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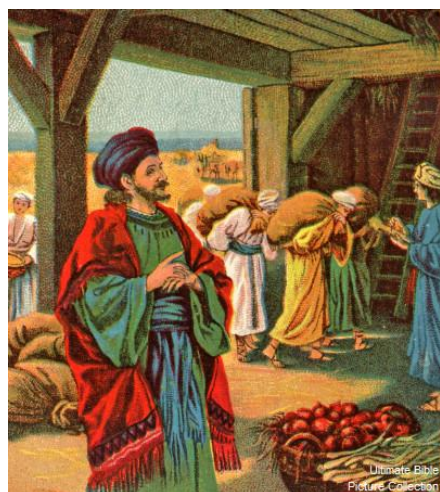
## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C – 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2025

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*Today we Celebrate World Grandparents and The Elderly Day.*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Today's Scripture warns us of the futility of the greedy acquisition of wealth and power because everything and everyone is "here today and gone tomorrow." For the meaning of life cannot be found in selfishly hoarding wealth and possessions. The first reading from Ecclesiastes says that concern for material possessions is vanity, utter futility. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 90), the Psalmist challenges us to listen to God and allow Him to soften our hearts that we may share our blessings with others. In the second reading, St. Paul directs our attention to lasting, heavenly treasures and warns that greed for wealth and influence is idolatry. And in the gospel from Luke (LK 12: 13-21) Jesus, in telling the parable of the foolish rich man, warns us against all types of greed – the acquisition of material possessions; the approval and praise of others; the excessive desire for power, control, or fame; the sinful indulgence in eating, drinking, gambling, drugs, or sexual activities. Greed takes our life's focus away from God and away from serving and loving Him in Himself and in other people.



We must enter into the serious consideration to which these Scriptures call us. Are our values to be found primarily in living the so-called good life, in being comfortably well off, in having money, success, security, prosperity and an ever-higher standard of living? Or are our values to be found primarily in bringing about the kingdom of God. May God give us the grace to realize the emptiness of earthly possessions, and the spirit of sharing our blessings with others.

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2025 - Calling all grandchildren! Calling all grandparents!** Today Sunday, 3rd August, at St Paul's for both Masses, 9am and 11am, and St Finbarr's at 11am, we celebrate the special role that grandparents play in our families and give a heartfelt 'thank you' to God for grandparents everywhere. We note Pope Leo's encouraging message to both grandparents and the elderly that can be found on the Vatican website at <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/grandparents/documents/20250626-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>. We also note the contact details of Dover School Pastors for any parishioners who may be interested in finding out more about the role of a school pastor and the training involved. School Pastors Coordinator, 07742 19628, [dover@schoolpastors.org.uk](mailto:dover@schoolpastors.org.uk). Please join us, in the hall, immediately after the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses to celebrate all things grandparents. Deacon Barry.

**FR. LEO AWAY ON BREAK FOR AUGUST:** Fr. Leo will be away from the parish until the 28<sup>th</sup> of August. While he is away, Fr. Jamie will be responsible for the Parish, assisted by Fr. Stanislaus Chukwube, CSSp and Rev. Barry. Mary will look after all the office demands. Please keep Fr. Leo in your prayers.

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

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

**FR. GODWIN** wishes to thank and appreciate everyone for your very generous collection, gifts and cards, and your presence at his farewell Masses last weekend. Also, thank you to Dr. Erin and her students for the wonderful Indian 'Bharatanatyam' Dance. May God bless you All and your generosity. Fr. Godwin.



*Some of St. Finbarr's Parishioners  
with Fr. Godwin, Fr. Leo & Fr. Stan*



*Fr. Godwin and Indian Dance  
Students at St Paul's*

**ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY ST PAUL'S.** Thursday's pre 10am Mass rosary will take place on **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> August**. The Bible Study Group are taking a break over August and will reconvene on **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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, apart from **today, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August for Grandparents Day**. We will **restart on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:laakennett@gmail.com).

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP - FAITH - HOPE – CHARITY** - Junior Youth Group will be restarting on **Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dermottogorman@rcaos.org.uk)

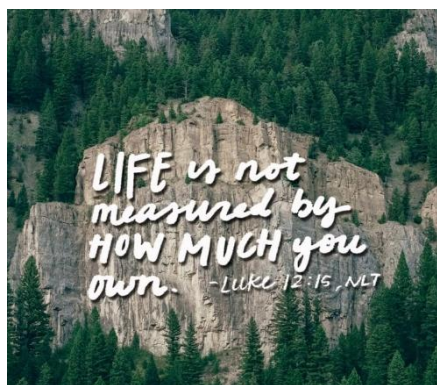
**COURSE FOR ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES.** Have you seen the amazing Sycamore series about adults and their faith? The next online course for married and engaged couples begins on **Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** and continues on **Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 2025**.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

**CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES.** The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs> for further information.



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 <sup>st</sup> September	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude's Prayer Group	Every Third Monday 2pm – 3pm (18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> September	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Junior Youth Group	Every First Saturday 1pm – 4pm Restarts Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	St Paul's Hall, Dover
Harvest Festival Mass	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 9am	St Paul's Church, Dover
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 - THE TENTH COMMANDMENT



The tenth commandment forbids *greed* and the desire to amass earthly goods without limit. It forbids *avarice* arising from a passion for riches and their attendant power. It also forbids the desire to commit injustice by harming our neighbor in his temporal goods. When the Law says, "You shall not covet," these words mean that we should banish our desires for whatever does not belong to us. Our thirst for another's goods is immense, infinite, never quenched. Thus it is written: "He who loves money never has money enough." The precept of detachment from riches is obligatory for entrance into the Kingdom of heaven.

### 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:** Mabel Thatcher, Brian Lawrence West, Emil Bozzay, Susannah McLelland, Alan Lonie, Peter Murphy, Robert Brendan Dash, Peter Hugh, Alfred Kearon, Reginald Hugh Smith.

**St Paul's:** Basil Perry, Vera Salmon, Betty McWilliams, Roger Marsden, Sister Mary Hayes DC, Ellen Bartlett, Fr Henri Schembri SJ, Maurice McDade, John Sullivan, Joyce Naylor, Mary Wall, Des Murray, Robert Nolan, Frances Cowan, Ethel Bryson, Tony O'Neill, Vivian Woodward.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Mass for Peace in Gaza</b>
<b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass for Sick Parishioners</b>
<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Mass for Vocations</b>
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
<b>SAINT EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI, BISHOP OR SAINT PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST OR THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>10am 5pm 6pm</b>	<b>Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for G/E Veronika &amp; Ivo (Tim) Confessions in the Church (until 5.45pm) Mass for All Families travelling on holiday</b>
<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>9am 11am 3pm</b>	<b>Mass for Archbishop John &amp; his Ministry Refreshments after Mass to celebrate Grandparents Day Mass for Jean Mackenzie RIP (Robert) Refreshments after Mass to celebrate Grandparents Day Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>
<b>SAINT JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST, MEMORIAL, PATRON OF PARISH PRIESTS</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass for Catherine O'Brien 'F'</b>
<b>THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR</b>	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass for Robert Mackenzie birthday (Keith &amp; Theresa)</b>
<b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10am 5:30pm 7pm</b>	<b>Mass for Meg Dalziel RIP (Sheila) Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm) Fides Session in the Hall</b>
<b>SAINT SIXTUS II, POPE AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS OR SAINT CAJETAN, PRIEST.</b>	<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9:30am 10am</b>	<b>Holy Rosary in the church Ordinariate Mass for Sheila's Friends (Sheila)</b>
<b>SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST MEMORIAL</b>	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass for The Armstrong Family</b>
<b>SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN AND MARTYR, PATRON OF EUROPE</b>	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10am 5pm 6pm</b>	<b>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)</b>
<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9am 11am 3pm</b>	<b>Mass for G/E Sheila's Family (Sheila) Mass for Peace in Ukraine Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>

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# Readings for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025

## First Reading

**Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

*‘What has a man from all his toil.’*

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

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## Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 90(89):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17. R.1**

*O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.*

*Or: Alleluia*

You turn man back to dust,  
and say, ‘Return, O children of Adam.’  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
or like a watch in the night.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.*

*Or: Alleluia*

You sweep them away like a dream,  
like grass which is fresh in the morning.  
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;  
by evening it withers and fades.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.*

*Or: Alleluia*

Then teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Turn back, O Lord! How long?  
Show pity to your servants.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.*

*Or: Alleluia*

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us;  
give success to the work of our hands.

O give success to the work of our hands.

*O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.*

*Or: Alleluia*

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## Second Reading

**Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

*‘Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.’*

Brothers and sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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## Acclamation before the Gospel

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Alleluia.**

**Matthew 5:3**

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## Gospel

**Luke 12:13-21**

*‘The things you have prepared, whose will they be’*

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of one’s possessions.’ And he told them a parable, saying, ‘The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, “What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?” And he said, “I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” But God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.’

## 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.**