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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

9th August 2026

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PRIEST CORNER:

MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO FATHER JAMIE who celebrates his birthday on Tuesday. Thank you for your ministry to our parish. May God continue to bless you and give you strength, joy and grace in the year ahead.

FR. DONALD CALLOWAY, MIC is Vicar Provincial and Vocation Director for the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. **We are privileged to have Fr. Donald visit St Paul's on Tuesday 18th August at 7pm to speak about The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion.** He is the author of 25 books, including Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father. He is a well-known conference speaker on Divine Mercy, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Joseph, and speaks passionately about these topics in his moving conversion story. He leads pilgrimages to Catholic shrines around the world and resides at the Marian House of Studies in Steubenville, Ohio. **All are welcome to attend this very special occasion.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



The presences of God can only be noticed when you connect to your spiritual mode which faith. In moments of quietness or in confusion, God is ever present. Elijah was running for his life and on the mountain thought that God will show his presence in great sounds only for him to experience God in a gentle breeze. The experience of the apostles in the gospel was a desperate situation where they thought that all hopes were lost and in that situation was Jesus. And what did Jesus say? Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid. Really? Jesus can you be in this situation and tell us to calm down when we are sinking? ... This could be our reaction when faced with difficult challenge, but Jesus will equally say to us; oh, you of little faith, why did you doubt? Is it

not wonderful to know that even in that your most fearful moment that Jesus is there to lift you up? He will save you but he will still reprimand you for not having faith at such moments. You are not alone. Jesus is there in that your fearful moments. Call on him as Peter did and everything will calm for you. Only have faith.

A TALK ON EDITH STEIN/ST. TERESA BENDICTA OF THE CROSS by Jeremy Rowe, Friday August 14th 6pm, The hall, St Thomas's Church, Canterbury: Edith was born into a large German Jewish family. At 15 she left school, declaring herself an atheist. A decade later she was a Doctor of Philosophy. Five years later she had become a Catholic. In 1933 she became a Nun, and in 1942 she was murdered in Auschwitz. She was Canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1998. Her Feast Day is August 9th, the date of her death. If these bare facts interest you, please come and fill out her life with us.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Abina Armstrong who has passed away. Funeral details to follow. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory, Amen.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR DOVER OUTREACH CENTRE The Dover Outreach homeless drop-in centre is currently in urgent need of good-quality small and medium men's T-shirts. They would also be very grateful for donations of new, unopened men's socks and underwear (pants), including any unwanted gifts. If you are able to help, your donation would be greatly appreciated and will make a real difference to those who need it most. Thank you for your support. Items can be left in either church, or contact Carina Jarvie. A Box will be left at the back of the churches.

THE MEDAILLE TRUST AND CARITAS SOUTHWARK visited St Paul's on Saturday 1st August, as part of their Archdiocesan Arts Roadshow, dedicated to raising awareness of modern slavery and human trafficking. The Medaille Trust is one of the UK's leading providers of support for survivors of modern slavery. They run safe houses and community projects across the country. We welcomed Katy Hallam, Karolina Cirog and Leva Jakubovsa who, in addition to giving a most interesting talk highlighting different forms of modern slavery spanning: labour exploitation, child exploitation, organ harvesting, domestic servitude, sexual exploitation and the growing number of domestic violence victims, also outlined the key aspects of their highly successful daily service offered to clients along with the challenges faced both by clients and staff. Volunteers are currently being sought to share their skills, talents and hobbies with clients. Details contained in the leaflet 'Volunteering at Medaille Trust' available from the back of church. For more information, please email Caritas Southwark at caritassouthwark@rcaos.org.uk. Website <https://caritas.rcaos.org.uk/>



REQUESTING MASS FOR A PARTICULAR INTENTION

It is a long-established and laudable Catholic custom to ask that Mass be offered for a particular intention. Every Mass is offered for the glory of God and the salvation of the world; nevertheless, the priest may also offer the Mass for a specific intention. In this parish, Mass intentions are usually published in the newsletter. Anyone may request that Mass be offered for a particular intention. Masses are commonly offered for the welfare of an individual or family, in thanksgiving, for a special need, or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. When requesting a Mass, it is customary to make an offering as a sign of one's particular participation in the offering of the Mass and in support of the Church's ministry. This offering is not a payment for the Mass, and no one is obliged to make one. The suggested offering is £10; some give less, some give more, and some are unable to give anything. Please never feel that a Mass cannot be offered for your intention because of financial difficulty. The grace of the Mass is never bought or sold. Its true price has already been paid for us in the saving death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Mass intention envelopes and request forms are available at the entrance to the church.

FATHER JOHN PANARIO. Fr John's last Sunday morning Mass as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Dover will take place on **Sunday 30th August**. There will be a buffet lunch in Our Lady's Hall after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to donate towards a gift for Fr John please put in an envelope clearly marked '**For Fr Panario Collection**' and place in the offertory collection here at St Paul's or St Finbarr's or put through the door of the presbytery at St Paul's. Anyone who would like to bring food and/or help with the buffet at Our Lady's on the day please speak to Pauline 07990 982552. Father Andrew Bishop will be taking over as Parish Priest of Our Lady's in September. Fr. John will be living in Dover so will not be far away.

ST PAUL'S BIBLE STUDY, SUMMER BREAK The last study, before the summer break, is **Thursday 30th July**. The group will reconvene on **Thursday 10th September**.

ST PAUL'S FIDES PRAYER GROUP will be taking a break for the summer until after the new school term commences in September. Date to be confirmed.

MUSTARD SEEDS Children's Liturgy at St Paul's is taking a break over the summer. We will be back **Sunday 6th September** at 11am Mass.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS. St Joseph's School, Aylesham are looking for Foundation Governors. If anyone is interested, please contact Philip by email Philip.Smye-Rumsby@st-josephs-aylesham.kcsp.org.uk

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 soon.

COME TO THE CELEBRATE FESTIVAL - A FAITH-FILLED EVENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY.

Runs from 15-19 August, at Worth School, West Sussex. Hear inspiring speakers such as Fr Roberto Pasolini (Preacher to the Pope), David Wells and Johannes Hartl, experience beautiful masses, pray in Worth Abbey, fun and formation for children and young people aged 3-24 each day of the festival, and relax in the beautiful Sussex countryside. Camp in our festival field or stay in school accommodation. Weekend tickets also available.

For more information visit www.celebratefestival.org

ENJOYING GOD'S CREATION: A summer retreat day at **Minster Abbey on August 29th** led by Eddie Gilmore. Contact: gileag@gmail.com www.eddiegilmore.org

THE GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER FOR MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES is an ONLINE course, which has been developed in collaboration with the Southwark Marriage and Family Life team, the Agency for Evangelisation and Sycamore, a programme about the Catholic faith by Fr Stephen Wang, Bishop-Elect of Arundel and Brighton. **Save the dates: September 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th.** Growing in Faith Together consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for:

- Married couples to enrich their friendship and love.
- Engaged couples who want to continue exploring their faith together

The next course begins on Tuesday September 8th at 8.30pm. For further information and to book a place, please contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 31 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

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 Will resume on 6th September	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 Will resume in September	St. Paul’s Upper Hall, Dover
Fides Prayer Group St Paul’s	Wednesdays 6:40pm for 7pm Will resume in September	St Paul’s Hall, Dover
Holy Rosary	Thursdays 9.30am	St Paul’s, Dover
Bible Study	Thursdays 10.30am Will resume on 10th September	St Paul’s, Dover

CATECHISM –

Faith makes us taste in advance the light of the beatific vision, the goal of our journey here below. Then we shall see God "face to face", "as he is". So, faith is already the beginning of eternal life: When we contemplate the blessings of faith even now, as if gazing at a reflection in a mirror, it is as if we already possessed the wonderful things which our faith assures us we shall one day enjoy. (CCC 163)



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, 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: Reginald Hugh Smith, Irene Plews, William Butler, Moira Veronica Harding, John Sharpe, Antony Arthur Deverson, Ronnie Gunson, Keith Purbrick, Thomas Brendan Canning

St Paul’s: Ethel Bryson, Tony O’Neill, Vivian Woodward, Clara Castle, Ann Gildert, Elizabeth Wilson, Peter Heron, Patricia Ann Revell, Mary Elms, Albin Tarlowski, James Pheonix, Eileen Bishop, Gerry Partridge, Joe Corry, Beatrice Mary Shepherd, Peter Charles Bygrave, Terence Ryan, Berenice Marples, Mary Hilda Watkins, Sr, Marcelle, Allan Bernard Lee Watson.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 9 th August	11am	Mass for Children in the Womb & Expectant Mothers (Tommy)
SAINT JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL	Wednesday 12 th August	10am	Mass for Laila Mathew Speedy Recovery (Neenu)
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Sunday 16 th August	11am	Mass for Russell Bramwell RIP (Anne)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST, MEMORIAL	Saturday 8 th August	10am	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Those with Terminal Illnesses
		5pm	Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm)
		6pm	Mass for Alan Corby RIP (Roger & Maureen)
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 9 th August	9am	Mass for Catriona's 30 th Birthday (Sheila)
		11am	Coffee after Mass Mass for People of the Parish
		3pm	Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR	Monday 10 th August	10am	Mass for Dr & Mrs Abudu 50 th Wedding Anniversary (Esiri & Richard)
SAINT CLARE, VIRGIN	Tuesday 11 th August	10am	Mass for Father Jamie's Birthday
SAINT JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL	Wednesday 12 th August	10am 5.30pm	Mass for Missionaries Exposition and Holy Rosary until 6.30pm
SAINTS PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS	Thursday 13 th August	9.30am	Holy Rosary
		10am	Mass for Students Receiving Exam Results
SAINT MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE, PRIEST AND MARTYR	Friday 14 th August	10am	Mass for Good Health for Friends (Kay)
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Saturday 15 th August	10am	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Peace in the World
		5pm	Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm)
		6pm	Mass for The Joyce Family (Kay)
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Sunday 16 th August	9am	Mass for Anita Cadman 'F'
		11am	Coffee after Mass Mass for Welcome Back Fr. Jamie
		3pm	Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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For a newsletter emailed weekly, or to suggest articles/additions, contact the Editor: dovernewsletter@rcaos.org.uk
 Newsletter items received after 6pm Thursday may not be included that week. The Editor reserves the right to edit articles.
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Readings for Sunday

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First reading

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

‘Stand on the mount before the Lord.’

In those days: Elijah reached Horeb, the mount of God. There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him. And he said, ‘Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.’ And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85(84):9ab, 10. 11-12. 13-14. R8

**Show us, O LORD, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the LORD God speaks;
he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful.
His salvation is near for those who fear him,
and his glory will dwell in our land.

**Show us, O LORD, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have kissed.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,
and justice look down from heaven.

**Show us, O LORD, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.**

The LORD will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.
Righteousness will march before him,
and guide his steps on the way.

**Show us, O LORD, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.**

Second reading

Romans 9:1-5

**‘I wish that I were accursed for the sake of my brothers
and sisters.’**

Brothers and Sisters: I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying. My conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit

— that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers and sisters, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 130(129):5

Alleluia, alleluia.

I long for you, O LORD,
my soul longs for his word.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

‘Command me to come to you on the water.’

After the crowd had eaten and were satisfied: Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, ‘It is a ghost!’ and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.’ And Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’ And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the 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.