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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A 18th October 2026

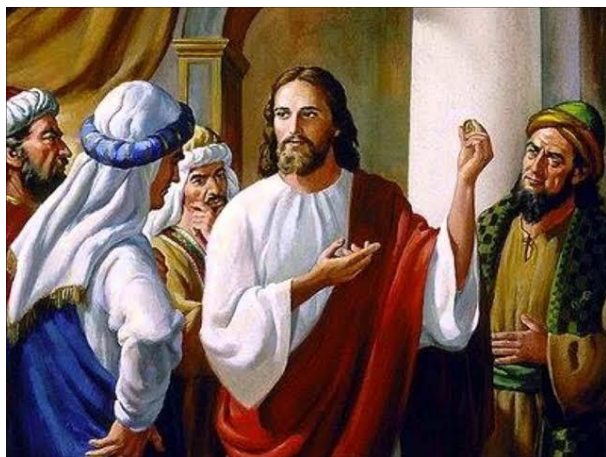
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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – SECOND COLLECTION

PRIEST CORNER: Invitation to the Parish Pastoral Council

“In every parish of the diocese, a Pastoral Council shall be established, if the diocesan Bishop, after consulting with the Council of Presbyters, so decides. The pastor presides over the Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council is composed of members of the congregation together with those of the parish staff who have pastoral care by reason of their office. The Pastoral Council assists in promoting pastoral action in the parish.” (Canon 536). In line with the need for PPC in our parish, different groups in the church are encouraged to send a name of one representative for the PPC. Please email or send the name through the post box to Fr Gabriel before 30th of October 2026.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The prophesy of Isaiah concerning King Cyrus delivering the people of Israel from slavery in Babylon may have sounded like a fairy tale to them. This is because King Cyrus was not a Jew or a believer in Jewish God rather, he was a pagan. The people were hoping that one day God will raise someone among them who will rescue them from slavery, settle them back in their homeland and rebuild the temple of Jerusalem. By using King Cyrus to liberate the Israelites shows one of the situations where God's thoughts and ways are manifested to be different from ours. God uses anyone and any situation to achieve his desired goals. This may apply to the gospel where Jesus was put to the test about paying tax. Give Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. Is there any human that does not belong to God? We all belong to God including Caesar and those holding government

offices today. By performing our civic responsibilities, we are equally doing the will of God as God uses those in government to serve his people. As God used King Cyrus to rescue the people of Israel from slavery in Babylon, those in government can still be used by God for something positive for those they serve.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. There will be a second collection today for Missio which is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories: local church directly helping local church.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST PAUL'S will take place at 11am Mass **Today Sunday 18th October**. The Mustard Seeds are collecting donations for the Dover Foodbank. Some of the Items which are needed are: Cooking sauce in jars, Cup-a-soup, Gluten-free food items, Household Cleaner, instant mashed potato, Long-life juice, Long-life milk, Men's deodorant, Toilet roll, washing powder, washing up liquid. We are grateful for any donations received. Please leave the donations at the back of the church. Thank you.

SPIRITAN YOUTH CONCERT in London next **Saturday 24th October**. A coach will be provided from St Paul's Church, **leaving at 7am and returning by 7.30pm**, with a voluntary donation for the coach (£20 suggested). If you would like to come or would like further information, please contact Father Gabriel or Jack on 07710 430893. All welcome.

NEW/UPDATED PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM. The parish is updating its parishioner name and address database. This is important so we know where our parishioners live especially in the case of a sick visit or we need to call you. If you are new to the parish or have changed your address/phone number/email in recent years and not let us know, **please complete a New/Updated Parishioner Registration Form** at the back of the church and return to the parish office at 103 Maison Dieu Road Dover CT16 1RU for the attention of the Parish Secretary or give to one of the clergy or place in the box provided for the planned Giving Drive Forms at the back of church. You can also access the form on our website. <https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/New-Parishioner-Form.docx> All personal information complies with the diocese privacy policy stated on the bottom of the form.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Ronald Thomas Trainer who passed away recently. Ronald's funeral service will take place at Barham Crematorium on **Friday 13th November at 11am**. Also, please pray for **Valerie Bowes**, sister of Margaret Tutthill who passed away suddenly at the end of September. Valerie's Celebration of Life Service will take place at **The Beacon Church, Bartholomew Street, Dover on Monday 26th October at 12noon**, followed by cremation at Barham at 2pm. All who knew Val are welcome to attend. May Ronald and Val Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory, Amen

CANDLE STANDS IMPORTANT NOTICE There have been several incidents recently where the candle stands at St Paul's have been overflowing with lighted candles. This is a Health & Safety Fire issue. Please only put candles in the holders provided. Candles **MUST NOT** be placed on the bottom of the stand or put on the top between the holders. Those who light more than 2 candles at a time please be considerate of others who wish to light candles but the stand is full. This is particularly relevant on a Sunday. Thank you for your understanding.

ST FINBARR'S CORNER:

1. Outdoor Statue of Our Lady - It would be wonderful to have a statue of our lady enshrined on our church grounds, this would provide a welcoming area to our parishioners, passers-by and visitors to say a prayer, light a candle or leave Our Lady some flowers. We are calling on you, our generous parishioners and friends of the parish to consider making donations towards this worthy cause. If this piques your interest, please speak to Carina, Esiri, Rev Frs Gabriel or Benedict. Thank you.

2. Light Party 2026 - It's fun time for our children once again at St Finbarr's! Our light party is scheduled for **Saturday 31st October 2026**. It is the third year running and it has continued to increase in popularity. We hope that it will be even bigger this year with participation from our local primary school, St Joseph's, other churches in the village and the entire village itself. We are calling for volunteers to organise and assist with executing this, your kind donations would also be welcome. Please speak to Agnese or Esiri if you would like to contribute in any way.

3. General Healing and Anointing of The Sick: Sunday 25th October 3pm, St Finbarr's. All of us need healing, spiritually, emotionally or physically. The planned service is an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of the sick together. The service will be led by the parish clergy priests. Please join us for this short service and pray for healing, either for yourself, your family or loved ones. **A second general healing service and anointing of the sick is planned for 3pm, Sunday 14th February, 2027, at both St Finbarr's, Aylesham and St Paul's Church, Dover.**

4. Autumn Church Cleaning - Friday, 13th November, 5:30pm and Saturday, 14th November, 10am. The clipboard is at the back of the church. If you are able to help, please put your name opposite the job you can do on the date and time that suits you. Thank you.

5. Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir Coming Home For Christmas, St Finbarr's Church Friday 11th December Start Time 7pm Tickets £10 under 16's free. In aid of building maintenance and improvement works of the church. Refreshments available. Tickets available from www.ticketsource.com/scwmvc or call Al Polden 07757 714143 or from St Finbarr's

RCIA COURSE started last Wednesday and will continue every Wednesday at 7pm in the Upper Hall at St. Paul's. Throughout the process of initiation into the Catholic Church, the people of God accompany those seeking full initiation step-by-step, to support, guide, and help them hear God's call in their life. For those who want to join this course please contact either Fr Jamie, Father Gabriel or Mary the Parish Secretary.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF OPENING OF DOVER OUTREACH CENTRE, ST PAULS, DOVER.



people gathered at St Paul's Church on the evening of Thursday 8th October to attend the service of thanksgiving and celebration of the 10th anniversary opening of the DOC 'Drop In' Centre. Fr Jeff Cridland, former Parish Priest of St Paul's, at the time of the opening of the 'Drop in Centre', was unable to attend the service in person for health reasons. Deacon Barry outlined the pivotal role that Fr Jeff played as project facilitator and mentor, and read out a statement from him. *"Greetings from a happy old man, who although he can't get around as he used to, is glued to his computer just now, singing, thinking and praying with*

you and picking out as many as he can, lovely workers, friends from other churches and friends from St. Paul's & St. Finbarr's too. When Noel first shared his vision, I knew I had to say 'yes' to his request to use our buildings, but had no idea the project would be so blest, that he would gather such an outstanding team of beautiful people to help and how it would expand! As you thank The Good Lord and pray about the future, don't forget to pat yourselves on the back. Love and Prayers for you all, for the Dover Outreach Centre, for any new projects and for all you have helped. Best Wishes, Fr. Jeff." The evening concluded with a buffet in the hall provided by the Sunrise Community Cafe. The Service can be viewed on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/live/viACBy20ybw?si=cmUI3AXFm2rvIkYG>

CONFIRMATION 2026 Sunday 22nd November at the 11am Mass here in St Paul's. Candidates please note: **Confirmation Classes each Saturday 10am to 11am** in the Upper Room of St. Paul's Hall.

THANK YOU, Barbara Stucken- Simpson would like to thank all those who attended Maureen Clunas' funeral and for their condolences.

WINTER SOUP KITCHEN AT ST PAUL'S We invite people from this Parish to join the team delivering hospitality to the homeless and needy in our area over the winter months. We welcome your help in any form you are able to offer whether this is in the kitchen, speaking with and serving our guests or making refreshments. We meet every Sunday afternoon from 4.00pm to 6.00pm during the winter months in St Paul's Hall. If you are unable to contribute in person to this important ministry please hold us all in your prayers. Thank you. For further information please contact Claudine at claudinenutley@btinternet.com or through the Parish Office.

Parish of the Good Shepherd Dover and Aylesham 'Called to Bear Fruit': Parish Renewal, 2026		
Mustard Seed Youth Prayer Warriors Holy Rosary	Saturday 3pm	St Paul's, Dover
Mustard Seed Children's Liturgy	First and Third Sunday 11am 18th October Harvest Festival	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Finbarr's Children's Liturgy	Sunday 11am	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Confirmation Classes	Saturday 10am	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude's Prayer Group	Third Monday 2pm – 3pm 19th October	St Paul's Hall, Dover
'Familia Una' Adult Youth Group	Sunday 6pm	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Fides Prayer Group St Paul's	Wednesday 6:40pm for 7pm	St Paul's Hall, Dover
RCIA Course	Wednesday 7pm	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
Holy Rosary	Thursday 9.30am	St Paul's, Dover
Bible Study	Thursday 10.30am	St Paul's, Dover
General Healing and Anointing of The Sick	Sunday 25th October 3pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Light Party	Saturday 31st October	St Finbarr's, Aylesham St Paul's Dover
Autumn Church Cleaning	Friday 13th November 5.30pm Saturday 14th November 10am	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir	Friday 11th December 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham

CATECHISM – Respect For the Human Person

Social justice can be obtained only in respecting the transcendent dignity of man. The person represents the ultimate end of society, which is ordered to him: What is at stake is the dignity of the human person, whose defence and promotion have been entrusted to us by the Creator, and to whom the men and women at every moment of history are strictly and responsibly in debt. Respect for the human person entails respect for the rights that flow from his dignity as a creature. These rights are prior to society and must be recognized by it. They are the basis of the moral legitimacy of every authority: by flouting them, or refusing to recognize them in its positive legislation, a society undermines its own moral legitimacy. If it does not respect them, authority can rely only on force or violence to obtain obedience from its subjects. It is the Church's role to remind men of good will of these rights and to distinguish them from unwarranted or false claims. (CCC1929 &1930)

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: Mick King, 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: Austin Watts, David George Sullivan, Pam Osborne, Christine Brown, Joseph Patrick Phelen, Silvia Coates, Herbert Noble, Theresa Weller, Barbara Lennon.

St Paul's: Francesco Falluto, Augustine Watts, Josephine Smith, Annie (Pat) Carr, Glenn Michael Joseph Breeds, Mabel Stone, Vera Goodburn, John Eberlein, Baby Maria Putnokiova, Dorothy Hadden, Michael Andrew Butler, Tanya Gilmurray, Revd Dr. Michael Hinton, Fr Kenneth McCarthy, Paul Anthony Boland, Lt.Col. Arthur J Harby, Mrs Sico, Bridget Mary Kelleher, Daphne Mary Kathleen Hadfield, Andrew Maher, Antonia Corbo.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 18 th October	11am	Mass for McCallum Family (Kathleen & Family)
	Wednesday 21 st October	10am	Mass for People of the Parish
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 25 th October	11am 3pm	Mass for Rev. John Riley 'F' General Healing and Anointing of The Sick
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND MARTYR	Saturday 17 th October	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for G/E of The Gray Family (Sheila) Confirmation Class in the Upper Hall Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for The Work of Missio
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 18 th October	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for G/E of Ann & Gerard (Sheila) Coffee after Mass Mass for Mike Whelan RIP (Lizzie) Mustard Seeds Harvest Festival Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Familia Una with an Alpha session
SAINTS JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS OR SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST OR SAINT PHILIP HOWARD, MARTYR	Monday 19 th October	10am 2pm	Mass in Thanksgiving for the Grace and Blessings (Daniel) St Jude's Prayer Group in the Hall
	Tuesday 20 th October	10am	Mass for Baby Maria RIP (Gizela)
SAINT MARGARET CLITHEROW, MARTYR	Wednesday 21 st October	10am 5.30pm 7pm 7pm	Mass for Carlo & Elsa Raimondi 'F' Protection of Human Life from Conception to Natural Death (Tim) Exposition and Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Fides Prayer Group in the Hall - Refreshments from 6.40pm RCIA Course in the Upper Hall
SAINT JOHN PAUL II, POPE	Thursday 22 nd October	9.30am 10am	Holy Rosary Mass for Children in War Torn Countries Followed by Bible Study
SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST	Friday 23 rd October	10am	Mass for Driss Hodson RIP
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OR SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP.	Saturday 24 th October	10am 10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Sick of the Parish Confirmation Class in the Upper Hall Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Jonas Motosca (Anna Szitolova)
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 25 th October	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Tanya Wells RIP (Keith & Theresa) Alexander Thomas RIP 4 th Anniversary (Mrs Jonathan) Coffee after Mass Mass for Anne-Marie Holiday RIP (Mary) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Familia Una with an Alpha session

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Readings for Sunday

18th October 2026

First reading

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

'I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before him.'

Thus says the *LORD* to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:

'For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
I am the *LORD*, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the *LORD*, and there is no other.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96(95):1, 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10a, c. R7b

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

O sing a new song to the LORD;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

For the LORD is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.
For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the LORD who made the heavens.

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and power;
ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

Worship the LORD in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, 'The LORD is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.
Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

'Remembering your faith, love and hope.'

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and
peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly
mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God
and Father your work of faith and labour of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know,
brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you,
because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in
power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Phillipians 2:15d, 16a

Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.

Alleluia.

Gospel

'Render to Caesar

the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle
Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along
with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true
and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about
anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell
us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or
not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the
test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they
brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose
likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he
said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are
Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

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.**