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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**THE ANNUAL MASS COUNT CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND
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SECOND COLLECTION TODAY – EVANGELII GAUDIUM FOR C.A.S.E

WELCOME TO FR. GABRIEL ONOYIMA, CSSp: With great Joy, I announce to you the arrival of Fr. Gabriel



Onoyima, CSSp as our new assistant Parish Priest. Fr. Gabriel was ordained in 2006 and has served in many missions of the Church. He first worked in South Africa for more than 10 years before arriving in the United Kingdom about seven years ago. He has served for seven years in Scotland as the Parish Priest of St. Sophia in Galston in the Diocese of Galloway. Fr. Gabriel will arrive in Dover by next week. A great blessing to our Parish. Fr. Leo.

OUR PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: From the apparition ground of our Lady of Medjugorje, along with thousands of Pilgrims from all over the world; we have had the taste of peace and joy, lifting all challenges to Jesus through the Blessed Mother Mary. We prayed for you, for the Parish and for all the sick in our Parish. We had over 3000 pilgrims visiting from all over the world. The core spiritual practices of Medjugorje are the Prayers of the Holy Rosary, the opportunity to attend the Eucharist with a very deep devotion, two times a day, the 24-hour opportunity for adoration of the Blessed sacrament, the chance to go to confession with hundreds of priests leading.



As Catholics, we are not isolated, we are a big spiritual family, praying in unity from all over the world; at Medjugorje, that sense of family is greatly felt. One of the core Message of Medjugorje is a call for both inner peace; peace with God and with others which can only be achieved through reconciliation with God. In the recent apparition of the blessed Mother, she gives us the following message; "Dear children, in this year of grace, I am calling you to conversion.



Put God in the center of your lives and the fruits will be love towards neighbor and joy of witnessing; and the holiness of your life will become a true witness of faith". The apparitions at Medjugorje are still ongoing, with all the visionaries still alive and leading people in prayers.

If you do not have a Rosary, go and grab one immediately and

start to develop the habit of praying it daily. Pray the Rosary every day; learn to surrender your Sorrows, Joys, and desires to Mary and she knows how to offer them to Jesus on your behalf. May you be blessed as you read this message and May our Mother Mary intercede for us. Amen. Fr. Leo.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a warning, pointing to the destiny of the rich man who neglected his duty to show mercy to poor Lazarus. The rich man was punished, not for having riches, but for neglecting the Scriptures and what they taught on sharing his blessings with the poor. We are all rich enough to share our blessings with others. God has blessed each one of us with wealth or health or special talents or social power or influence or a combination of many blessings. The parable invites us to share what we have been given with others in various ways instead of using everything exclusively for selfish gains.

"Nobody is so poor
he has nothing to
give, and nobody is
so rich he has
nothing to receive."
~St. John Paul II

SUPPORT FOR SPIRITAN YOUTH CONCERT, LONDON, 2025.

The Spiritan Missionaries in the United Kingdom are organizing the Youth Concert for young adults from all our missions from the age of 15 to 35. The Concert is scheduled for the 25th of October, 2025; at Tollington Park, Finsbury Park, London N4 3AG. This concert is bringing hundreds of young people together from different backgrounds to grow their faith, accompanied by the Spiritan Fathers from all over the UK. **Please use the link below or scan the QR Code** to support the Young people. Your donation will go a long way, no amount is too small. To get in touch directly, speak or email **Fr. Moses Enehizena, CSSp** on **+447479339195**, mosesenehizena@gmail.com, or speak to your Priest after Mass. God bless you. Fr. Leo. **Use this link.**



<https://gofund.me/f96920d16>

CONDOLENCES: At St. Paul's, we pray for the eternal repose of the Soul of **Clare Quigley** who has sadly died at a young age after a protracted illness. At St. Finbarr's, we pray for **Barbara Morgan** who died on the 24th of September at Canterbury hospice at the age of 73. May their Souls rest in Peace. Funeral details to follow.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER. There will be a second collection next weekend for the work of CAFOD.

HARVEST FESTIVAL MASS Sunday, 5th October 2025 at the 9am Mass at St Paul's **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 are currently at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN DOYLE Happy 96th Birthday to John who celebrates on **Friday, 3rd October** and best wishes to all his family and friends on this special occasion.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS: **Anthony and Lesley Smye Rumsby** are celebrating their **25th wedding anniversary** this weekend. Heartfelt congratulations to them and all their family and friends on this joyful occasion. May God continue to bless their home. Amen.

HOLY ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY AT ST PAUL'S. The next recitation of the rosary will take place at 9.30am on **Thursday, 2nd October 2025** and the bible study immediately after the 10.00am Mass. **OT Book of Exodus.**

SYCAMORE COURSE, FIDES & BIBLE STUDY at St Finbarr's every **Monday 7pm.**

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 next **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.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: MacMillan Coffee Morning will be held at Our Lady of Dover Buckland parish this morning **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.

SHRINE OF ST. JUDE: CTVA You're invited to the 2025 CVTA Conference on *Pilgrimage*, hosted by the Carmelite Shrine of Saint Jude on behalf of Churches Visitor and Tourism Association and the Carmelite Charitable Trust. Join us on **11th October, from 9.30am** at the **Welcome Centre, 34 Tanners Street, Faversham, ME13 7JW.** Enjoy a **free** day of networking, learning, and collaboration with church representatives, tourism professionals, and others involved in church tourism. All are welcome! **Book your free place:** <https://tinyurl.com/2025CVTA> or call **01795 539 214.**

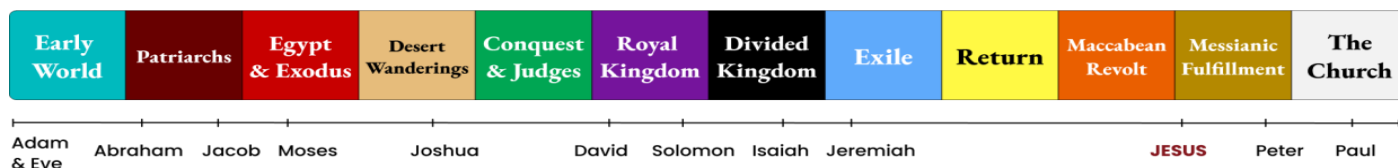
SUNRISE CAFE, DOVER OUTREACH CENTRE Tasty food in a warm environment where everyone matters, everyone is valued, everyone is included, and customers pay what they can afford. Located at 168-172 Snargate Street, Dover CT17 9BZ, 01304 448070 – www.sunrisecafedover.org

THE KITE RUNNER - *“There is a way to be good again”* The Catholic Parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Hythe, Kent invites you to an evening of film show at the Parish Hall, 2 Blackhouse Hill, corner of Mill Road, CT21 5LS on Saturday, 11th October 2025, at **6.00 pm**. **Entry is free of charge**, do come along. Bring your own nibbles and wine.



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.

BIBLE TIME LINE COURSE - **Understand the Bible from start to finish**, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, world-renowned course presented online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts on Wed 1st October 2025 at 7pm UK time (x8 Wednesday evening sessions). Info & Registration: comeandsee.org



Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham ‘Called to Bear Fruit’: Parish Renewal		
2025		
Mustard Seed Children’s Liturgy	Every Third Sunday 9am (18 th October)	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

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: Peter Williams, Margaret Coates, Derek Jones, David Leidig, David John Girdwood, George Douglas, Jade Louise Dearly, Alan Pearson, John Michael Leamy, Bridget Flynn, Robin Quinn

St Paul’s: Eileen Pile, Fr. Pat Best, Pamela Rogers, John Nolan, Patrick Harney, Kathleen Baker, Archbishop Peter Amigo, Julia Margaret Naylor, Geoff Millar, Catherine Downie, Alan Pearson, Matthew Worsdell, Angela Gibbins, Bernard FitzPatrick, Sr Elizabeth DC, Dr Cecily Janet Partridge, Tiny Douglas, Marcella Mary Rudd, Daisy Letchford

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 28 th September	11am	Mass for G/E of Donor 'F'
	Monday 29 th September	7pm	SYCAMORE Course, Fides & Bible Study, all combined session
	Wednesday 1 st October	10am	Mass for Victims of Violence
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 5 th September	11am	Mass for People of the Parish
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST, MEMORIAL	Saturday 27 th September	10am	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for SVP Missions Worldwide
		10am	Confirmation Preparation Class in the MAIN Hall
		5pm	Confessions in the Church (until 5:45pm)
		6pm	Mass for Fr. John Ryan RIP (Ronnie Mitchinson)
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 28 th September	9am	Mass for Clare Quigley RIP (Lizzie)
			Coffee after Mass
		11am	Mass for Anthony & Lesley Smye-Rumsby 25 th Wedding Anniversary
		3pm	NO Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS	Monday 29 th September	10am	Mass for Fr. Patrick Best 'F'
SAINT JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	Tuesday 30 th September	10am	Mass for Elderly Priests and Religions
SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	Wednesday 1 st October	10am 5:30pm 7pm	Mass for G/E New Assistant Parish Priest, Fr. Gabriel Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm) Fides Session in the Hall
THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS, MEMORIAL	Thursday 2 nd October	9:30am 10am 10.30am	The Rosary Ordinariate Mass for G/E Maureen and Eddie McCue (Parish) Bible Study in the Hall (OT Book of Exodus).
HARVEST FAST DAY	Friday 3 rd October	10am	Mass for G/E Ros and Rob (Parish)
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI, MEMORIAL	Saturday 4 th October	10am	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for G/E Shirley Lazarus and Pat Evans (Parish)
		10am	Confirmation Preparation Class in the Upper Hall
		5pm	Confessions in the Church (until 5:45pm)
		6pm	Mass for G/E Kath Quigley (Parish)
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 5 th October	9am	Mass for Children of the Parish (Fr. Jamie)
			Coffee after Mass
		11am 3pm	Mass for Fr. John Ryan RIP (Parish) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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Readings for Sunday, 28th September 2025

First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

'The revelry of those who now stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts:

'Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria.

'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146(145):6c-7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R Matthew 5:3

My soul, give praise to the LORD.

or: Alleluia.

It is the LORD who preserves fidelity for ever,
who does justice to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the LORD who sets prisoners free.

My soul, give praise to the LORD.

or: Alleluia.

The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,
the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the LORD who loves the just,
the LORD who protects the stranger.

My soul, give praise to the LORD.

or: Alleluia.

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The LORD will reign for ever,
your God, O Sion, from age to age.

My soul, give praise to the LORD.

or: Alleluia.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

'Keep the commandment until the appearing of our Lord.'

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

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 16:19-31

'You received good things, and Lazarus bad things; now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.'

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." '

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.