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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FINAL ANNUAL MASS COUNT FOR THIS WEEKEND

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

JOIN US FOR ROSARY ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS AT ST PAUL'S

WE WELCOME BISHOP PAUL HENDRICKS WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THE CONFIRMATION MASS AT ST PAUL'S AT 11AM

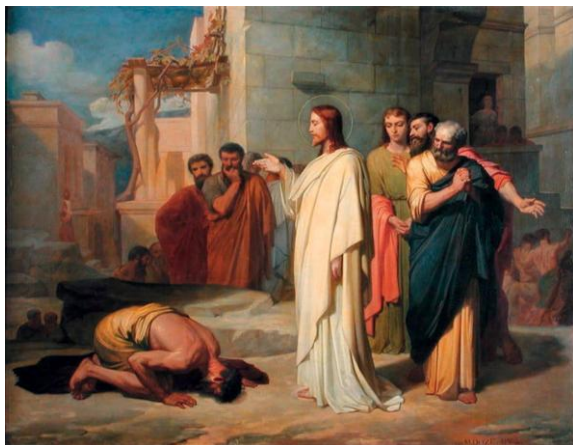
PRIEST'S CORNER: I want to appreciate the hard work of our Junior Youth group/Mustard Seed coordinators for all the efforts made to lead our harvest festival last Sunday. It was really a joyful time for our children. I am



grateful to all those who supported the event by bringing different food items and gifts which were all taking to the Dover food bank to support the needy of our town. May the Lord continue to bless your ministry and to strengthen our children in the Parish.

ST. FINBARR'S CONSTRUCTION WORK. Work has started on the new ramp in front of St Finbarr's church. Please be careful around the site. I will give more information on the works next weekend.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: GRATITUDE TO GOD: Today's Gospel story tells us of a single non-Jewish leper (a "Samaritan"), who returned to thank Jesus for healing him, while the other nine now-healed Jewish lepers went their way. Perhaps, they were under the false impression that healing was their right as God's "chosen people," so, they hurried off to obtain health certificates from the priests. "Where are the other nine?" Jesus asked (rhetorically) of the returned Samaritan and the crowd. Today's readings also remind us that Faith and healing go hand in hand. It was Faith that prompted Naaman to plunge himself into the waters of the Jordan River, and it was Faith in Jesus which prompted the lepers to present themselves first to Jesus and then to the priests. The readings also demonstrate the universal love of God for all peoples, including the Samaritans (whom the Israelites hated), and the pagans, Israel's enemies, whom Naaman represented. We need to learn to be thankful to God and to others. We can express our gratitude to our loving God in so many ways; by the simple act of offering grace before meals and by allotting a few minutes of the



day for private or family prayer. Let us show our gratitude to our forgiving God by forgiving others and by loving God in them, radiating His love, mercy, and compassion to all we encounter, including our families and friends. Let us have an "attitude of gratitude" to God and to our neighbors, let us celebrate the Holy Eucharist as the supreme act of thanksgiving. As St. Paul admonishes us, 'in all things, give thanks'.



FAMILIA UNA-YOUNG ADULTS GROUP. Familia UNA's Faith and Life meetings this and **every Sunday, at 6pm** in the Upper Room of St Paul's Hall. If you are age 15 and above, up to 40 years old, pls join us for the Holy Rosary, for worship songs and uplifting talks on Faith and Life. We are waiting for you on Sunday by 6pm.

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 **Saturday, 25th 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>



NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE A 2ND COLLECTION FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (MISSIO)

MISSIO - RED BOXES. Next Sunday, 19th October, will be World Mission Sunday. I hope that you will enjoy hearing more about the work of Missio and will take the leaflets offered and learn even more. Collection of Red Boxes will take place at St Finbarr's on Sunday 26th October, and St Paul's on Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd November. Please make sure that your name is displayed on your box. I will have boxes with me to replace those you hand in. Thank you. Theresa 07954 584955.

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - FURTHER ACTION NEEDED! At Second Reading of the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill in the House of Lords, a record number of Peers spoke. Of those who took a position, around two-thirds opposed the assisted suicide Bill. That is more than double the number who supported it. This momentum has been built by tens of thousands of people writing to Peers in opposition. While the fight isn't over, with your support we can defeat this Bill. To do so, we will need to keep sending letters to oppose the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill. Sending a physical letter carries particular weight with Members of the House of Lords. **Right To Life UK** has created a simple tool that generates personalised letters to Peers, each focused on a specific area of concern. You can then print them, or copy them out by hand, sign, and post them. **Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. The Mustard Seed team extends their heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated to our **Harvest Festival Mass** collection on **Sunday, 5th October**. Your generous gifts to the **Dover Foodbank** will bring much-needed support to families in our community. We, together with the **St Paul's Parish Team**, are truly grateful for your kindness and care.

COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: Cash & CollecTin £4,168.01; Bankers Orders £4,135.00; Second Collections: Catholic Education £269.45; Home Missions £187.31; Missionary Society of St Paul £689.97. Thank you for your generosity. God bless. Fr Leo.

MUSTARD SEED AND CHILDREN'S LITURGY The Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy will be **Sunday, 19th October at 9:00am** in the Upper Hall.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS TO ROB PAIN. Happy 91st Birthday to Rob Pain who celebrates on Sunday 12th October. Best wishes to Roz, Rob's wife and to his family and friends on this special occasion.

HOLY ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY AT ST PAUL'S. The next recitation of the rosary will take place at 9.30am on **Thursday, 16th October 2025** and the bible study immediately after the 10.00am Mass. **OT Book of Exodus.**

FIDES PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS at St Finbarr's every **Monday 7pm. All welcome.** We have now concluded our sycamore course. We continue with our prayer meeting and with other new topics. Join us.

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

THE ADULT RCIA COURSE began 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 invite them along.

LIGHT PARTY- ALL HALLOWS' CELEBRATION AT ST FINBARR'S. A celebration for **big and small** – all are welcome! Join us on **Friday, 31st October 6-8pm** for our **Light Party** – celebrating **All Hallows' Eve**, the **Vigil of All Saints' Day (1 November)**. This joyful Christian observance honours all the saints, known and unknown, who are in heaven. Children and families are invited for an evening of prayer, light, laughter, games and faith-filled fun in church. Children are welcome to **dress up as their favourite angels or saints.**



Donations needed: sweets, pick and mix style sweets, biscuits, cakes, popcorn, squash, hot chocolate, and any glow sticks or lights for prizes. We also ask for donations of glass jars for making lanterns. A donation box will be at the back of St Finbarr's church. **We call on all teenagers in the church to join us in organising this party for our children.** **Volunteers** are also warmly welcome. Please let Agnes or Esiri know if you're interested.

SHRINE OF ST JUDE FEAST DAY MASS 34 Tanner Street, Faversham ME13 7JW. **Saturday, 25th October** 12.30pm & 2.30pm Mass followed by anointing; **Sunday, 26th October** 12.30pm Mass followed by anointing; **Tuesday, 28th October** 12.30pm Mass followed by anointing. Further info at www.stjudeshine.org.uk; email shineoffice@stjudeshrine.org.uk; tel 01795 539214.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY MORNING – A Changing Church, Fit for the Future with Rev Dr Jan Nowotnik of St Mary Moorfields, London. **Saturday, 25th October 2025, 10am–1pm, St Thomas's Church Hall, Canterbury CT1 7HJ.** Free event with refreshments. Explore how the Synod's call to change can shape our Church for the future. Fuller information about the morning's agenda and registration on this link achangingchurch.eventbrite.co.uk. Additionally, please address queries to Daphne Ellis – daphnehellis@aol.com | **07377 168174**

Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
2025		
Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy	Every Third Sunday 9am 19th October	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude's Prayer Group	Every Third Monday 2pm – 3pm 20th October	St Paul's Hall, Dover
'Familia Una' Adult Youth Group	Every Sunday 6pm	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Fides Prayer Group	Every Monday 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham.
Fides Prayer Group	Every Wednesday 6:40pm for 7pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
Junior Youth Group	Every First Saturday 1pm – 4pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
RCIA COURSE	Monday 6th October 7pm	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
All Hallows' Celebration	Friday 31st October 6pm – 8pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Cemetery Sunday	Sunday 2nd November 2pm	St James & St Mary's Cemeteries, Dover
Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 22nd November 10am – 4pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover

CATECHISM – IN ALL THINGS, GIVE THANKS.

“No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.” - St. Ambrose. Ten cried out to Jesus, but only one came back to thank him. Ten were healed, but only one was saved. Ten got something temporal, but only one got something eternal. One of the things that this story highlights is the incredible ingratitude that nine people had for what Jesus did for them. They were very ungrateful because they didn't even take the time to go back and thank him. Do we thank God as much as we ask God for something? Do we give to God the glory He deserves whenever we get from God what we don't deserve? The Bible says in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." We thank God for who He is, not based on the results, not how He answered or when He answered or whether He answered the way we wanted Him to answer. We thank God because, He's worthy of our praise, and we give Him glory no matter what because that's God's will for us in Christ Jesus. Catholics have the Habit of requesting for the Holy Mass for those they love or for Special intentions and especially to express gratitude for blessings received.

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: Carol Manton, Oliver O'Connor, Peter Grilli, 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: Kathleen Garrity, Francis Patrick McKenna, Bessie Burville, Robert Ernest Coates, Doreen Mary Brace, Michael Quinn, Mary Watts, Caroline Miller, Mary Theresa Graves, Austin Watts, David George Sullivan, Pam Osborne

St Paul's: Michael Theobald, John Gillespie, Gertie Major, Desmond Ryan, James Donohoe, Kathleen Marion Glynn, Bod Bowles, George Patrick Reed, Angela Hall, Len Richards, Helen Wright, Phyllis Joyce Wood, Dennis Harry Sharp, Charles Maynard Sandham, Margaret Bonar Becks, James Bannan, Hilda Morecroft, Susan McLaughlin, Veronica Mary Watts, Charles John Green, Sr. Sarah Neilan DC, James Brown, Dorothy O'Meara, Kathy Goble, Francesco Falluto, Augustine Watts.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 12 th October	11am	Mass for G/E Christine Dobson (Parish)
	Monday 13 th October	7pm	Fides Course
	Wednesday 14 th October	10am	Mass for Catherine O'Brien 'F'
	Thursday 16 th October	1pm	Funeral Service for Barbara Morgan
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 19 th October	11am	Mass for Mary Teresa Graves RIP (Bridget)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
SAINT JOHN XXIII, POPE OR CANTERBURY THE TRANSLATION OF SAINT WILFRID OR THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Saturday 11 th October	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for Fr. John Ryan RIP (Pat Evans) Confirmation Preparation Class in the Upper Hall Confessions in the Church (until 5:45pm) Mass for People of the Parish
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 12 th October	9am 11am 3pm	Mass for Marcela Paszecsakova RIP (Gizela) and Thomas Alexander RIP 3 rd Anniversary Coffee after Mass CONFIRMATION Mass for Confirmation Candidates Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, KING, FEAST	Monday 13 th October	10am	Mass for Clare Quigley RIP (Ronnie Mitchinson)
SAINT CALLISTUS I, POPE AND MARTYR	Tuesday 14 th October	10am	Mass for Dorothy O'Meara 'F'
SAINT TERESA OF JESUS - OF ÁVILA VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	Wednesday 15 th October	10am 5:30pm 7pm	Mass for Thanksgiving for successful surgery (Keith Wells) Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm) Fides Session in the Hall
SAINT HEDWIG, RELIGIOUS OR SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN	Thursday 16 th October	9:30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary Mass for Spencer and Katrina (Slawek) Bible Study in the Hall (OT Book of Exodus).
SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND MARTYR	Friday 17 th October	10am	Mass for G/E Oliver O'Connor (Philomena)
SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST, FEAST, GLORIA	Saturday 18 th October	11am 5pm 6pm	NO Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel today Requiem Mass for Clare Quigley Confessions in the Church (until 5:45pm) Mass for G/E Denis Smith (Tim)
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 19 th October	9am 11am 3pm	Mass for Tanya Gilmurray RIP (Keith and Theresa) Coffee after Mass Mass for Clare Quigley RIP (Paul and Carol) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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Readings for Sunday, 12th October 2025

First Reading

2 Kings 5:14-17

‘Naaman returned to the man of God and confessed his faith in the Lord.’

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, ‘Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.’ But Elisha said, ‘As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.’ And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, ‘If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 98(97):1. 2-3b. 3c-4 R. Cf. 2b

The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.

Or: Alleluia

O sing a new song to the LORD,
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.

Or: Alleluia

The LORD has made known his salvation,
has shown his deliverance to the nations.
He has remembered his merciful love
and his truth for the house of Israel.

The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.

Or: Alleluia

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song,
and sing out your praise.

The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.

Or: Alleluia

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

‘If we endure, we will also reign with Christ.’

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

In everything give thanks;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Alleluia.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

‘No one was found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner.’

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.’ When he saw them he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, ‘Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ And he said to him, ‘Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.’

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.