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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C – 24TH AUGUST 2025

Missal P920 Order of the Mass P470

GOSPEL REFLECTION: IS 66:18-21; HEB 12:5-7, 11-13; LK 13:22-30

Today's scripture readings are on God's invitation to all to be his people, and to enter through the narrow gate. Jesus is the door to the Father.

The first reading from Isaiah says that the time has come to gather all nations and tongues and they shall proclaim his glory. From among them he will also take priests and Levites. The responsorial Psalm calls for a worldwide proclamation of the good news of salvation. In the second reading St Paul says that God disciplines those he loves just as any good father does. All disciples have to endure this discipline because for the moment they seem painful but in the long run it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.



In the Gospel reading we see Jesus while making his way to Jerusalem was teaching and stopping in villages and towns. On this occasion someone asked Jesus "Lord, will those to be saved be few?" Jesus did not answer that question but took that opportunity to say that salvation would not be automatic. Salvation is like coming through a narrow door. This does not say that only a few will be saved. Rather that entering it is not determined simply by the easy way of belonging to a certain ethnic or religious group, but rather by the much more demanding way of living a responsible life of human goodness and love as Jesus himself did. He is telling us, that while salvation is indeed universal, we must not look upon it with any spirit of complacency, as if we are somehow or other more specially favoured by God. In John 10:7-9 Jesus describes himself as 'the gate of the sheepfold'. Therefore to enter through the narrow door is to learn to live like Jesus did. We must remember the example that he gives us. He accepted and carried out the father's will. Again, his life was constantly reaching out to the poor, the neglected, and the despondent.

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - ACTION NEEDED! The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on **Friday, 12th 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!

HOLY ROSARY AT ST PAUL'S. Next Thursday's pre 10am mass recitation of the rosary will take place on **Thursday 21st August**.

THE BIBLE STUDY has taken a break for August and will reconvene on **Thursday, 11th September** following the 10am Mass.

PASTORS COMMISSIONING SERVICE INVITATION - Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the commissioning service for the new School, Rail, Street and Prayer Pastors on **Friday, 5th September 2025, 6.30pm for 7pm start, One Church, Noah's Arc Rd, Dover, CT17 0DD**. RSVP to secretary.dover@streetpastors.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR. Mr. Dennis William Jones, aged 92, who passed away on the **24th July**. Dennis was a long-standing parishioner of **St Finbarr's**, and is lovingly remembered by his wife, Rose. As a young man he helped lay the bricks at the entrance of the church. The funeral service will be held at **Barham Crematorium** on **Friday, 5th September, at 12:00 noon**. The family warmly invites you to attend. Donations in Dennis' memory may be made to **Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity** via the website of **J. Dilnot Smith & Son Funeral Directors**.

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.

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.

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**.

SHRINE OF SAINT JUDE: FOOTPRINTS OF HOPE - At the Shrine of Saint Jude in Faversham, we have created a beautiful new path called **'Footprints of Hope.'** This walkway offers a special way to remember loved ones. This is the last opportunity to add a name to this lasting tribute for just **£30** per brick. There is no limit on how many bricks you can order, and every name will form part of this symbol of hope and peace. If you would like to be a part of this lasting tribute of hope and peace, you must place your order by **29th August 2025** at www.stjudeshrine.org.uk/footprints or call **01795 539 214**. Additionally, more details can be found at the back of the church.

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/dyfmqalv> Contact Fr. Dermott: dermottogorman@rcaos.org.uk

MARCH FOR LIFE UK. Join March for Life UK on **Saturday 6th September, in London!** The right to life underpins every other right we have and without it, every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society their most basic right, the right to life, which is why this year's theme is **'Human Rights for All Humans'**. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk or email info@marchforlife.co.uk

ANNUAL DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS **Saturday 20 September** – **Registration now open!** You are invited to join us for a day filled with teachings and prayer and a chance to meet fellow Catechists. Join us at St George's Cathedral, SE1 6HU from 10am. Registration and choice of workshops can be found at aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2025

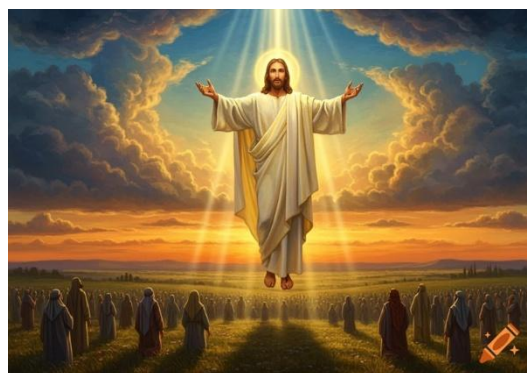
COURSE FOR ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES. Have you seen the amazing SycamOre series about adults and their faith? The next online course for married and engaged couples begins on **Tuesday, September 9th** and continues on **Sept 16th, 23rd and 30th 2025**. Please contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk for more information.

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS - Canterbury Franciscan Solitude Group – 25th Anniversary. We invite all who are inspired by St Francis and his legacy to join us for a special day marking our 25th year. **Care for Creation** – Celebrating St Francis's care for creation through fraternity, talks, and reflection. **Saturday 4 October, 10 am–3 pm**, St Thomas' Church Hall, Canterbury. Free of charge. Further information can be found on the registration link, stfrancis2025canterbury.eventbrite.co.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 Restarts 21st September	St Paul’s Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude’s Prayer Group	Every Third Monday 2pm – 3pm (15th September)	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 6th September	St Paul’s Upper Hall, Dover
Junior Youth Group	Every First Saturday 1pm – 4pm Restarts Saturday 6th September	St Paul’s Hall, Dover
Harvest Festival Mass	Sunday 5th October 9am	St Paul’s Church, Dover
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

CATECHISM – Justification by Grace

Justification is by the infusion of sanctifying grace and the theological virtues (**faith, hope, and charity**), by means of which the human person becomes God’s acceptable child, his loving friend, an heir of eternal life (**Jn 15:15, Rom 8:14-17, Gal 4:7**). The Catholic teaching is that forgiveness of sin is not isolated from this re-creation by sanctifying grace (**Gal 6:15**), but comes hand-in-hand with it. Hence, it is inseparable from the first form of justification as forgiveness of sin. Our Redemption is not, and cannot be, accomplished by works of law.



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: John, Gerard Kirwan, Iris Sarah Doyle, Madge Douglas

St Paul’s: Louise Giordani, Alice Fall, Frederick William Millar, Mary Morris, Cardinal Cormac Murphy O’Connor, Frederik Marples, Majorie Wells, Bill Doolin, Louise King, Esther Mee, Terry Salter, Marie Donovan, Sr. Veronica Clemow, James O’Rourke, Charles Frederick Sayers, Julie Searles, Michael Tivnan, Kathy Santham

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 24th August	11am	Mass for The Church in Asia
SAINT MONICA MEMORIAL	Wednesday 27th August	10am	Mass for The Sick of the Parish
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 31st August	11am	Mass for The Spread of the Gospel
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
SAINT ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN OR SAINT ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN OR THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Saturday 23rd August	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for Those who have received exam results Confessions in the Church (until 5:45pm) Mass for Fr. Jamie's Birthday (Keith and Theresa)
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 24th August	9am 11am 3pm	Mass for Gordon Goodacre - RIP (Anne and Peter) Mass for Roberto Gismondi – RIP (Angelina) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SAINT LOUIS OR SAINT JOSEPH OF CALASANZ, PRIEST	Monday 25th August	10am	Mass for Ian Thomas Barber – RIP (Colin)
BLESSED DOMINIC OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, PRIEST	Tuesday 26th August	10am	Mass for The Hungry of the World
SAINT MONICA MEMORIAL	Wednesday 27th August	10am 5:30pm 7pm	Mass for The Youth of the Parish Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm) Fides Session in the Hall
SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, MEMORIAL	Thursday 28th August	9:30am 10am	The Rosary Mass for World Peace
THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST, MEMORIAL	Friday 29th August	10am	Mass for The Bereaved
SAINTS MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE AND MARGARET WARD, MARTYRS, MEMORIAL	Saturday 30th August	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for Those Returning to University and School for the new Academic Year Confessions in the Church (until 5:45pm) Mass for Parish Volunteers
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 31st August	9am 11am 3pm	Mass for Sue Barton - Birthday (Mary) Mass for The Spread of the Gospel Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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Readings for Sunday 24th August 2025

First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21

'They shall bring all your brothers from all the nations.'

Thus says the LORD:

'For I know their works and their thoughts,
and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues.
And they shall come and shall see my glory,
and I will set a sign among them.
And from them I will send survivors to the nations,
to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow,
to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away,
that have not heard my fame or seen my glory.
And they shall declare my glory among the nations.
And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations
as an offering to the LORD,
on horses and in chariots and in litters
and on mules and on dromedaries,
to my holy mountain Jerusalem,' says the LORD,
'just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean
vessel to the house of the LORD.
And some of them also
I will take for priests and for Levites,' says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(116): 1. 2. R. Mark 16:15

*Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.
Or: Alleluia*

O praise the Lord, all you nations;
acclaim him, all you peoples!
*Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.
Or: Alleluia*

For his mercy has prevailed over us;
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
*Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.
Or: Alleluia*

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7. 11-13

'The Lord disciplines the one he loves.'

Brothers and sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.' It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia.

John 14:6

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

'People will come from east and west, and recline at the table in the kingdom of God.'

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then he will answer you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!" In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'

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.