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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

30th August 2026

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time



In our world of today, many preachers give impression in their preaching that there is no more pains for those who believe in Jesus. They believe that the death of Christ on the cross has removed us from all forms of pain. Can that really be true? Peter did not accept that there should be any for of pains for Jesus hence when Jesus was telling them about his impending suffering and death, Peter could not take it but started reprimanding Jesus. The attitude of preachers who believe that Christians are already exempted from pains is holding unto the position of Peter but Christ who has invited us did not shy

away from pains instead through his pains have given us a new meaning in our sufferings. In denying our pains, we lose the gain that comes from endurance and acceptance of our situation as the will of God. By accepting our situation, we are already denying ourselves and carrying it as a cross from the mind of Christ who told us to carry our cross every day and follow him then. Jesus never abandons us in any given difficulty. He will help us bear the pains as long as we put our trust in him.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Abina Armstrong who has passed away. Abina's Requiem Mass will take place at St Paul's on **Wednesday 2nd September at 10am**. Also, Maureen Clunas who died on 15th August, funeral details to follow. May Abina and Maureen Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory, Amen.

CANCELLED Please note that **Coffee after 9am Mass for today at St Paul's, Sunday, 30th August has been cancelled**. Apologies for the inconvenience that this may cause.

UNVEILING OF REFURBISHED CRUCIFIX, ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Monday 14th September 2026 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. This year it will be celebrated with a special Mass presided over by our Parish Priest, Fr Gabriel Onoyima, who will unveil and bless the refurbished large crucifix located at the front of the church. **The Mass is at 6pm** followed immediately by a celebratory social in the hall including a talk on the history of the crucifix and its refurbishment given by Deacon Barry, Paul Smye-Rumsby & Chris Quinn. Deacon Barry.

HISTORY OF THE CRUCIFIX OUTSIDE ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Calling all parishioners especially long-term ones! We are trying to build a comprehensive time line from when the crucifix was first erected to the current day. We are also trying to identify the name of the artist who carved the Christ figure. **CAN YOU HELP!** Sight of any photos of the crucifix prior to 1959 would be very welcome. Please have a look in old photo albums or shoe boxes for photos taken intentionally of the crucifix or in which the crucifix appears in the background. These will help with dating. If you have any such photos and / or suggestions as to the identity of the wood carver please contact Deacon Barry ASAP.

FATHER JOHN PANARIO Fr John's last Sunday morning Mass as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Dover will take place **This Sunday 30th August at 10.30am**. There will be a buffet lunch in Our Lady's Hall after the Mass. All are welcome.

URGENT: STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE

The vote on assisted suicide is on 11 September. Please take action now. Click on the link to email your MP.

https://righttolife.org.uk/sept11vote?utm_source=righttolife.org.uk&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=sept11vote&utm_content=menu

A REMINDER. We have had a request from our neighbours in the Dour House next door to St. Paul's that people attending Mass or events at the church or in the hall **do not park on the access road between the church and the Dour House**. There have been incidents where some people have parked directly outside one of the resident's windows. We have also had complaints of people being noisy when they leave the parish hall and congregating on the access road. Again, this is not permitted. Please move off the access road as quickly as possible. If you need to gather, you may do so in front of the church. Please be considerate of our neighbours. Thank you.

FAMILIA UNA will be having a **sponsored walk from Deal to Dover on Saturday 26th September** to raise funds to send young people to World Youth Day 2027 in South Korea. If you would like to take part in this sponsored walk or sponsor someone, please contact Jack on 07710 430893 or Christina on 07587 218374. Lifts will be available. Any donations gratefully received with thanks.

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.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER For the next few weeks, the newsletter will be printed on a Thursday. All articles for inclusion must be received by Wednesday of that week. Thank you.

ST PAUL'S BIBLE STUDY, SUMMER BREAK The group will reconvene on **Thursday 10th September**.

ST PAUL'S FIDES PRAYER GROUP will reconvene on **Wednesday 16th September** 6.40 for 7pm.

MUSTARD SEEDS Children's Liturgy will be back **Next Sunday 6th September** at 11am Mass.

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. **Confirmation Classes will start on Saturday 12th September at 10.30am** in the Upper Room in St. Paul's Hall.

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, HYTHE, KENT invites you to a series of talks by Rev. Deacon Dr Gehad Homsey at the Parish Hall, Fr Daly's Hall, 2 Lower Blackhouse Hill, Corner of Mill Road, Hythe, CT21 5LS on **Tuesday 1st September at 7.00 pm**: ISLAM (part 1) What it is? Who is Muhammad? How Islam started... How Islam spread... What are the five pillars of Islam? St Francis and the Crusade, The modern world and Islam etc. All welcome. Deacon Gehad.

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 07957 594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS On behalf of the Archbishop, we invite you to attend our twelfth annual Diocesan Day for Catechists on Saturday 3 October 2026 at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 6HU. This Day is for all the catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process. Booking and further details here - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2026>. The theme is year is: Truth and Beauty in Catechesis in the Age of AI.



ROOTED IN LOVE is an opportunity for engaged and married couples to meet for one hour, once a month on Zoom. In each session we share friendship, reflect on real-life topics, and pray together as we grow in love, rooted in Christ. We meet on the following **Thursdays: 24th September at 8.30pm, 22 October at 8:30pm, 26 November at 8:30pm, 10 December at 8:30pm.** Email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk to sign up or receive more information

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
Confirmation Classes	Saturday 10.30am Will start on 12th September	St Paul’s Upper Hall, Dover
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 on 16th 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
Mass & Unveiling of the Crucifix	Monday 14th September 6pm	St Paul’s, Dover
Familia Una Sponsored Walk	Saturday 26th September	Deal to Dover

CATECHISM –

By accepting in his human will that the father’s will be done, he accepts his death as redemptive, for "he himself bore our sins in his body on the tree." Christ's death is the unique and definitive sacrifice. Christ's death is both the Paschal sacrifice that accomplishes the definitive redemption of men, through "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world", and the sacrifice of the New Covenant, which restores man to communion with God by reconciling him to God through the "blood of the covenant, which was poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins". This sacrifice of Christ is unique; it completes and surpasses all other sacrifices. First, it is a gift from God the Father himself, for the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself. At the same time, it is the offering of the Son of God made man, who in freedom and love offered his life to his Father through the Holy Spirit in preparation for our disobedience. (CCC 614).

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: Yvonne O'Reagan, 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, 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: Madge Douglas, Janet Pendlebury, Mary Ann Bramwell, Joan Kathleen Trim

St Paul’s: Julie Searles, Michael Tivnan, Kathy Santham, Tom Heath, Patricia Wolsoncroft, John O'Bree, Bridget Mahon, Gladys Sullivan, Florence Mary Newing, John Tollan, Fr John Ryan MBE, Ernest Edward Stokes, Seamus Mallon, Mary Morris, Ralph Coyne, Gladys Parsons, Mary Brewer, Denis Brazil, Mary Alice Huntley, Timothy Smye-Rumsby, Dennis Wilson, Sean O'Connor, Henry Berrecloth, Mary Josephine Noakes, Eddie McCue Jnr., Gabriel Frank Kelly, Mary Hawkins, Yvonne Ottley, Ralph George.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 30th August	11am	Mass for Dr & Mrs F.F.O. Abudu (Agnes)
	Wednesday 2nd September	10am	Mass for Ann Widecombe, David Amess, Jo Cox, Ian Gow, Anthony Berry, Robert Bradford, Airey Neave RIP (Tommy)
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 6th September	11am	Mass for Students, Parents, Guardians and Faculty of St Joseph's Primary School Aylesham (Tommy)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	Saturday 29th August	10am	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E Theresa Gordon
		5pm	Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm)
		6pm	Mass for Our Parish Schools – Staff & Students Returning for the New Academic Year
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 30th August	9am	Mass for Fr John (Sheila)
		11am	Coffee after Mass CANCELLED
		3pm	Mass for Penny Hill RIP (Paul SR) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet
ST AIDAN AND THE SAINTS OF LINDISFARNE	Monday 31st August	10am	Mass for Sue Barton's Birthday (Barry)
SAINT EDMUND ARROWSMITH, PRIEST AND MARTYR,	Tuesday 1st September	10am	Mass for Rosaline Abudu Birthday Thanksgiving (Esiri & Richard)
	Wednesday 2nd September	10am 5.30pm	Requiem Mass for Abina Armstrong Exposition and Holy Rosary until 6.30pm
SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	Thursday 3rd September	9.30am 10am	Holy Rosary Ordinariate Mass for G/E Fr John Panario (Mary)
SAINT CUTHBERT, BISHOP	Friday 4th September	10am	Mass for Ian Thomas Barber RIP (Colin)
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OR SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA	Saturday 5th September	10am	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Roberto Gismondi RIP (Angelina)
		5pm	Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm)
		6pm	Mass for Mary Elizabeth Stokes 'F'
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 6th September	9am	Mass for Jesus Crave Snr RIP (Bong)
		11am	Coffee after Mass
		11am	Mass for Justice and Peace in the World
		3pm	Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy in the Upper Hall Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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Readings for Sunday

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First reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

‘The word of the Lord has become for me a reproach.’

O LORD, you have deceived me,
and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all the day;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I cry out,
I shout, ‘Violence and destruction!’
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, ‘I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name’,
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire
shut up in my bones,
and I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9. R2b

*For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.
Or Alleluia*

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.
*For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.
Or Alleluia*

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.
*For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.
Or Alleluia*

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.
*For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.
Or Alleluia*

For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.
*For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.
Or Alleluia*

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

‘Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.’

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and
acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not
be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the
renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what
is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

Alleluia.

Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself.’

At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must
go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and
chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day
be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke
him, saying, ‘Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never
happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind
me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting
your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.’

Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone would come
after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and
follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but
whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will
it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his
soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the
Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of
his Father, and then he will repay each person according to
what he has done.’

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.**