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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C – 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

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**TODAY WE WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S FR. VINCENT OMOKPAKPO MSP WHO
 WILL APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

**THE ANNUAL MASS COUNT BEGINS THIS WEEKEND FOR FOUR WEEKS
 WOULD THOSE WHO NORMALLY COUNT PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

PRIEST CORNER: I am away this weekend with some members of the Parish for a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. I will be praying for the needs of our Parish and for all our families. While I am away, a Priest from the Missionary Order of St. Paul will be making an appeal in our Parish; let us kindly support the Mission of the Church through him. Fr. Jamie will take care of any emergencies; I will return on Tuesday. God bless. Fr. Leo.

CONDOLENCES: We pray for the eternal repose of the Soul of **Clare Quigley** who has sadly died last Monday, 15th September at a young age after a protracted illness. We pray for Kathleen Quigley her mother and the members of the immediate family who have suffered so gravely in the situation. Clare was a loving member of our Parish community, and we shall keep her in our prayers. Funeral arrangements to be announced soon. Also this week we pray for **Mr. Anthony Joseph Perry** who has died recently. Tony is an elder brother to our Jenny Holt in the Parish. **May their Souls rest in Peace. Amen.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION: BE FAITHFUL IN LITTLE THINGS: LK 16:1-13.

In the first reading for today, Amos, the Prophet of social Justice, condemns the crooked business practices of the 8th century BC Jewish merchants of Judea, and reminds the Israelites, and us, to be faithful to our Covenant with Yahweh



by practicing justice and mercy as God's faithful stewards. He warns us also against making the goal of our life the gaining money by any means. In today's **Responsorial Psalm (Ps 113)**, the Psalmist reminds us that the All-seeing God protects and cares for the poor, singing, "Who is like the Lord, our God, Who is enthroned on high / and looks upon the Heavens and the earth below? / He raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill He lifts up the poor/ to seat them with princes, with the princes of His own people" (vv 5-8). In the **second reading**, St. Paul instructs the first century Judeo-Christians to become true stewards of the Gospel of Jesus, the only Mediator

between God and man, by preaching the "Good News" to pagans and including them in intercessory prayers as well. Today's **Gospel** story tells us about a crooked, but resourceful, manager and challenges us to use our blessings — time, talents, health, and wealth — wisely and justly so that they will serve us for our good, in eternity. We use our earthly wealth wisely when we spend it for our own needs in moderation and when we love and help the needy around us, because these are the purposes for which God has entrusted His blessings to us.

We need to be faithful in little things of life: Often we get so caught up in our work that we ignore the little things of life. But let us not ignore these little matters; things like dropping someone an encouraging note or extending people a simple, "Thank you." Similarly, we ought to take time out of our workday to help others in small things. As Saint John Chrysostom said, "Faithfulness in little things is a big thing." We may not be able to reach millions of people all over the world but in our own part of the world, we can faithfully do *little* things to point people toward Jesus. Our future opportunities in the eternal service of God largely depend on our stewardship in handling the little opportunities we have had on earth. As St. Teresa of Calcutta teaches us, "Do little things with great love."

EVANGELII GAUDIUM FOR C.A.S.E: There will be a second collection next **Sunday, 28th September** for the Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) - the **Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization** - this collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization.

MUSTARD SEED CHILDREN'S LITURGY This Sunday, at the **9am Mass**, St. Paul's.

HOLY ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY AT ST PAUL'S. The next pre 10am Mass recitation of the rosary and post Mass bible study, will take place on **Thursday, 25th September**. **OT Book of Exodus**.

THE FIDES SESSION at St Paul's this and every **Wednesday, at 6.40 for 7pm**.

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

FAMILIA UNA YOUNG ADULTS YOUTH GROUP. Familia UNA's Faith and Life meetings this and **every Sunday, at 6pm** in the Upper Room of St Paul's Hall.

THE NEXT ADULT RCIA COURSE will begin on **Monday, 6th October at 7pm in St Paul's Upper Hall**. If you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Catholic Faith please give them the date and invite them along.

HARVEST FESTIVAL MASS The **Mustard Seeds** are collecting items for Dover Foodbank. If your circumstances allow, we are asking for parishioners to donate 1 item of the following: **tinned vegetables, fruit, meat and fish, shower gel, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, UHT milk, long life juice, cereal, jams and spreads, noodles, laundry and cleaning supplies. No perishable items.** The foodbank has plenty of pasta and pulses. Donation boxes will be at the back of the church from this **Sunday, 21st September**. Thank you for your support.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK A SERVICE OF HOPE & HEALING for those who have been harmed by abuse. Led by Archbishop John Wilson. **Wednesday, 24th September 6.30pm St Georges Cathedral Southwark**.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: MacMillan Coffee Morning will be held at Our Lady of Dover Buckland parish on **Sunday, 28th September** after the 10.30am Mass until 1pm. Everyone welcome. There will be plenty of cakes, a raffle and activities for the children.



ST THOMAS'S PARISH CANTERBURY is organising another gathering to follow up on themes of the Synod for Synodality on **Saturday 25th October 10am-1pm**. In the company of Rev Dr Jan Nowotnik, we will be considering the themes of change, including fear of change, and how, in the context of the Final Document, 'worldwide' can become 'local'. We encourage people to register on the Eventbrite website, where fuller information about the morning's agenda can also be found. <https://achangingchurch.eventbrite.co.uk> If you have queries, please address these to Daphne Ellis email daphnehellis@aol.com phone 07377 168174.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE. To celebrate Jubilee 2025 one day Building a Better Marriage events will be held during 2025. **The opportunity for married couples starts at 9.30am and finishes at 4.30pm and is free to attend. Saturday, 4th October – Holy Cross, Catford; Saturday, 1st November – St James the Great, Petts Wood;** To join one of these days please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK'S funds are dangerously low. **Help London's Pro-Life Pregnancy Centre Stay Open.** We offer expectant mums help with housing, financial assistance, legal, and medical support, baby goods and clothes, advice, ongoing support long after the baby is born. If we run out of funds, we cannot continue to help dozens of Mothers keep a roof over their head. **Support Good Counsel today.** Go to <http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com/> donation page for more details.



Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
2025		
Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy	Every Third Sunday 9am (21 st September)	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude's Prayer Group	Every Third Monday 2pm – 3pm (20 th October)	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	Every Saturday 10:00am	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Junior Youth Group	Every First Saturday 1pm – 4pm	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 ON CONFESSION

How to go to confession. **One.** Pray and examine your conscience. Take time to reflect on your thoughts, words, and actions. Pray for God's guidance to make a sincere confession. Use a guide to learn how to examine your conscience. **Two.** Kneel and say, "Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned," and state how long it has been since your last confession, weeks, months, or years. **Three.** Sincerely confess all your sins and how often you committed them.

If unsure, estimate. Avoid vague terms like "several times." **Four.** Conclude with, "I am sorry for these sins and those I cannot remember. I ask for your pardon and peace." **Five.** Listen to the priest's advice and penance. **Six.** Say the Act of Contrition. **Seven.** Receive absolution, return to your seat, and do your penance. **Eight.** Pray and thank God for the grace of confession and go in peace and joy.

Biblical Foundations

John 20:22–23 – Jesus gives the Apostles power to forgive sins. James 5:16 – “*Confess your sins to one another.*” Luke 15 – Parables of mercy: the lost sheep, coin, and prodigal son.

How Often Should Catholics Confess?

The Church requires confession **at least once a year** (Canon Law 989). Regular confession (monthly or more often) is strongly recommended, even for venial sins. Many saints advised frequent confession as a means of growing in holiness.



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, Pat Evans, Shirley Lazarus, Shirley Jefford, 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: Walter Upton, Denny Byrne, Robin Quinn, Bridget Hanley, Peter McCallum,

St Paul's: Cherry Grilli, Edmond Michael Anderson, Jan Danko, Pamela Harcourt, Dolores Maria Cooper, Susan Gertrude Price, Dick Gammie, Bernard Willis, Eric Frost Bissett, Sr. Morwenna DC, Bernice Sophia Hardaker, Carlo Raimondi, Anthony Joseph Payne, Joe Moonsamy, Patrick Joseph McMenamin, Bridget Manley, Michael Wills, Angela Gibbins, Fr. Piet, Domenico Abats

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 21st September	11am	Mass for Children of Gaza
	Monday 22nd September	7pm	SYCAMORE Course, Fides & Bible Study, all combined session
	Wednesday 24th September	10am	Eucharistic Service
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 28th September	11am	Mass for G/E of Donor 'F'
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
SAINT ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PRIEST AND PAUL CHONG HA-SANG AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS	Saturday 20th September	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for Suffering Souls in Purgatory (Tim) NO Confirmation Preparation Class today Confessions in the Church (until 5:45pm) Mass for People of the Parish
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 21st September	9am 11am 3pm	Mass for Fr. John Ryan RIP (Theresa) Coffee after Mass Mass for Paul and Carol Wedding Anniversary (Mary) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
	Monday 22nd September	10am	Mass for Bernard Willis 'F'
SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO), PRIEST, MEMORIAL	Tuesday 23rd September	10am	Mass for Esther Trigos (Ileana)
OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM, FEAST, NATIONAL	Wednesday 24th September	10am 5:30pm 7pm	Mass for Jean Mackenzie RIP (Robert) Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm) Fides Session in the Hall
	Thursday 25th September	9:30am 10am 10.30am	The Rosary Mass for Missionaries in difficult situations Mass for Bible Study in the Hall (OT Book of Exodus).
SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS	Friday 26th September	10am	Mass for Clare Quigley RIP (Theresa)
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST, MEMORIAL	Saturday 27th September	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for SVP Missions Worldwide Confirmation Preparation Class in the Upper Hall Confessions in the Church (until 5:45pm) Mass for Fr. John Ryan RIP (Ronnie Mitchinson)
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 28th September	9am 11am 3pm	Mass for Clare Quigley RIP (Lizzie) Coffee after Mass Mass for Anthony & Lesley Smye-Rumsby 25th Wedding Anniversary Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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Readings for Sunday, 21st September 2025

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

'Against those who 'buy the poor for silver'

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, 'When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?' The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: 'Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 113(112): 1-2. 4-6. 7-8. R.cf. 1a.7b

Praise the LORD who raises the poor.

Or: Alleluia

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the LORD!

May the name of the LORD be blest
both now and for evermore

Praise the LORD who raises the poor.

Or: Alleluia

High above all nations is the LORD,
above the heavens is his glory.

Who is like the LORD, our God,
who dwells on high,
who lowers himself to look down
upon the heaven and earth?

Praise the LORD who raises the poor.

Or: Alleluia

From the dust he lifts up the slowly,
From the ash heap he raises the poor,
To set them in the company of princes,
Yes, with the princes of his people.

Praise the LORD who raises the poor.

Or: Alleluia

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Prayers should be made for all people to God, who desires all people to be saved.

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all people for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between Good and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.]For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying – a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting, holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ, though he was rich,
Yet for your sake he became poor,
So that

Alleluia.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

'You cannot serve God and money.'

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager." And the manager said to himself, "What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He said, "A hundred measures of oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty." Then he said to another, "And how much do you owe?" He said, "A hundred measures of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and write eighty." The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.' And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. 'One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.'

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.