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## **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

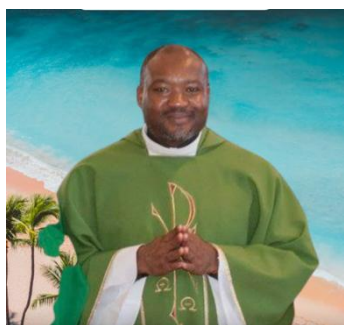
### **YEAR C – 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025/ Missal P945 Order of the Mass P470**

**THE ANNUAL MASS COUNT CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND**  
**WOULD THOSE WHO NORMALLY COUNT KINDLY TAKE NOTE**

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY – CAFOD**

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY - JOIN US FOR ROSARY  
ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**

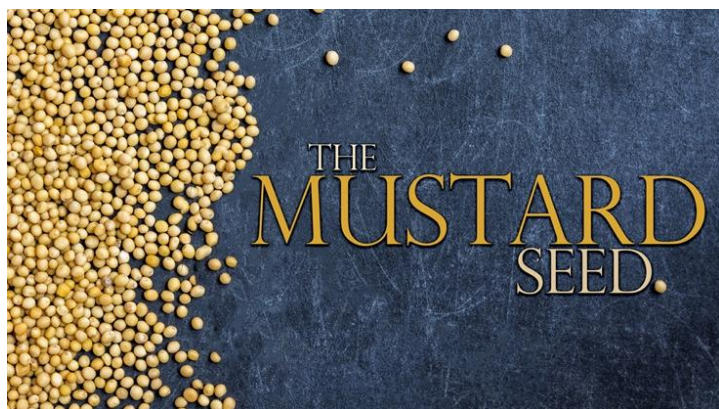
**WELCOME TO FR. GABRIEL ONOYIMA, CSSp:** With great Joy, I announce to you the arrival of



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 many years before arriving in the United Kingdom many years ago. He has served for many years in Scotland as the Parish Priest of St. Sophia in Galston in the Diocese of Galloway. Fr. Gabriel arrived on Friday. What a great blessing. Welcome dear Padre.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION: THE MUSTARD SEED:** All three readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time speak about **Faith** and how it works in our lives. The

theological virtue of Faith enables us to believe something to be true, and therefore worthy of trust, simply because it has been revealed to us by God. In his instructions to Timothy, Paul, who elsewhere defines Faith as, “the assurance of the things hoped for” (Heb 11:1), shows Faith as believing, trusting, and a loving relationship with Christ. Christian Faith is expressed by steadfast loyalty, fidelity, and total commitment to



Him, resulting in the offering of ourselves to Him in those we encounter, through our humble, loving service. We need to grow in Faith by using the means Christ has given us in His Church. We must cultivate our Faith through prayer, Bible study, and leading a well-disciplined spiritual life. Faith is the gift of God, so we must pray that God will increase our Faith. Time spent with God in prayer is fundamental to the development of Faith. We must pray for a Faith that is strong enough to overcome the difficulties and crises we face daily. In addition, association with people of Faith builds Faith. Hence,

our participation in the Holy Mass (“the mystery of Faith”), and the life of the Church is important. Because of the Eucharistic Meal on the altar and the Sacramental graces at our disposal, we find that we are not unprofitable servants, but instruments and agents of Jesus, Who, through the power of Divine Love, helps us to reap a harvest worthy of Him.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL MASS** Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**JUBILEE FOR MIGRANTS AND WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES.** This weekend the Church celebrates both the Jubilee for Migrants and Refugees and World Day of Migrants and Refugees. These are specific occasions when we are asked to offer prayers and support for refugee and migrant peoples. We are mindful of the pressures of global conflict, poverty and climate change which lead to population displacement. As a Church we are called to offer sanctuary and welcome to those in need and celebrate the gifts of all people in our communities. For further information go to <https://caritas.rcaos.org.uk/accompanying-migrants-and-refugees/>

**MISSIO - RED BOXES.** As October sets in, we turn our thoughts to our role as Christ's missionaries. **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> October** we celebrate World Mission Sunday in the company of churches across the globe. It's also time to look for your red Missio Boxes, dust them off, feed them a little, and make sure your name is clearly displayed. Later in October we will prepare to collect in as many boxes as we can and issue replacements. Theresa 07954 574955

**BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN DOYLE AND ROB PAIN** - Happy 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday to John who celebrated on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and to Rob who celebrates his 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Best wishes to both John's and Rob's families and friends on these special occasions.

### **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, 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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** whose funeral will take place on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 11am at St Paul's.** At St. Finbarr's, we pray for **Barbara Morgan** who died on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September at Canterbury hospice at the age of 73. Barbara's funeral is at **1pm on the 16<sup>th</sup> October at St. Finbarr's Church.** May their Souls rest in Peace.

**MEDJUGOJE PARISH PILGRIMAGE LINK TO PHOTOS:** <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/parish/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/parishofgoodshepherd/>

**HOLY ROSARY AND BIBLE STUDY AT ST PAUL'S.** The next recitation of the rosary will take place at 9.30am on **Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 next **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

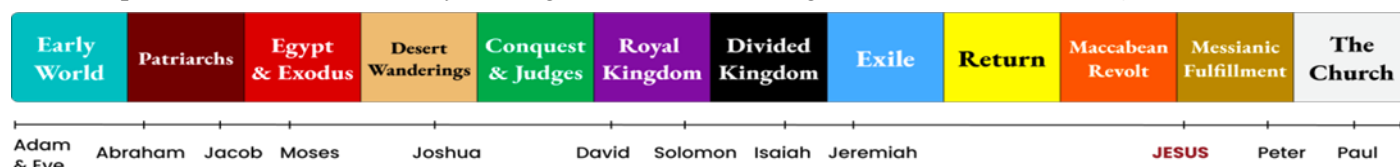
**THE ADULT RCIA COURSE** will begin tomorrow, **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in St Paul's Upper Hall.** If you know of someone who would be interested in joining the Catholic Faith please give them the date and invite them along.

**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, this **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025, at 6.00 pm. Entry is free of charge.** Bring your own nibbles and wine.

**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 this **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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 and others involved in church tourism. All are welcome! **Book your free place:** <https://tinyurl.com/2025CVTA> or call **01795 539 214.**



**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](http://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 <sup>th</sup> October)	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude's Prayer Group	Every Third Monday 2pm – 3pm (20 <sup>th</sup> 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
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
Cemetery Sunday	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2pm	St James & St Mary's Cemeteries, Dover

## CATECHISM - THE MONTH OF HOLY ROSARY

Four amazing facts about Our Lady of Lourdes. **Number 4:** When Bernadette finally asked the Lady's name, the reply stunned the world, "I am the immaculate conception." Bernadette was a poor, uneducated girl who had never heard the term, yet this confirmed the dogma solemnly defined just four years earlier, proof that heaven was speaking. **Number 3:** At the Lady's command, Bernadette dug in the dirt of the grotto. A spring gushed forth, and it still flows today. From it have come thousands of healings with 70 recognized as miraculous after strict scientific and medical scrutiny. **Number 2:** The grotto itself was a filthy dumping ground, yet heaven chose it as the place of light, echoing God's pattern of raising the lowly. Today it stands as a sanctuary where millions pray, confess, and find hope. **Number 1:** The message of Lourdes is not just healing, but conversion. Our Lady told Bernadette, "Pray, do penance, and intercede for sinners." The miracles are signs, but the true miracle is a soul returning to God.



### 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 Hembrey, 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:** Rita Mary Morgan, Clare Muriel Theresa Kelsall, Francois Borgarello, Kathleen Mather, Malcolm Albert Whitehouse, Tom Peters, David Jones, Margaret Scott, John Horton, Joseph Cunningham, George Walford, Raymond Michael Cooper

**St Paul's:** Bridget Mulligan, Frederick Gibbons, Archie Clayton, John Corry, Barbara Monclus, Sidney Padfield, Michael Siddle, Johnny McDermott, Fr. Donal Lowensz, Steve Atmore, Vicky Dexter, Paul Frederick Jackman, William Doolin, Valerie Black, Vera Griffith, Teresa Phillipson

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	11am	Mass for People of the Parish
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	7pm	SYCAMORE Course, Fides & Bible Study, all combined session
	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	10am	Mass for Holy Souls in Purgatory
TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	11am	Mass for G/E Christine Dobson (Parish)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI, MEMORIAL	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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
SAINT BRUNO, PRIEST	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	10am	Mass for Clare Quigley RIP (Anne and Peter)
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, MEMORIAL, PREFACE I OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	10am	Mass for George and Grace Clayton RIP (Moya)
	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	10am 5:30pm 7pm	Mass for Barbara Monclus RIP (Cathy Huntley) Exposition and Holy Rosary (until 6.30pm) Fides Session in the Hall
SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, PRIEST	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	9:30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary Mass for Sybil Veronica Pearce 'F' Bible Study in the Hall (OT Book of Exodus).
SAINT PAULINUS OF YORK, BISHOP	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	10am	Mass for G/E Keith Wells (Lizzie)
SAINT JOHN XXIII, POPE OR CANTERBURY THE TRANSLATION OF SAINT WILFRID OR THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	10am	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for Fr. John Ryan RIP (Pat Evans)
		10am	Confirmation Preparation Class in the Upper Hall
		5pm	Confessions in the Church (until 5:45pm)
		6pm	Mass for People of the Parish
TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	9am	Mass for Marcela Paszecsakova RIP (Gizela)
			Coffee after Mass
		11am 3pm	<b>CONFIRMATION</b> Mass for Confirmation Candidates Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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# Readings for Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## First Reading

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

*'The righteous shall live by his faith.'*

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you 'Violence!'  
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see iniquity,  
and why do you idly look at wrong?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

And the LORD answered me:

'Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so he may run who reads it.  
For still the vision awaits its appointed time;  
it hastens to the end — it will not lie.  
If it seems slow, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.

'Behold, his soul is puffed up;  
it is not upright within him,  
but the righteous shall live by his faith.'

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## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R 7c, 8a

*O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts.'*

*Or: Alleluia*

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;  
let us hail him with a song of praise.

*O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts.'*

*Or: Alleluia*

O come; let us bow and bend low.  
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,  
for he is our God, and we the people,  
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.

*O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts.'*

*Or: Alleluia*

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your forebears put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

*O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts.'*

*Or: Alleluia*

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## Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

*'Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.'*

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God,  
which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God  
gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-  
control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about  
our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for  
the gospel by the power of God,

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have  
heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.  
By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good  
deposit entrusted to you.

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## Acclamation before the Gospel

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

The word of the Lord remains for ever  
and this word is the good news that was preached to you.

**Alleluia.**

**1 Peter 1:25**

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## Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

*'If you had faith.'*

At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our  
faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of  
mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be  
uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or  
keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the  
field, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather  
say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and  
serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat  
and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what  
was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that  
you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we  
have only done what was our duty." '

## 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.**