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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A
25th October 2026

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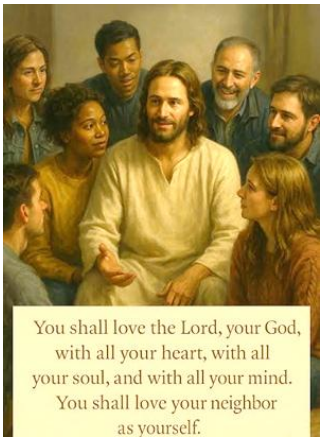
GENERAL HEALING AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK TODAY AT ST FINBARR'S 3PM. ALL WELCOME.

(Did you remember to put your clocks back by 1 hour Sunday morning?)

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: 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time



The opening prayer of this Sunday summarises what we need to do for us to merit God's promise. The prayer goes; "Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command so that we may merit what you promise." Faith makes us believe in Jesus Christ, while hope sustains us in waiting for what he promises and charity helps us put into action what he has commanded us to do. The first reading from the book of Exodus is an introduction to lessons in kindness. While Jesus in the gospel summarised what is needed in life to gain God's promise which is the commandment of love for God and neighbour. The lawyer did not ask Jesus the question regarding the great commandment not because he doesn't know the answer. In the same way, when we shy away from keeping the commandment of love then we are behaving like the lawyer in this passage of the gospel. May God help us to keep the commandment of love of God and neighbour so that we will inherit the promise that Jesus made to us.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST PAUL'S There will be **NO Bible Study** this Thursday 29th October.

LIGHT PARTY – 31st OCTOBER ST PAUL'S The Mustard Seeds Youth Group warmly invites all children aged 9–15 to join our **'Light Party' on Saturday 31st October, from 3pm to 5pm in the hall!** Come dressed as your favourite saint and enjoy an afternoon of fun, friendship and joy in the light of Jesus!
(See St Finbarr's Corner on page 2 for details of their Light Party)

CEMETERY SUNDAY BLESSING OF THE GRAVES. Please note NEW meeting arrangements.
Parishioners of St Paul's and Our Lady of Dover will **ALL** meet at the **Memorial Cross, St James's Cemetery at 2.30pm, Sunday 1st November**, for a joint service of 'Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed' before dispersing to St Mary's and St James's Cemeteries, respectively for individual grave blessings. Deacon Barry.

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**, 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

ST PAUL'S CHRISTMAS BAAZAR SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 10am–2pm in the parish hall. Donations of craft, toys, bric-a- brac and raffle prizes gratefully received. Please place in the box provided at the back of St Paul's.

HAPPY 92ND BIRTHDAY TO ROZ PAIN. The clergy and parishioners are delighted in send Roz Many Happy Returns of the day as she celebrates his 92nd Birthday on Wednesday. Deacon Barry.

ST PAUL'S CAROL SERVICE CONCERT ON MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER AT 6PM. The combined choirs would like as many people as possible to sing with us in the Carol Concert. Rehearsals will be held from the end of November on Mondays from 7pm in the church. Please let the parish know by 22nd November if you would like to join us so we can plan the repertoire. 07936 573155 dover@rcaos.org.uk Many thanks Vicki, Michael and Marie.

ST FINBARR'S CORNER:

1. Building update- Planning permission has been granted for plans to improve the church façade. Detailed technical drawings will now be prepared for Building Control approval and then the work put out to tender.

2. 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.

3. LIGHT PARTY – SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 6PM -8PM It's fun time for our children once again at St Finbarr's! Please can the children come dressed up as their favourite saint or angel. 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.

4. General Healing and Anointing of The Sick: TODAY 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.**

5. Remembrance Sunday 8th November Mass at 10am. Please take note.

6. Autumn Church Cleaning - Friday, 13th November, 5:30pm and Saturday, 14thNovember, 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.

7. 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

MISSIO RED BOXES – COLLECTION. Dear supporters. Please bring your boxes to Mass at St Paul's and St Finbarr's over the next few weeks and hand them to one of the clergy who will place them safely in the church until counting can be arranged. The annual return has to be submitted to Missio before Christmas. If you are unable to bring your boxes to church please text or phone Theresa McAuley on 07954 584955. We are also looking for more volunteers to help with the collection and counting of the Missio money boxes in the Parish. Please contact Fr. Gabriel if you can help. May you all be greatly blessed for your ongoing support for Missio. Thank you.

RCIA COURSE every **Wednesday at 7pm** in the Upper Hall at St. Paul's. For those who want to join this course please contact either Fr. Jamie, Fr. Gabriel or Mary the Parish Secretary.

CONFIRMATION 2026 Sunday 22nd November at the 11am Mass here in St Paul's. Candidates please note: **No Classes On 24th or 31st October.**

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.

HOSANNA HOUSE AND CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TRUST BARN DANCE Saturday 14th November 2026 7-10pm, St Thomas's Church Hall, Canterbury Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2HJ. Entry £13, under 14 £6. Bring your own food and drinks. Water, Tea and Coffee provided. Help us to raise the fare for vulnerable, sick and disadvantaged adults and children to join your local groups for a life changing Pilgrimage to Lourdes with HCPT. Our local children's HCPT Group 87 will be joining over 100 groups, 1,000 children with 2,000 helpers next Easter and our local adult Group 587 will be travelling to Hosanna House in May 2027 half term.

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 1st & 15th November	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Finbarr's Children's Liturgy	Sunday 11am	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Confirmation Classes	Saturday 10am NOT THIS WEEK	St Paul's Upper Hall, Dover
St Jude's Prayer Group	Third Monday 2pm – 3pm 16th November	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 NOT THIS WEEK	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 6pm St Paul's Dover 3pm
Blessing of the Graves	Sunday 1st November 2.30pm	St James & St Mary's Cemeteries Dover
Autumn Church Cleaning	Friday 13th November 5.30pm Saturday 14th November 10am	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Confirmation	Sunday 22nd November 11am	St Paul's, Dover
Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 28th November 10am -2pm	St Paul's, Dover
Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir	Friday 11th December 7pm	St Finbarr's, Aylesham
Carol Service Concert	Monday 21st December 6pm	St Paul's, Dover

CATECHISM –

Why did God make us?

God made us to show forth His goodness and to share with us His everlasting happiness in heaven. By creating the world God did not increase His own happiness, since He was infinitely happy from all eternity, but He did manifest His glory externally by sharing His goodness. All creatures by their very existence show forth the glory of God, for all depend on God for their existence… The happiness of heaven consists in the direct vision, love, and enjoyment of God. This reward so far exceeds man's nature that without the supernatural help of God it could not possibly be attained. In heaven God gives us the light of glory, which enables us to see Him face to face. During our life on earth God gives us His grace, which enables us to live a supernatural life and to perform the actions that can earn this reward. (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: 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: Kenneth Henry Hobbs, Patrick James Phelan, Stella Bandl Smith, Owen McCallum, Linda Mary Ann Parker, Samuel Hart, Doreen Sims, Susan Margaret Price.

St Paul's: Judy Austen, Mike Whelan, Anne-Marie Holiday (Huntley), Mick O'Neill, Redvers Sanders, William Storey, Anna Hancock, Francis Clayton, Francis Watts, Arthur Harby, Stanley (Paddy) Dicks, Christine Cuenca, Ellen Brankley, Russell Brankley, Teresa Delvin, Sr. Anthony DC, Maria Hughes (Storey), Mary F Harby, Elizabeth Stokes, Luigi Grilli, Laurie Wells, Craig Perry.

EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. FINBARR'S			
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 25th October	11am 3pm	Mass for Rev. John Andrew Riley 'F' General Healing and Anointing of The Sick
	Wednesday 28th October	10am	Mass for Holy Souls
	Saturday 31st October	6pm	'Light Party' till 8pm
ALL SAINTS DAY	Sunday 1st November	11am	Mass for Retirement of Debra Asher (Fran)
EVENTS THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S			
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OR SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP.	Saturday 24th October	10am 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Sick of the Parish NO Confirmation Class today Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Jonas Motoska (Anna Szitalova)
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sunday 25th October	9am 11am 3pm 6pm	Mass for Tanya Wells RIP (Keith & Theresa) Alexander Thomas RIP 4th Anniversary (Mrs Jonathan) Coffee after Mass Mass for Anne-Marie Holiday RIP (Mary) Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Familia Una with an Alpha session
SAINTS CHAD AND CEDD, BISHOPS	Monday 26th October	10am	Mass for Youth of the Parish
	Tuesday 27th October	10am	Mass for Holy Souls
SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES, FEAST	Wednesday 28th October	10am 5.30pm 7pm 7pm	Mass for Young Unemployed Exposition and Holy Rosary until 6.30pm Fides Prayer Group in the Hall - Refreshments from 6.40pm RCIA Course in the Upper Hall
	Thursday 29th October	9.30am 10am	Holy Rosary Mass for Children in Care NO Bible Study this week
	Friday 30th October	10am	Mass for G/E Sean & Marie (Keith & Theresa)
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Saturday 31st October	10am 3pm 5pm 6pm	Mass in St Edmund's Chapel for Elderly of the Parish NO Confirmation Class today Mustard Seeds 'Light Party' in the Hall till 5pm Confessions in the church (until 5.45pm) Mass for Spiritan Priests Worldwide
ALL SAINTS DAY	Sunday 1st November	9am 11am 2.30pm 3pm 6pm	Mass for People of the Parish Coffee after Mass Mass for Jean Mackenzie RIP (Robert) Mustard Seeds Children's Liturgy Blessing of the Graves St James' & St Mary's Cemeteries Exposition and Divine Mercy Chaplet Familia Una with an Alpha session

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Readings for Sunday 25th October 2026

First reading **Exodus 22:21-27**

'If you mistreat any widow or fatherless child, my wrath will burn against you.'

Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'

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Responsorial Psalm
Ps 18(17):2-3a. 3b-4. 47, 51ab. ℟2

I love you,* LORD*, my strength.

I love you, LORD, my strength;
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

I love you,* LORD*, my strength.

My God, my rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.
I cry out, 'O praised be the LORD!'
and see, I am saved from my foes.

I love you,* LORD*, my strength.

The LORD lives, and blest be my Rock!
May the God of my salvation be exalted.
The LORD gives great victories to his king,
and shows merciful love for his anointed.

I love you,* LORD*, my strength.

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10**

'You turned away from idols to serve God and to wait for his Son.'

Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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Gospel Acclamation **John 14:23**

Alleluia, alleluia.
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.
Alleluia.

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Gospel

'You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.'

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'

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.