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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR A – 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2026 Missal P418 Order of the Mass P470

### PRIEST CORNER:

**WELCOME BACK AND CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER BENEDICT** who celebrated the 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination last week. May God continue to bless him and his ministry.

### GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Most Holy Trinity.

This Sunday presents to us the feast of the Most Holy Trinity which we invoke every time we pray. We start with “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” and that is the Holy Trinity one God. In the life of the church, all Sacraments are administered through the Holy Trinity; baptism, confirmation, Holy Eucharist, anointing of the sick, forgiveness of sins, ordination, marriage. The blessing that the priest gives is through the Holy Trinity. Our salvation is through the actions of God the Father who sent his Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation and to complete his mission of salvation, sent the Holy Spirit to be with us till the end of time. It is this undivided unity that is the centre of our life. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are all united in Love as one.



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### PENTECOST SUNDAY / INTERNATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION.



A special thank you to Fr Gabriel and Deacon Barry who celebrated the Pentecost Feast Day Mass last Sunday in St Paul's, and to Fr Jamie at St Finbarr's and to all the members of our churches, especially those who played a special role in the liturgy, those who contributed food and drinks, as well as those who helped to serve and clean up after the celebrations. It was a great celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, many cultures and languages from all over the world were well represented. Thank you for your participation. We hope to have an even better celebration next year. God bless you all. The second collection for the Spiritan Priest Training came to £585. Thank you for your generosity.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS 2026: ST PAUL'S GROUP - SEATING AT MASS, ADVANCED NOTICE.** The First Holy Communion Mass, for the St Paul's children will take place at 9am on Sunday, 7th June, the Feast of Corpus Christi. We are expecting around 100 guests, including the FHC children, their families, and friends. Collectively they will occupy the front half of the church. Parishioners who usually attend the 9am Mass are welcome, with seating available at the back and sides of the church. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Deacon Barry. **St Finbarr's First Holy Communion Mass will also take place next Sunday at their 11am Mass.**

**MUSTARD SEEDS CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST PAUL'S.** There will be NO Children's Liturgy at St Paul's next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Next Liturgy will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June at the 11am Mass.

**PARISH FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> JUNE.** This is a legal requirement and will take place in the parish on the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup> June – at St Paul's on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm after the evening Mass and at St Finbarr's on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June after the 11am. The training is given by a member of the diocese, Roy Collier, and is free of charge and will also include a drill (also a requirement). **It is very important the Welcomers especially, and as many parishioners as possible, attend this training for all our safety.**

**CONFIRMATION 2026.** We now have a date for Confirmation at St. Paul's. **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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.

**MASS BOOKINGS ST PAUL'S AND ST FINBARR'S** - 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](mailto:dovasoul@hotmail.com)).** You can also pay your Mass stipend using the CollecTin machine in the porch (Please let us know if you pay this way). Carina, Richard and John would be happy to help with any queries at St Finbarr's and Mary at St Paul's.

**ST FINBARR'S CORNER. 1. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE** On Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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.

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

## CATECHISM

### CHRIST'S WORK IN THE LITURGY.



"To accomplish so great a work" - the dispensation or communication of his work of salvation - "Christ is always present in his Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations. He is present in the Sacrifice of the Mass not only in the person of his minister, 'the same now offering, through the ministry of priests, who formerly offered himself on the cross,' but especially in the Eucharistic species. By his power he is present in the sacraments so that when anybody baptizes, it is really Christ himself who baptizes. He is present in his word since it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Lastly, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he has promised 'where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them.'" (CCC 1088)

#### **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, 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:** Kathleen Simpson, Elizabeth Mary Herr, Owen Yore, Mary Dunleavy Hilton, Thomas Doyle.

**St Paul's:** Lyn Heynen, Fr. Joseph Redmond, Fr William Howell, Agnes Steele, Emily Irene Saueressig, William Millar, Mary Helen Mackett, Joseph Johnston, Florence Corry, Elsie Wickens, John O'Meara, Teresa Mary Chillingworth, Olga Mary Wills, Una Graddon, Vera Fletcher, Orlando Vasquez, Betty Brennan, Margaret (Margo) Mackie.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	11am	Mass for People of the Parish
<b>SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	10am	Mass for Carol Rushmer (Heather Mash)
	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	6:40 for 7pm	Fides Prayer Group
<b>THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	11am	First Holy Communion Mass for World Peace
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
<b>THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for G/E Father Benedict 22 <sup>nd</sup> Priestly 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
<b>SAINT JUSTIN, MARTYR</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	10am	Mass for Deceased Clergy of Southwark Diocese
<b>SAINTS MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	10am	Mass for Elena Csikova RIP ( Gizelle)
<b>SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	10am 5.30pm 7pm	Mass for Robert and Mary Golding RIP (Colin) Exposition and Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Fides Prayer Group in the Hall - Refreshments from 6.40pm
	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary Ordinariate Mass for Olga Mary Willis 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary & Deceased Family RIP (Colin) Bible Study
<b>SAINT BONIFACE, BISHOP AND MARTYR</b>	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Mass for Jean Mackenzie RIP (Robert)
<b>THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OR SAINT NORBERT, BISHOP OR SAINT LUKE KIRBY, PRIEST AND MARTYR</b>	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for Victims of Sexual Abuse Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Mentally Ill
<b>THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	First Holy Communion Mass for G/E Sheila (Theresa) Coffee after Mass Mass for Victims of Violence within the home 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

## 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

### First Reading

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

*'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious.'*

In those days: Moses rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth and worshipped. And he said, 'If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.'

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### Responsorial Psalm

Dan 3:52. 53. 54. 55. 56. R52b

*To be praised and highly exalted for ever!*

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestors.  
*To be praised and highly exalted for ever!*

Blessed is your glorious and holy name,  
*To be praised and highly exalted for ever!*

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,  
*To be praised and highly exalted for ever!*

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,  
*To be praised and highly exalted for ever!*

Blessed are you who look into the depths, seated upon the cherubim,  
*To be praised and highly exalted for ever!*

Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven.  
*To be praised and highly exalted for ever!*

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### Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

*'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.'*

Brothers and Sisters: Rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### Acclamation before the Gospel

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is and who was and who is to come.

**Alleluia.**

Cf. Revelation 1:8

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### Gospel

John 3:16-18

*'God sent His son in order that the world might be saved through him'*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

### 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.**