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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 14th JUNE 2026

Missal **P615** Order of the Mass **P470**

PRIEST CORNER:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 Congratulations to all those children at St Paul's and St Finbarr's who made their FHC last Sunday on the Feast of Corpus Christi. **Special appreciation goes to Jan and Margaret who, along with**



Deacon Barry, prepared the St Paul's children and to Carina who prepared the children at St Finbarr's. It was a very special occasion in both churches as I presided over both FHC Masses for the first time in the parish. Photos of the children from both churches show what a happy occasion it was for them as well as their parents, grandparents, godparents, families, friends and the clergy. **Special Thanks goes to: Vicki and the members of 9am choir at St Paul's and the members of the St Finbarr's Choir,** who played and sung so beautifully; **To the Altar Servers at St Paul's led by Bernard and Mark,** and those at St Finbarr's; to



Malcolm and Marie for taking the photos at St Paul's and St Finbarr's respectively and to **Richard** for producing and projecting the slides at St Finbarr's; to **Mary and Paul** who produced and printed the FHC Mass booklets for both churches; to the **Flower Arrangers Mary-Ann, Jane and Michael** at St Paul's and **Carina, Diane, Agnes, Neenu, and St Finbarr's First Holy Communion families and children,** who prepared and adorned their respective churches with flowers. Finally, thank you to everyone who made the day so special. **Please pray for three young Parishioners who will be making their First Holy Communion at St. Finbarr's next Sunday, 21st June.** May it be the start of a lifetime of receiving Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Love and Mercy of God often come with “if” ... and.., “then”. The use of if gives us a freedom of choice either to accept or reject this offer as the Love and Mercy of God are forever effective. The book of Exodus reminds the people of Israel how God rescued them from slavery in Egypt and reminds them that if they obey His voice and keep His commandment that they will be His treasured possession among the peoples. Even though they did not keep their promise, and just as we too are acting in the same manner, God still sent Jesus to come draw us closer to God and even die to save us. To effectively make the plan of God to be achieved, Jesus cared for all the people because they were like sheep without a Shepherd. It is this reason that prompted him to gather the apostles to be part of this mission of reconciling us with God. The mission of reconciling us with God is an ongoing exercise and all Christians and peoples are invited to be part of it. To help us achieve this goal, Jesus sacrificed himself and died for us and that through his death we may be reconciled to God. We, like the people of Israel, are given the same opportunity, if we keep God's commandments his Love and Mercy will abide and manifest in us.



PLEASE PRAY FOR Audrey Stitt from Aylesham who passed away recently. Audrey's funeral will take place at St Finbarr's on **Friday 26th June at 12noon**, followed by burial at Aylesham Cemetery. May She Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory, Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEACON BARRY who celebrated his birthday on Friday. May God continue to bless you and your Ministry.

NEXT WEEKEND there will be a Second Collection for Day For Life. This is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the Day for Life collection provide core funding to assist other life-related activities supported by the Church.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Training session will take place on **Saturday 27th June 10.30am to 12noon**. Parents of servers are asked to get their children here on time so we can start at 10.30am sharp. Servers from St. Finbarr's are very welcome to come and join us here at St. Paul's.

PARISH FAMILY DAY AND BBQ - SUNDAY 28th JUNE on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, our **Parish Feast Day**. All families are invited to the presbytery garden at St Paul's after the 11am Mass for food, games, music and fun! The parish will contribute towards the BBQ sausages, beef burgers and soft drinks and we ask families to also bring food and drink to share. All parishioners are welcome, including St Finbarr's families, for this special celebration.

FAMILIA UNA QUIZ NIGHT on **Saturday, 4th July** from 6.45pm for a 7pm start in **St Paul's Church Hall**, to raise funds to take a group of young people to **World Youth Day 2027** in **Taiwan & South Korea**. Get together with your friends, family and community for an evening of fun. Entry fee £5 per person and there will be a raffle and light refreshments available. If you would like to book a table or get more info, please contact Sandra in advance on Mob: 07521 282261 or Email: sandramalho01@gmail.com Not enough people for a table of up to 6 people, just let Sandra know and she can hook you up with some friendly folk. **Donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated**. If you have any unwanted presents or small items, please leave them in the box at the back of St Paul's. Many thanks.

PARISH FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING 18th/19th JULY. (Change of Date) This is a legal requirement and will take place **at St Paul's on Saturday 18th July at 7pm after the evening Mass and at St Finbarr's on Sunday 19th July after the 11am Mass**. 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 and Leaders of Parish Ministries and Groups especially, and as many parishioners as possible, attend this training for all our safety. Refreshments will be available.

ST FINBARR'S CORNER.

Fides Meetings in St Finbarr's May/June 2026: You are all invited to attend our Fides Meetings which take place on a fortnightly basis on a Thursday. Next meeting **18th June Session Four: 18th June** Reception into the Church - Baptism, Confirmation, RCIA. will be led by Fr. Gabriel. Our meetings are from **7pm - 8:30pm** with teas and coffees from **6:40pm**.

New Church Façade At St Finbarr's. A lot of work has been going on behind the scenes to give our church a much needed facelift to make it more appealing and welcoming. This was initiated by our immediate past parish priest, Fr Leo Illah and is being carried forward by our current parish priest, Fr Gabriel Onoyima. The architectural drawings are on display on the notice boards at the back of the church. Please avail yourself of the opportunity to peruse these and have your say. You can make your suggestions or ask any questions by speaking to Fr Gabriel directly or contacting him by email (gabrielonoyima@rcaos.org.uk) Thank you.

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. There are envelopes at the back of the church for this purpose. 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 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.

CONFIRMATION 2026. 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.

'A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED', Dover Baptist Church, Saturday 27th June 4pm. The local Christian Music Ministries choir is presenting 'A grain of mustard seed' by Roger Jones, a musical piece that tells the story of Robert Raikes and the start of Sunday Schools. Come and listen to the first and free performance which will be followed by Tea & Cakes. CTiD.

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE BEING BROUGHT BACK Assisted suicide campaigners are trying to bring back the Leadbeater Bill. Not Dead Yet UK has launched a simple tool to help you email your MP about the risks this Bill poses to people with disabilities. **Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today using the tool here: <http://action.notdeadyetuk.org/>**

MORE HUMAN: Pope Leo has just published a **new encyclical Magnifica Humanitas**. It speaks about what it means to be human in our time, especially with in the age of AI. Join us for these 3 short workshops to introduce and explore aspects of this timely document with input, as well as reflection and prayer. In St Aloysius Parish Hall, Phoenix Rd, London NW1 1TA, **Mondays 13th Jul, 21st Sep & 23rd Nov, 7.30-8.45pm**. All Welcome! Register to attend on <https://tinyurl.com/MoreHuman26> These workshops will also be online, email info@fcjecojustice.co.uk

GOING DEEPER INTO THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE — **New Course, September 2026.** The Maryvale Institute is launching a new course this September, designed for all who wish to go deeper into the Sacrament of Marriage. It is for parish priests, counsellors, those working with married couples, and couples themselves. The course is rooted in the Church's richest theological tradition, and explores marriage as vocation, covenant, and a path of sanctification — not merely a ceremony, but a lifelong participation in Christ's love for the Church. It runs over six modules, designed to be both academically robust and accessible to participants without prior theological background. Full details may be found at: <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/marriage.html>

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 Next 21st June	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Finbarr's Children's Liturgy	Sunday 11am 14th June	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
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 18th June	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Holy Rosary	Thursdays 9.30am	St Paul's, Dover
Bible Study	Thursdays 10.30am	St Paul's, Dover
Altar Server Training	Saturday 27th June 10.30am	St Paul's, Dover
Parish Feast Day Family BBQ	Sunday 28th June 12noon	St Paul's Presbytery Garden, Dover
Familia Una Quiz Night	Saturday 4th July 7pm	St Paul's, Dover
Fire Marshall Training	Saturday 18th July 7pm Sunday 19th July 12noon	St Paul's, Dover St Finbarr's, Aylesham

CATECHISM

Besides believing what God has revealed, what else must we do to be saved?

Besides believing what God has revealed, we must keep His law. God has clearly revealed that we must keep His law to attain eternal salvation. The revealed doctrines, which we must believe, give us the reasons for obeying the law. The law of God is an expression of divine wisdom guiding man to his end and regulating man's relations to his Creator and to his fellow men. Some actions are good in themselves; others are good because they are commanded. Some actions are evil in themselves; others are evil because they are forbidden. Good actions are in conformity with human nature as created by God; evil actions are contrary to it. The law of God presupposes the divine will and also divine wisdom. Every



rational creature must obey the law of God as made known through human reason and divine revelation. "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). "He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me" (John 14:21). "But if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" (Matthew 19:17). (Baltimore Catechism 3)

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: Sheila Henneker, 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: John Jardine, Elizabeth Maureen Hughes, Thomas Mather, Helmy Louise Spence, Doreen Williams, Francis McCallum, Keith Thomas, James Andrew Dawes, Lewis Richards.

St Paul's: Denis O'Meara, Alexander Shearer, Albert Letchford, John Colquhoun Jardine, Tony Wilson, George Nix, Fr Peter Arnold, Elizabeth Knight, Regina Illah, Thea Brueton, Charlotte Victoria Drew, Bob Broom, Peter Alfred Gill, Laura Doyle, Emma Delaney, Walter Falconer, William Richard Brankley, Pearl Bates, Joan Birch, Rhoda Manly, Gerry Hitchens, Peter Gill.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 14 th June	11am	Mass for Hannah Sloane 'F' Children's Liturgy
	Wednesday 17 th June	10am	Mass for Holy Souls
	Thursday 18 th June	6:40 for 7pm	Fides Prayer Group
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 21 st June	11am	Mass for People of the Parish FHC Candidates Mass
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Saturday 13 th June	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for Louis Gordon RIP (Theresa) Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for People of the Parish
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 14 th June	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Regina Illah RIP (Theresa) Coffee after Mass Mass for Carol Smye-Rumsby RIP (Paul & Family) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Faith and Life Sessions for Familia Una Youth Group in the Upper Hall
	Monday 15 th June	10am 2pm	Mass Fr Peter Arnold RIP (Keith and Theresa) St Jude's Prayer Group in the hall
SAINT RICHARD OF CHICHESTER, BISHOP	Tuesday 16 th June	10am	Mass for Recovery of Barbara (Sheila)
	Wednesday 17 th June	10am 5.30pm 7pm	Mass for Peace in the Middle East Exposition and Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Fides Prayer Group in the Hall - Refreshments from 6.40pm
	Thursday 18 th June	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary Mass for Joseph Vincent RIP (Nicy) Bible Study
SAINT JOHN RIGBY, MARTYR	Friday 19 th June	10am	Mass for Shirley's 90 th Birthday (Sheila)
SAINT ALBAN, MARTYR, PROTOMARTYR OF BRITAIN	Saturday 20 th June	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for Those Contemplating Entering the Priesthood Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for All Who Work for the Emergency Services
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 21 st June	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Shirami Geraldine RIP (Dona) Coffee after Mass Mass for People of the Parish Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy 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

14th June 2026

First Reading

Exodus 19:2-6a

'You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'

In those days: The people of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. R3c

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

or: Alleluia.

Cry out with joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Serve the LORD with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

or: Alleluia.

Know that he, the LORD, is God.

He made us; we belong to him.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

or: Alleluia.

Indeed, how good is the LORD,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

or: Alleluia.

Second Reading

Romans 5:6-11

'If we were reconciled by the death of the Son, much more shall we be saved by his life'

Brothers and Sisters: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.

Alleluia.

Cf. Mark 1:15

Gospel

Matthew 9:36-10:8

'Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and sent them out.'

At that time: When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.'

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.