

Church Notices

Fr James' Leaving Mass

The sad time has come to say goodbye to Fr James. His last mass will be on Sunday 9th August followed by a farewell lunch in the hall.

If you wish to sign his card it is at the back of the church and contributions to his collection can be made to Jo Carr or the parish office. Thank you.

James Collation into his new Church will be on Wednesday 23rd September at St Francis of Assisi, Petts Wood at approximately 7.30pm. Please advise the office if you wish to attend as we need to organise a coach. Many thanks

Coffee Morning plea for volunteers

Unless we receive offers of help for Wednesday coffee mornings after church service, we will be unable to continue and any monetary contributions to charity will cease. If you are able to volunteer please contact the parish office. Thank you

Upcoming Church Social Events

Fr Paul's Trip to London

Monday 10th August. See Fr Paul for details.

Rectory Summer Garden Party

Saturday 26th September 2pm-6pm. £15 per adult £2 per child.

Bonfire Night

Saturday 7th November 6pm in the Rectory garden. £15 per adult £3 per child

Please book with the parish office

Father Pauls Birthday Drinks

Friday 17th July in The Penny Farthing at 7pm.

Boring Talks

You are invited to a succession of 3 talks on subjects that are perceived as boring:

Tuesday 4th August- Theology of Housework

Tuesday 11th August- Theology of Shopping

Tuesday 18th August- Theology of Work

All at 7pm in church.

Relax into Prayer - Tomorrow

Monday 13th July 7.45pm in church. Queries to Denise 01322 527372

MU Strawberry Tea

Saturday 26th July at 3pm in the Youth Hall.



Sunday 12th July 2026
6th after Trinity

Our common values are:
Openness, Compassion, Love, Tolerance & Growth
We are a dog friendly church.

8.00am Low Mass & Presentation

Celebrant: Fr James Butler

Presentation: Nicky Fry – Bexley Carers Partnership

10.00am Parish Mass & Presentation

Celebrant: Fr James Butler

Presentation: Nicky Fry – Bexley Carers Partnership

Hymns: 584, 629, 790, 765

12.00pm Holy Baptism - Sadie

Please let the churchwardens know
when you arrive if you are reading on Sunday.

If you would like to donate via our tap and go
rather than the collection plate, please use the tap
and go machine at the back of church or use the
QR code

Thank you for your support.



The church will be open as follows from Monday 13th July:

Monday: 9.15am Toddler Praise - Youth Hall

Wednesday: 9.30am Low Mass

Friday: 9.15am Low Mass

Saturday: 10.00am Church open

Sunday: 8.00am Low Mass & Homily

10.00am Parish Mass & Healing

Parish Giving details.

To set up a direct debit for regular giving to St Paulinus Church choose website www.parishgiving.org.uk
Click on Give and from drop down menu Find Your Parish
Search by town -Crayford and parish name St Paulinus
Click on Give Now

Options for regular giving or a one-off gift will appear or please telephone PGS on 0333 002 1271

FIRST READING Isaiah 55.10–13

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:

10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
12 For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

PSALM 65

**R To you, O God, shall all flesh come,
[and you will blot out their sins].**

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,
because of their transgressions. **R**
3 Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you will blot them out.
4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there!
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple. **R**
5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
6 You make fast the mountains by your power;
they are girded about with might. **R**
7 You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamour of the peoples.
8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvellous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. **R**
9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.
10 You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth. **R**
11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground
and bless its increase.
12 You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8.1–11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

1 There is now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.
2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus
has set you free from the law of sin and of death.
3 For God has done what the law,
weakened by the flesh,
could not do:
by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh,
and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,
4 so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in
us,
who walk not according to the flesh but according to the
Spirit.
5 For those who live according to the flesh

set their minds on the things of the flesh,
but those who live according to the Spirit
set their minds on the things of the Spirit.
6 To set the mind on the flesh is death,
but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.
7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to
God;
it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot,
8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
9 But you are not in the flesh;
you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.
Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not
belong to him.
10 But if Christ is in you,
though the body is dead because of sin,
the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells
in you,
he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your
mortal bodies
also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL Matthew 13.1–9, 18–23

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew.

1 Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake.
2 Such great crowds gathered around him
that he got into a boat and sat there,
while the whole crowd stood on the beach.
3 And he told them many things in parables, saying:
'Listen! A sower went out to sow.
4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path,
and the birds came and ate them up.
5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground,
where they did not have much soil,
and they sprang up quickly,
since they had no depth of soil.
6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched;
and since they had no root, they withered away.
7 Other seeds fell among thorns,
and the thorns grew up and choked them.
8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain,
some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.
9 Let anyone with ears listen!
18 Hear then the parable of the sower.
19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom
and does not understand it,
the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the
heart;
this is what was sown on the path.
20 As for what was sown on rocky ground,
this is the one who hears the word
and immediately receives it with joy;
21 yet such a person has no root,
but endures only for a while,
and when trouble or persecution arises
on account of the word,
that person immediately falls away.
22 As for what was sown among thorns,
this is the one who hears the word,
but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth
choke the word, and it yields nothing.
23 But as for what was sown on good soil,
this is the one who hears the word and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit
and yields, in one case a hundredfold,
in another sixty, and in another thirty.'