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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A 5th JULY 2026

Missal P627 Order of the Mass P470

PRIEST CORNER

PARISH FEAST DAY AND BARBECUE. Last Sunday we celebrated our parish Feast of St Peter & St Paul with a special Mass and barbecue. We enjoyed excellent weather, good food and fellowship. I would like to thank those who helped to set up and prepare, to those who brought food and cooked, and those who entertained. Thank you to all who came to celebrate with us.



ST FINBARR'S SUMMER BARBECUE will be a taking place next Sunday, the 12th of July immediately after Mass. It's an opportunity to socialise and for the children to have some fun in the garden. Please bring along some food or drinks to share as usual and invite a friend or two. All are welcome.

GOSPEL REFLECTION Jesus in using children as an analogy on how our faith should be reminds us how children trust their parents to be the strongest, richest, most caring person in the world. Of course, good parents are to their children such model. Jesus thanks God on our behalf for the faith we have received which was revealed to us through him. We are children of God and by having such faith in God, we see ourselves surviving in the world filled with lots of challenges because we trust in the words of Jesus when he tells us; "Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest..." Accepting this offer from Jesus can only be possible if we have faith and trust in God like a child who trust the parent when asked to walk when learning how to walk and not afraid of a fall because the parent will always support and protect the child from fall and danger. In a similar way, all that Jesus wants from us is such faith and trust that he will take care of us.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN, GOING FORTH MASSES

Congratulations to all FHC children at St Paul's and St Finbarr's who received their FHC Certificates last Sunday from Fr Gabriel and to those children who will be receiving their FHC Certificates today. 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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR Kathleen Jennifer Mackenzie (Kath) who passed away recently. Her funeral service will take place at Barham on Friday 10th July at 1pm. May Kath rest in peace and rise in glory, Amen.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SILVANA & MICHELLE who walked from Dover to Deal on Friday to raise funds for the Youth Mustard Seeds. If you would like to sponsor them you can either give them the sponsorship money directly, make a payment through the CollecTins in the church or online <https://givealittle.co/c/e8b66750-4ea0-478c-9ff7-53f823fdc306>, or transfer it to the parish account **Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark Dover, sort code 60-50-01 account number 79114784. Ref YMustard Seeds.** No amount is too small. Thank you so much.

TRANSLATION OF THE BODY OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY On Tuesday 7th July at 7:30pm there will be a Mass in Canterbury Cathedral celebrating the Translation of the Body of St Thomas of Canterbury. On this day in 1220 the relics of this famous English martyr were 'translated' or moved from the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral to an elaborate shrine in the newly-constructed apse at the east end of the cathedral. All are welcome. Entrance to the Cathedral will be by the South Door.

BIBLE STUDY: GUEST SPEAKER FR BEN, ALL WELCOME. Fr Ben has kindly agreed to speak at the bible study on Thursday 9th July, immediately after the 10am mass, about his life before he became a seminarian, his time as a seminarian and his priestly life since his ordination to the sacred priesthood. This event is open to ALL parishioners to attend not just members of the bible study group. Light refreshments provided.

NEXT WEEKEND IS SEA SUNDAY AND THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR STELLA MARIS. Stella Maris is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. Its members provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. Port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome seafarers, offer welfare service and advice, practical help, care and friendship. Stella Maris in Great Britain is part of an international network working in more than 250 ports around the world. 90% of world trade is transported by ship, however the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their family and loved ones and often working in harsh conditions. Stella Maris relies wholly on voluntary contributions, and can only continue its work through the generous donations of its supporters, particularly this collection.

ARCHDIOCESAN DIACONATE DAY: ADVANCED NOTICE. Deacon Barry will be preaching at all three masses at St Pauls over the weekend of the 11th / 12th July on the Permanent Diaconate and again on Sunday 19th at St Finbarrs to mark the third Archdiocesan Diaconate day. Are you a man aged 21–58, prayerful, active in parish and community life, and drawn to deeper service in the Church? God may be calling you to be a Permanent Deacon. To discern this call, speak with Fr Gabriel, Fr Ben, Fr Jamie or Barry Barton, our Parish Deacon, or visit the diocesan website at <https://rcaos.org.uk/vocations/is-god-calling-me/the-diaconate/> or contact the Diaconate Formation Director via e-mail: ianblack@rcaos.org.uk for more information. Deacon Barry.

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, doover@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.

CAFOD-DEC VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL. Please can you help our neighbours affected by the 24th June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. **Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today:** cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.



"We ask God that we may all face this together, finding comfort in God, and in solidarity and charity." – Archbishop Raúl Biorio Castillo, Archbishop of Caracas, Santiago de Venezuela

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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.

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. Finbarr's. We want to start our Confirmation Classes in the next couple of weeks.

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
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

Why do we pray?

We pray: first, to adore God, expressing to Him our love and loyalty; second, to thank Him for His Favours;



third, to obtain from Him the pardon of our sins and the remission of their punishment; fourth, to ask for graces and blessings for ourselves and others. "The prayer of the humble and the meek hath always pleased thee" (Judith 9:16). "Therefore, I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you shall eat; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life a greater thing than the food, and the body than the clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you of much more value than they? But which of you by being anxious about it can add to his stature a single cubit?" (Matthew 6:25-27). (Baltimore Catechism)

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: Vincent Garrity, Daniel Donnachie, George Turnbull, Joan Mair Pryce, Marsali Dollin MacFergus O'Brien, Sam Rainsford.

St Paul's: Vittoria Corbo, Ellen Orris, Alex Holmes, Fr Roy Wratten, Patricia Fisher, Stella Marie Broom, Michael Gartland, Tony Rakowski, Elisabeth Thompson, Nina Woolhouse, Sr Anne Healy, Josephine Anne Skaife, Allan Panario, Arthur Mitchell, Madeleine Anne Gale, Elizabeth Sandell, John Charles Fraser Robertson, Mary Stokes, Rose Ann Weatherstone, Imelda Christina Cosgrave, Kathleen Brankley, Bishop Michael Evans, William Dormon.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 5 th July	11am	Mass for People of the Parish
	Wednesday 8 th July	10am	Mass for Mrs Gordon Canning (F) Devasia Mathew (Neenu)
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 12 th July	11am	Mass for Elena & Isabella's 10 th Birthday (Diana)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OR SAINT ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL	Saturday 4 th 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 QUIZ NIGHT
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 5 th July	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Priests of Southwark Diocese Coffee after Mass Mass for Bastiampilla Ariyanayagam (Jonathon) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Faith and Life Sessions for Familia Una Youth Group in the Upper Hall
SAINT MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN AND MARTYR	Monday 6 th July	10am	Mass for Victims of Venezuela Earthquake and their Families
THE TRANSLATION OF SAINT THOMAS, BISHOP AND MARTYR	Tuesday 7 th July	10am	Mass for Sheila Henneker Birthday (Mary) Nina Woolhouse RIP (Norman)
	Wednesday 8 th July	10am 5.30pm 7pm	Mass for John & Mary Austen (F) Exposition and Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Fides Prayer Group in the Hall - Refreshments from 6.40pm
SAINT AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS.	Thursday 9 th July	9.30am 10am 10.30am	Holy Rosary Mass for Students Taking Examinations Bible Study
	Friday 10 th July	10am	Mass for Youth of the Parish
SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT, PATRON OF EUROPE, FEAST	Saturday 11 th July	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St. Edmund's Chapel for Isobel de Pelet RIP (Nicholas) Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for People of the Parish
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 12 th July	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Rubeen (Deepa Babu) Coffee after Mass Mass for Fr. Jeff Cridland Priestly Ordination Anniversary (Mary) 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

5th July 2026

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble.’

Thus says the Lord:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145(144):1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13c-14. R cf. 1

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

or: Alleluia.

I will extol you, my God and king,

and bless your name for ever and ever.

I will bless you day after day,

and praise your name for ever and ever.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

or: Alleluia.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,

slow to anger, abounding in mercy.

How good is the LORD to all,

compassionate to all his creatures.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

or: Alleluia.

All your works shall thank you, O LORD,

and all your faithful ones bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign,

and declare your mighty deeds.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

or: Alleluia.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,

and holy in all his deeds.

The LORD supports all who fall,

and raises up all who are bowed down.

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

or: Alleluia.

Second Reading

Romans 8:9, 11-13

‘If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.’

Brothers and Sisters: You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,

you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

Alleluia.

Matthew 11:25

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

‘I am gentle and lowly in heart.’

At that time Jesus declared, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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.