelicals. "Rapture" is a "modern heresy" resulted from the misinterpretation of the Bible.

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: Helen Scopes, 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: Irene Plews, William Butler, Moira Veronica Harding, John Sharpe, Antony Arthur Deverson, Ronnie Gunson, Keith Purbrick, Thomas Brendan Canning, Pat Donnachie.

St Paul's: Clara Castle, Ann Gildert, Elizabeth Wilson, Peter Heron, Patricia Ann Revell, Mary Elms, Albin Tarlowski, James Pheonix, Eileen Bishop, Gerry Partridge, Joe Corry, Beatrice Mary Shepherd, Peter Charles Bygrave, Terence Ryan, Berenice Marples, Mary Hilda Watkins, Sr, Marcelle, Allan Bernard Lee Watson, Sean O'Sullivan, Sheila O'Neill.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 10 th August	11am	Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood
SAINTS PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS	Wednesday 13 th August	10am	Mass for the Persecuted throughout the World
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	Friday 15 th August	7pm	Mass for People of the Parish
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 17 th August	11am	Mass for Residents of the Retirement Homes

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN AND MARTYR, PATRON OF EUROPE	Saturday 9 th August	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for The Smye-Rumsby Family Intention (Mary) Confessions in the Church (until 5:45pm) Mass for The Parish Family (Sheila)
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 10 th August	9am 11am 3pm	Mass for G/E Sheila's Family (Sheila) Mass for Peace in Ukraine Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SAINT CLARE, VIRGIN, MEMORIAL	Monday 11 th August	10am	Mass for Fr. Jamie (Birthday)
SAINT JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS	Tuesday 12 th August	10am 1pm	Mass for Juliana de Silva RIP (Daniel) Requiem Mass for Gordon Goodacre
SAINTS PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS	Wednesday 13 th August	10am 5:30pm 7pm	Mass for G/E Geoffrey Morris (Tim) Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm) Fides Session in the Hall
SAINT MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE, PRIEST AND MARTYR, MEMORIAL	Thursday 14 th August	10am	Mass for Vocations to Religious Life
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	Friday 15 th August	10am 7pm	Mass for Jamie O'Neill Birthday (Tim) Mass for Seminarians
SAINT STEPHEN OF HUNGARY OR THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Saturday 16 th August	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for the Persecuted throughout the World Confessions in the Church (until 5:45pm) Mass for Mary Elizabeth Stokes 'F'
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 17 th August	9am 11am 3pm	Mass for Respect for the Sanctity of Life (Tim) Mass for People of the Parish Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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Readings for Sunday 10th August 2025

First Reading

Wisdom 18:6-9

'By the same means by which you punished our-enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us.'

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(32):1, 12. 18-19. 20,22. R.1

Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.

Or: Alleluia

Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just;
for praise is fitting from the upright.

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen as his heritage.

Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.

Or: Alleluia

Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him, who
hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.

Or: Alleluia

Our soul is waiting for the LORD.

He is our help and our shield.

May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD.

Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.

Or: Alleluia

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

'He was looking forward to the city whose designer and builder is God.'

Brothers and sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them

from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, 'Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.' He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Alleluia.

Matthew 24:42a,44

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

'You also must be ready.'

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples,

'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with money bags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that servant says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming," and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful.

And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.'

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.