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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

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

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – MISSIO

MISSION SUNDAY: Over one billion Catholics all over the world observe today as **World Mission Sunday**. Pope Leo XIV's message for the 2025 World Mission Sunday emphasizes the theme "Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples," encouraging Christians to be messengers and builders of hope in the Jubilee Year 2025. He asks the faithful to burn with holy zeal for a new era of evangelization, bringing hope to a world overshadowed by dark shadows, and to be a community of hope by letting the Spirit guide their actions. Here is the link to the Video of Pope Leo's Message: <https://youtu.be/eEwDtbZxt4c?si=C6G7OP3O7OxYVAKA>

GOSPEL REFLECTION: PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER: The Church is "missionary" in her very nature because her founder, Jesus Christ, was the first missionary. God the Father sent God the Son, Incarnate in Jesus, His Christ, into the world with a message of God's love and salvation. Thus, the evangelizing mission of the Church is essentially the announcement of God's love, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation, as these are revealed to mankind through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. How should we evangelize? There are many ways: 1) By living an exemplary and transparent Christian life, 2) by prayer, and 3) by financial support. The first and most powerful means of preaching Christ is by living a truly Christian life. Prayer is also the dominant theme of our Scripture readings today. In today's gospel reading, Jesus encourages his disciples to persevere in prayer and not lose heart. When we bring our needs and the needs of others to our heavenly Father, we are responding to the explicit instruction of Jesus: 'Ask and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you' (Lk 11:9).



REPORT ON PARISH PROJECTS: Some time ago, I shared to you the list of Parish projects. I want to thank all those who have quietly supported the many projects with generous donations. I am amazed at the level of your dedication and generosity, may the Lord bless and reward you all. Thank you all. **At St. Paul's**, the new glass door is completed and it cost about £7,500; Clearing the Garden cost about £2,500, a shed for the Garden cost over £3,000 (Thanks to the partial grant of the Diocese and some donors for this). The Projector Project at St. Paul's will cost about £12,000; (Thanks to the donation of £7000 already by some Parishioners; thank you so much). The big work ahead at St. Paul's will be the Presbytery Kitchen and the Parish Hall. **At St. Finbarr's**: The felling of trees which we have been working on has cost us about £9,000; (Sounds too much! but as I am writing this today, the insurance company is demanding that we remove more trees, otherwise they will not renew our insurance and for them to just do that survey alone last week, it cost £1,400. The reconstruction of the disabled ramp is costing about £11,500, the new Projector already completed cost about £5,000; the planning permit to improve the façade of the Church is costing us £4,000, and the actual quote to do the work is about £7,500. I just write these lines so that you may know, and to thank all who are silently donating to support our Parish projects. I am appealing to the good people of St. Finbarr's; I need your donations and support to improve St. Finbarr's. I have not received much response so far. Let's build our Church together, support and make your Church come alive. Thank you. **Fr. Leo**

CONGRATULATION TO OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:



Congratulations to all our young people who received the sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday. We are very happy for you and we look forward to having you continue to grow in faith in the Parish. Congratulations to Faythe, Lucas, Zoe, Chloe, Felicity, Montgomery, Kaylee, Chidera, Amanda, and Sarah. I am also grateful to the catechists who have helped them to prepare for this special moment; Theresa, Marisa and Renata. May

the Lord bless you all. We are sincerely grateful to Bishop Paul Hendricks and all who supported them through the process. Thank you all. Fr. Leo.

MISSIO - RED BOXES. This **Sunday, 19th October**, is **World Mission Sunday**. Please bring your red boxes to Mass, clearly labelled with your name, on the following dates: **St Finbarr's 26th October; St Paul's 1st and 2nd November**. Thank you. Theresa 07954 584955.

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

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, NEXT SATURDAY. BUS DEPARTS AT 7AM.



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. I will be travelling with about 30 young people from Dover to attend the event, from age 15 to 40. Do you want to join us? Please send a message to **Christina: 07587 218374- Youth coordinator or to Jack 07710430893- Youth leader; or speak to Fr. Leo.** Kindly support the young people; **Donate water, bread, coke, or snacks for those making this journey.** Thank you.

ALL SAINTS LIGHT PARTY- ALL HALLOWS' CELEBRATION AT ST FINBARR'S: Our All Saints Light Party takes place on **Friday, 31st October** in the church premises. This year, we will be hosting children from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, St Peter's Church and Aylesham Baptist Church. We call on you to be generous with your donations to support this party. There will be a donation box at the back of St Finbarr's church for this purpose. We would also be grateful to receive as many empty jam jars as possible to make lanterns for this event. Children are required to register their interest by getting **free tickets via Eventbrite**, you can do this by scanning the **QR code**. Volunteers for this event are welcome. Please speak to Agnes or Esiri. God bless you.



ALL SAINTS LIGHT PARTY – ALL HALLOWS' CELEBRATION AT ST PAUL'S: **Saturday, 1st November 1pm to 4pm.** A joyful time of light, prayer, fun activities and games. Refreshments will be provided. Children are invited to choose a Saint to represent (please pick a Saint tag from the basket at the church entrance). Consent forms will be handed to parents on the day before they leave their children or they can stay. A small donation will be appreciated.

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.

HOLY ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY AT ST PAUL'S. The next recitation of the rosary will take place at 9.30am on **Thursday, 23rd October 2025** and the bible study immediately after the 10.00am Mass. **OT Book of Exodus.**

THE FIDES PRAYER SESSION – ST PAUL'S There will be **NO** Fides meeting at St Paul's on **22nd October**. Sessions will restart on **29th October**.

FIDES PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS - ST FINBARR'S. Fides Prayer Group meets as usual on **Mondays, 6:40pm for a 7pm start**. We are studying the letter of St Jude. Did you know that this letter has just one chapter? Why was it so important to include this in the bible? Who was the author of this book? Jude Thaddeus? Jude the brother of James? Judas Iscariot? Who is the letter addressed to? Is it still relevant in modern day society? You're most welcome to come along and share with us this journey of discovery.

ST FINBARR'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY There will be **NO** Children's Liturgy at St. Finbarr's on **Sunday, 26th October**. It will resume on **Sunday 2nd November**.

SHOP EARLY - 2026 Catholic Diaries, Advent Calendars, Christmas and other cards plus rosaries, etc. are on sale in **St Paul's Hall every Sunday between 10am and 10:55 am**

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.stjudeshrine.org.uk; email shineoffice@stjudeshrine.org.uk; tel 01795 539214.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY MORNING - CHANGE OF VENUE – Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Clarence Road, Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 8SP **10.00-13.00 on Saturday 25th October** A morning with Rev Dr Jan Nowotnik of St Mary Moorfields London. Online registration <https://achangingchurch.eventbrite.co.uk>

ROOTED IN LOVE - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES Want to grow closer as a couple while deepening your faith and meeting new people? All engaged and married couples are invited to a **monthly online meeting** where we share friendship, reflect on real-life topics, and pray together as we grow in love rooted in Christ. Gathering monthly on Zoom **Thursdays: 30th October at 8:30pm, 27th November at 8:30pm, 11th December at 8:30pm** Email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk to sign up or receive more information

SEEKING MARRIED COUPLES The Southwark Marriage and Family life (M&FL) Team are seeking married couples who are practising Catholics to join their growing team to present courses for Marriage Preparation, Building a Better Marriage and other initiatives in 2026. Salary: £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) for the couple. Mileage paid in addition. All training given. For full job description and further details, please contact liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk Closing date for applications: **October 31st 2025**

MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER will be the **58th anniversary of the Abortion Act** in Great Britain. There have been over **ten and a half million abortions** in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed. On this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Monday 27th October please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day. <http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com/>

Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal		
2025		
Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy	Every Third Sunday 9am 19 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
Fides Prayer Group	Every Monday 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham.
Fides Prayer Group	Every Wednesday 6:40pm for 7pm NO SESSIONS 15 th & 22 nd October	St Paul's Hall, Dover
Junior Youth Group	Every First Saturday 1pm – 4pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
RCIA COURSE	Monday 6 th October 7pm	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
All Hallows' Celebration	Friday 31 st October 6pm – 8pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
All Saints' Celebration	Saturday 1 st November 1pm - 4pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
Cemetery Blessing Sunday	Sunday 2 nd November 2pm	St James & St Mary's Cemeteries, Dover
Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 22 nd November 10am – 4pm	St Paul's Hall, 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: 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: Christine Brown, Joseph Patrick Phelen, Silvia Coates, Herbert Noble, Theresa Weller, Barbara Lennon, Kenneth Henry Hobbs

St Paul's: Josephine Smith, Annie (Pat) Carr, Glenn Michael Joseph Breeds, Mabel Stone, Vera Goodburn, John Eberlein, Baby Maria Putnokiova, Dorothy Hadden, Michael Andrew Butler, Tanya Gilmurray, Revd Dr. Michael Hinton, Fr Kenneth McCarthy, Lt. Col. Arthur J Harby, Mrs Sico, Bridget Mary Kelleher, Daphne Mary Kathleen Hadfield, Andrew Maher, Antonia Corbo, Judy Austen, Mike Whelan

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 19 th October	11am	Mass for Mary Teresa Graves RIP (Bridget)
	Wednesday 22 nd October	10am	Mass for Holy Souls
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 26 th October	11am	Mass for Orphans of Gaza
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
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) Mustard Seeds Children's Liturgy in the upper hall Coffee after Mass Mass for Clare Quigley RIP (Paul and Carol) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
	Monday 20 th October	10am 2pm	Mass for Baby Maria RIP (Gizela) and St. Jude 10 th Anniversary St Jude's Prayer Group Meeting in the Hall
SAINT MARGARET CLITHEROW, MARTYR, DIOCESAN	Tuesday 21 st October	10am	Mass for Pat Ward 'F' and Andrew John Archer RIP (Ileana)
SAINT JOHN PAUL II, POPE,	Wednesday 22 nd October	10am 5:30pm	Mass for Tanya Gilmurray RIP (Marie McMonagle) Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm) NO Fides Session in the Hall
SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST	Thursday 23 rd October	9:30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary Mass for John Stratford RIP (Tim) Bible Study in the Hall (OT Book of Exodus).
SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP	Friday 24 th October	10am	Mass for Jonas RIP (Anna)
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - THE FORTY MARTYRS	Saturday 25 th October	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for Clare RIP (Sheila) Confessions in the Church (until 5:45pm) Mass for Carlos and Elsa Raimondi 'F'
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 26 th October	9am 11am 3pm	Mass for G/E Shirley (Sheila) Coffee after Mass Mass for Mike Whelan RIP (Lizzie and family) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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*The value of persistent prayer is not that He will hear us,
but that we will finally hear Him.*

Readings for Sunday, 19th October 2025

First Reading

Exodus 17:8-13

‘Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed’

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, ‘Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.’ So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses’ hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121(120):1-2.3-4.5-6.7-8. R. cf. 2

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Or: Alleluia

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Or: Alleluia

He will keep your foot from stumbling.
Your guard will never slumber.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel’s guard.

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Or: Alleluia

The LORD your guard, the LORD your shade
at your right hand.
By day the sun shall not smite you,
nor the moon in the night.

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Or: Alleluia

The LORD will guard you from evil;
he will guard your soul.
The LORD will guard your going and coming,
both now and for ever.

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Or: Alleluia

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

‘That the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.’

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of God is living and active,
Discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Alleluia.

Hebrews 4:12

Gospel

Luke 18:1 -8

‘God will give justice to his elect, who cry to him.’

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, “Give me justice against my adversary.” For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, “Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.”’

And the Lord said, ‘Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

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.