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PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A – 24th MAY 2026

Missal P342 Order of the Mass P470

323RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPIRITANS

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE
SPIRITANS PRIEST TRAINING**

****MASS AT ST PAUL'S 10AM ONLY TODAY****

***PENTECOST CELEBRATION IN BOTH CHURCHES AFTER MASS
PLEASE BRING YOUR TRADITIONAL FOOD TO SHARE***



PRIEST CORNER: Today marks the birthday of the church, the commissioning of the church to go out and announce without fear the goodness of God everywhere. In the same event of commissioning through the Power of the Holy Spirit, the Spiritan Congregation was born on the day of Pentecost in 1703 and took up the mandate to spread the good news to the ends of the earth. They are engaged in missionary activities in every corner of the earth from East, West, North and South. So today in our parish we have triple celebration of the Pentecost, our individual baptism and the birthday of the Spiritan Congregation. We are blessed to have such great celebration of the testimony of God's blessings upon our parish. Thank you so much for supporting the works of the Spiritans as we continue to encourage you and our friends to keep supporting the missionary works of the Congregation to which you share in. We have always depended on kind-hearted people for the training of new priests which takes about 12 years to achieve. Whatever you give will be used in keeping the Spiritan mission going as we share the gift aid envelopes at the back of the church. Thank you for all the support and let us celebrate.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The response to the Psalm today says, "Send forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth." The apostles were together when the Holy Spirit descended on them. This was the fulfilment of the promise made by Jesus to them. The world started being renewed when the apostles who were afraid of the Jews received the power from the Holy Spirit. They came out without fear to face the crowd and to proclaim the good news to all peoples who came from different parts of the world, different cultures and languages. Everyone understood them because



God was renewing the earth through them. They were fulfilling the mandate given to them by Jesus, "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." It was through the power of the Holy Spirit which they received that they were commissioned and sent to continue the mission of Jesus. Through baptism and Pentecost experience, we have received the Holy Spirit and commissioned to go out and to proclaim the goodness of God through our words and actions which continue to renew the earth.

MUSTARD SEEDS CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST PAUL'S will take place **during the 10am Mass today, Pentecost Sunday**. All children are welcome to join to learn more about what Pentecost means to us and do some arts and crafts.

CONFIRMATION 2026. We now have a date for Confirmation at St. Paul's. **Sunday 22nd November at 11am Mass.** Parents of children, 13 years upwards, who wish to be confirmed, please pick up an application form either from the Parish Office or from Theresa Wells after 9am Mass on Sunday. We want to start our Confirmation Classes in the next couple of weeks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES AT ST PAUL'S AND ST FINBARR'S. Sunday 7th June is the **Feast of Corpus Christi**. Those children who attend St Paul's Church and have been preparing since early January will be making their **First Holy Communion** at the 9am Mass at St Paul's on the 7th June. Those children who attend St Finbarr's Church and who have also been preparing since early January will be making their First Holy Communion at the 11am Mass at St Finbarr's on the 7th June. Please pray for our FHC Children and their families.

DO YOU HAVE ICT EXPERIENCE? We are asking for volunteers who can help arrange Mass in PowerPoint whenever we are going to use the projector at St Paul's. It will involve arranging the Order of Mass, the hymns and the readings. If able to help, please contact Mary or Fr Gabriel.

ST FINBARR'S CORNER. 1. Marian procession - A huge thank you to everyone who showed up for our rosary procession last Sunday which culminated in her crowning in the church by our children. It has become our tradition in St Finbarr's to do this once a year, in the month of May, in honour of Our Lady who always intercedes for us. May she hear our prayers for our church and village community and present them to her son. Amen.



2. Church Spring cleaning - a small team of people showed up to tidy up our church surroundings last Saturday morning. Thank you for your sacrifices, a huge thank you also goes to Michelle who showed up with much needed refreshments. We would also like to use this opportunity to thank our 'silent workers' who do their bit every week to ensure that our church and premises are kept clean and tidy. May God reward you for all you do. We encourage more participation of parishioners in future church events.

3. Rosary devotion - We will have the last of our rosary devotion for the month of May this Sunday, the 24th of May. It will start a little earlier than usual at 10:15am before our Pentecost Mass at 11am. If you have not had the opportunity to join in, please endeavour to do so this week. Thank you to those who have volunteered to lead every week. God bless you.

4. Mass bookings - We are encouraged to book Masses for our intentions and those of our families and friends, this is an age old tradition in the church and is a source of income for our clergy. The process is straight forward. There are envelopes at the back of the church for this purpose. You will be required to fill out the information on it with your Mass stipend enclosed (a minimum of £10) per Mass booking. These can then be placed in the offertory bags. Alternatively, you can contact **Theresa Gordon at St Paul's by email (dovasoul@hotmail.com)**. You can also pay your Mass stipend using the CollecTin machine in the foyer (Please let us know if you pay this way). Carina, Richard and John would be happy to help with any queries.

5. Fides Meetings in St Finbarr's May/June 2026: Know your Faith - exploring the different understanding of the key teachings and practices between Protestant and Catholic Churches. You are all invited to attend our Fides Meetings which take place on a fortnightly basis on a Thursday. **Next meeting 4th June.** They will be led by Fr. Jamie who will share with us from his wealth of knowledge of the faith and scripture. Our meetings are from **7pm - 8:30pm** with teas and coffees from 6:40pm.

Session Three: 4th June What is Catholic Marriage and Holy Orders? Often misunderstood in a secular western society.

Session Four: 18th June Reception into the Church - Baptism, Confirmation, RCIA

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK Catholic Legacy Week, 24-30 May, is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more about the week at <https://cafod.org.uk/give/leave-a-gift-in-your-will/your-catholic-legacy>

SUMMER CELEBRATION OF ST. JUDE will be on **Saturday 30th May** in the grounds of the Carmelite Shrine of St. Jude, 34 Tanner Street, Faversham ME13 7JW. 11am Devotions with Anointing; 1.30pm Open Air Mass; 2.30pm Procession past the Shrine of St. Jude. All are welcome.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE On **Saturday June 13th 2026** couples are invited to a day where they can **privately** explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into the communication and the call of the Church to be married at **Our Lady of Good Counsel, 2 Lower Blackhouse Hill, Hythe, Kent, CT21 5LS** from **9.00am till 4.30pm**. The one-day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriages better and to improve their communication skills and learn how to raise issues without hurting each other. **There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple.** The unique selling point of this day is it is NOT marriage counselling - Marriage Care and Retrouvaille do a brilliant job at this! Refreshments will be provided but please bring a **packed lunch**. **Booking is essential.** To apply please contact: **Carole** on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or by phone on **07983 524 727**

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE **Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham**, on **Saturday 6th June 2026** from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Please call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal, 2026		
Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy	First and Third Sundays 11am 24th May & 7th June	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Finbarr's Children's Liturgy	First Sunday of the Month 11am	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
St Jude's Prayer Group	Third Monday 2pm – 3pm 15th June	St Paul's Hall, Dover
'Familia Una' Adult Youth Group	Sundays 6pm	St. Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
First Holy Communion Mass	Sunday 7th June	9am St Paul's, Dover 11am St Finbarr's Aylesham
Fides Prayer Group St Paul's	Wednesdays 6:40pm for 7pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
Fides Prayer Group St Finbarr's	Alternate Thursdays 6:40pm for 7pm 4th June	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Holy Rosary	Thursdays 9.30am	St Paul's, Dover
Bible Study	Thursdays 10.30am	St Paul's, Dover
Fire Marshall Training	Saturday 20th June 7pm Sunday 21st June 12noon	St Paul's Dover St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Parish Feast Day Family BBQ	Sunday 28th June (TBC)	St Paul's, Dover

CATECHISM – I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

"No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit." "God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'" This knowledge of faith is possible only in the Holy Spirit: to be in touch with Christ, we must first have been touched by the Holy Spirit. He comes to meet us and kindles faith in us. By virtue of our Baptism, the first sacrament of the faith, the Holy Spirit in the Church communicates to us, intimately and personally, the life that originates in the Father and is offered to us in the Son. (CCC 683). Baptism gives us the grace of new birth in God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit. For those who bear God's Spirit are led to the Word, that is, to the Son, and the Son presents them to the Father, and the Father confers incorruptibility on them. and it is impossible to see God's Son without the Spirit, and no one can approach the Father without the Son, for the knowledge of the Father is the Son, and the knowledge of God's Son is obtained through the Holy Spirit

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr's: Charlotte, 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: Keely Cookson, David Underdown, Sr. Jennifer Sanders, Mary Mee, Carol Manton, Oliver O'Connor, Helen Scopes, John Doyle, Maria Frost, Roz & Rob Pain, Rosa Mazzitelli, 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, John & Joyce Nix, Bailey Turner, Peggy Merrell, Ryan Whittall, Jean Ann Dowle, Norman Woolhouse, Ted Peel, Christopher Browne, Angela, Alice Wilson, Angela Henbrey, Madison Woodall, Elisa Gomez Melero, Ann Tomalak, Emin Jain, Pat & Patricia Sherratt, Chris Roy.

Please Pray for those whose death anniversaries occur this week:

St Finbarr's: Vivienne Cooke, Margaret Deverson, Patrick Herve, John Golden, Ivy Ann Canning, James Breen, Bob Maguire.

St Paul's: Ellen Bishop, Alfred Smith, Gertrude McMillan, Reg Stopher, Mary Richards, Desmond Hughes, Fr. Gary Gill, Ivy Couzens, Maureen Houghton, Meg Dalziel, James N Healy, John Sibley, Catherine Overington, Victoria Fletcher, Grace Clayton, Betty Gavigan, Linda Ann Leighton.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
PENTECOST SUNDAY	Sunday 24th May	10.15am 11am	Holy Rosary Mass for People of the Parish Followed by Pentecost Celebrations
	Wednesday 27th May	10am	Mass for Children in Care
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Sunday 31st May	11am	Mass for People of the Parish
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
	Saturday 23rd May	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for Students Taking Examinations Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for G/E Sheila Henneker (Andrea)
PENTECOST SUNDAY	Sunday 24th May	10AM 3pm 6pm	Mass for People of the Parish Mustard Seeds Children's Liturgy Followed by Pentecost Celebration in the hall Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Faith and Life Sessions for Familia Una Youth Group in the Upper Hall
MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH MEMORIAL	Monday 25th May	10am	Mass for Mary Richards RIP (Mary)
SAINT PHILIP NERI, PRIEST, MEMORIAL	Tuesday 26th May	10am	Mass for Maureen Houghton RIP – 2 nd Anniversary (Fr. Jamie)
SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP, APOSTLE OF ENGLAND	Wednesday 27th May	10am 5.30pm 7pm	Mass for Protection of Human Life From Conception to Natural Death (Tim) Exposition and Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Fides Prayer Group in the Hall - Refreshments from 6.40pm
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	Thursday 28th May	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary Mass In Honour of God The Father, Our Father, Creator & Saviour (Tim) Bible Study
SAINT PAUL VI, POPE	Friday 29th May	10am	Mass for Faith for Unbelievers (Tim)
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Saturday 30th May	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for Youth of Our Parish Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Spiritan Seminarians
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Sunday 31st May	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for G/E Father Benedict Ordination Anniversary Coffee after Mass Mass for Bernard Doolin (Keith and Theresa) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Faith and Life Sessions for Familia Una Youth Group in the Upper Hall

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Readings for Sunday

24th May 2026

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

'In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.'

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

'They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.'

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 104(103):1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34. R cf. 30

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

or: Alleluia.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, how great you are!
How many are your works, O LORD!
The earth is full of your creatures.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

or: Alleluia.

You take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

or: Alleluia.

May the glory of the LORD last for ever!
May the LORD rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

or: Alleluia.

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Sequence

Veni, sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will ;All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die,
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love

Alleluia.

Gospel**John 17:1-11a**

*'As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.
Receive the Holy Spirit.'*

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

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.