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FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

28th JUNE 2026

Missal **P1025** Order of the Mass **P470**

Parish Feast Day - Family Day and BBQ at St Paul's

Second Collection for Peter's Pence

PRIEST CORNER:

Today is our Parish Feast Day of St Peter & St Paul. Please do join in our celebrations after the 11am Mass in the presbytery garden.

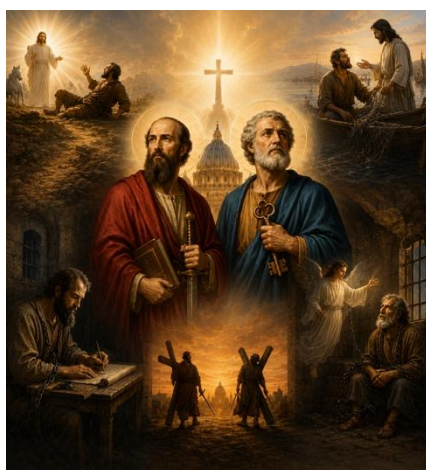


CONGRATULATIONS to the three candidates who made their First Holy Communion at St Finbarr's last Sunday. Special thanks go to Anne Rowe who prepared them.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN, GOING FORTH MASSES

Congratulations to all FHC children who made their FHC earlier this month and today are awarded their FHC Certificates. Having now made their FHC these children are eligible to take up one of 4 ministries in the church; Altar Serving, Reading at Mass, Offertory Collector and choir member. If any child is interested in finding out more about any of these ministries, then parents, please contact Deacon Barry at St Paul's and Carina Jarvie at St Finbarr's.

GOSPEL REFLECTION.



Solemnity of St Peter and Paul

Peter and Paul are two great saints of the Church, called by Jesus at different times in their lives. Peter a former fisherman and Paul a former persecutor of the church. With their calls and great change in their lives, each bore witness to the kingdom of God as both were not afraid to stand and defend their faith. Peter to the Jews while Paul reached out to the Gentiles. The answer Peter gave about Jesus was a sure way of saying that he understood who Jesus is and his ministry. He was ever ready to remain faithful to him till death. One thing that they never doubted was the presence of Jesus even in their suffering. Peter was in prison and continued to praise and bear witness to gospel and he experienced God's intervention. Paul in all his sufferings for the gospel remained resolute in spreading the good news of the gospel and at a point said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Hence there is laid up for me

the crown of righteousness." Both suffered and died for Christ. As we celebrate them, may we learn from them how to remain faithful to our calling.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER BEN The parish clergy and parishioners wish you a happy and blessed day today Sunday 28th June.

HAPPY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY FATHER GABRIEL The parish clergy and parishioners wish you a happy and blessed day on Wednesday 1st July.

MUSTARD SEEDS

1. Summer Outing to Aylesford. The Mustard Seeds invite children aged 9–15, along with parents and siblings, to join us on **Saturday, 11th July**, for a visit to the **Friars Summer Fayre 2026 in Aylesford** with **Father Gabriel**. The annual Friars Summer Fayre is a fundraising event filled with fun, activities, and community spirit for all ages. **We have hired a minibus and places are limited but if you would like to go, please call Michelle 07510 869591 or Silvana 07775 561876 (before 7am and after 9pm). Children must be accompanied by an adult.**



Silvana and Michelle are going to walk 9.4 miles on Friday, the 3rd of July, to raise funds for the Youth Mustard Seeds. Please support them if you can, by seeing Silvana after 9am Mass in St Paul's or Michelle in Our Lady of Dover, or text us.

(We have put our photos so you know who we are).

2. Youth Prayer Warriors. Children aged 9–15 years are invited to join us every **Saturday at 3:00 pm** for the **Rosary** in the church at St Paul's (side entrance). Prayer requests may be placed in the **gold prayer boxes**, where our **Youth Prayer Warriors** will pray for your intentions.

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.

HELP! CALLING ALL 90-YEAR-OLDS AND OVER. If you are 90 years old or older, or will be 90 this year, we would like you to receive a personal invitation to the **World Day of Prayer for the Elderly Celebration to be held on Sunday 26 July 2026 at St Paul's Church**, comprising of 11am Mass and immediately followed by strawberries and cream etc in St Paul's Church Hall, Dover. Consequently, anyone reading this notice please let the parish secretary (07936 573155, dover@rcaos.org.uk) know the name(s) and ideally contact details of any parishioners from both St Paul's and St Finbarr's who you think might be 90 years old or older so we can send them, and their family, an invitation. Thank you. Deacon Barry.

PARISH FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING 18th/19th JULY 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.

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.

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 or Anne Rowe at St. Finnbarr's. We want to start our Confirmation Classes in the next couple of weeks.

GOING DEEPER INTO THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE — New Course, September 2026. The Maryvale Institute is launching a new course, 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. 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 Youth Prayer Warriors Holy Rosary	Saturdays 3pm	St Paul’s, Dover
Mustard Seed Children’s Liturgy	First and Third Sundays 11am	St Paul’s Upper Hall, Dover
St Finbarr’s Children’s Liturgy	Sunday 11am	St Finbarr’s, Aylesham
St Jude’s Prayer Group	Third Monday 2pm – 3pm	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
Holy Rosary	Thursdays 9.30am	St Paul’s, Dover
Bible Study	Thursdays 10.30am	St Paul’s, Dover
Familia Una Quiz Night	Saturday 4th July 7pm	St Paul’s, Dover
Mustard Seeds Summer Outing	Saturday 11th July	Aylesford Priory
Fire Marshall Training	Saturday 18th July 7pm Sunday 19th July 12noon	St Paul’s, Dover St Finbarr’s, Aylesham

CATECHISM

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS



The intercession of the saints. "Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness.... They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, as they proffer the merits which they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus.... So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped." Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life. I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth. Communion with the saints. "It is not merely by the title of example that we cherish the memory of those in heaven; we seek, rather, that by this devotion to the exercise of fraternal charity the union of the whole Church in the Spirit may be strengthened. Exactly as Christian communion among our fellow pilgrims brings us closer to Christ, so our communion with the saints joins us to Christ, from whom as from its fountain and head issues

all grace, and the life of the People of God itself" (CCC 956 & 957)

Please Pray for those who are unwell:

St Finbarr’s: Charlotte, 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: Fraser James McIntyre, Arthur Davies, Robert Baker, Constance Eileen Gardner..

St Paul’s: Lilian Reeves, Arthur Blackman, John Rice, Jean Button, Teresa Beven, Anastasia Medhurst, Sr Bridie Costello DC, Fr Oscar Leake, Ann Worker, Hilder Driver, Daniel McGarry, Sr Teresa Devlin, Mark Hart, Joan Maher, Sr. Celia Mary UJ, Wilfred Husk, Kathleen McLauchlan, James Goldsmith, Allan Shepherd.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL	Sunday 28th June	11am	Mass for Jack's First Birthday (Diana)
	Wednesday 1st July	10am	Mass for The Hungry of the World
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 5th July	11am	Mass for People of the Parish
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OR SAINT CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	Saturday 27th June	10am 10.30am 3pm 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for Denise Magauran RIP (Nicholas) Altar Server Training until 12noon Mustard Seed Youth Prayer Warriors Holy Rosary Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Victims of Violence in Nigeria
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL	Sunday 28th June	9am 11am 12 noon 3pm 6pm	Mass for Fr Ben's Birthday NO Coffee after Mass Mass for People of the Parish followed by PARISH FAMILY BBQ IN THE PRESBYTERY GARDEN Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Faith and Life Sessions for Familia Una Youth Group in the Upper Hall
	Monday 29th June	10am	Mass for Manju's Intention (Angela)
THE FIRST MARTYRS OF HOLY ROMAN CHURCH	Tuesday 30th June	10am	Mass for Oje RIP (Angela)
SAINT OLIVER PLUNKET, BISHOP AND MARTYR	Wednesday 1st July	10am 5.30pm 7pm	Mass for Fr. Gabriel's 20 th Anniversary of Ordination Exposition and Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Fides Prayer Group in the Hall - Refreshments from 6.40pm
	Thursday 2nd July	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary Mass for Youth of St. Paul's Bible Study
SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE, FEAST, GLORIA	Friday 3rd July	10am	Mass for Students in Further Education
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OR SAINT ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL	Saturday 4th July	10am 3pm 5pm 6pm 7PM	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for Seminarians Worldwide Mustard Seed Youth Prayer Warriors Holy Rosary Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Carers of the Sick FAMILIA UNA FUNDRAISING QUIZ IN THE HALL
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 5th July	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Peace in Lebanon Coffee after Mass Mass for Priests of Southwark Diocese 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

28th July 2026

First Reading

Acts 12:1-11

‘Now I am sure that the lord has rescued me from the hand of Herod’

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, ‘Get up quickly.’ And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, ‘Dress yourself and put on your sandals.’ And he did so. And he said to him, ‘Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.’ And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, ‘Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R5

*From all my terrors the LORD set me free
Or: Alleluia*

I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.
*From all my terrors the LORD set me free
Or: Alleluia*

Glorify the LORD with me;
together let us praise his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.
*From all my terrors the LORD set me free
Or: Alleluia*

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This lowly one called; the LORD heard,
and rescued him from all his distress.
*From all my terrors the LORD set me free
Or: Alleluia*

The angel of the LORD is encamped
around those who fear him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good.
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.
*From all my terrors the LORD set me free
Or: Alleluia*

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18

‘There is laid up from me the crown of righteousness’

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia.

Matthew 16:18

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

‘You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.’

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’

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.