

Church Notices

RSM Gardening – Saturday 25th July at 10am

Please come and offer your services to help maintain the RSMG next Saturday from 10am onwards. Following the gardening Fr Paul will be opening the St Francis Arms in the Rectory Garden for beer and hot food. (St Francis Arms is only available to gardening participants)

MU Strawberry Tea

Saturday 26th July at 3pm in the Youth Hall.
Please sign up at the back of church

Bexley Carers Parenthood

Following Nicky's talk last week please donate in the bucket at the back of church. Thank you

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

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

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.



Sunday 19th July 2026
7th after Trinity

Our common values are:

Openness, Compassion, Love, Tolerance & Growth
We are a dog friendly church.

8.00am Low Mass & Homily

Celebrant: Fr James Butler

Preacher: Fr Paul Prentice

10.00am Parish Mass & Healing

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Paul Prentice

Hymns: 327, 51, 421 & 644

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 20th July:

Monday: 9.15am Toddler Praise - Youth Hall

Wednesday: 9.30am Low Mass – Mary Magdalene

Friday: 9.15am Low Mass

Saturday: 10.00am Low Mass – St James

Sunday: 8.00am Low Mass & Homily

10.00am Parish Mass & Sermon

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 44.6–8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

7 Who is like me?

Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth
before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

8 Do not fear, or be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock;

I know not one.

PSALM 86.11–17

R You, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion.

11 Teach me your way, O Lord,

and I will walk in your truth;

knit my heart to you that I may fear your name.

12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name for evermore.

13 For great is your love towards me;

you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit. **R**

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,

and a violent band seeks my life;

they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and full of kindness and truth. **R**

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me;

give your strength to your servant;

and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favour,

so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;

because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

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SECOND READING Romans 8.12–25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

12 Brothers and sisters, we are debtors,
not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh –

13 for if you live according to the flesh,
you will die;

but if by the Spirit

you put to death the deeds of the body,

you will live.

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of
God.

15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back
into fear,

but you have received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, 'Abba! Father!'

16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit
that we are children of God,

17 and if children, then heirs,

heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ –

if, in fact, we suffer with him

so that we may also be glorified with him.

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time

are not worth comparing with the glory

about to be revealed to us.

19 For the creation waits with eager longing

for the revealing of the children of God;

20 for the creation was subjected to futility,

not of its own will

but by the will of the one who subjected it,

in hope

21 that the creation itself

will be set free from its bondage to decay

and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of
God.

22 We know that the whole creation

has been groaning in labour pains until now;

23 and not only the creation,

but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption,

the redemption of our bodies.

24 For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope.

For who hopes for what is seen?

25 But if we hope for what we do not see,

we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL Matthew 13.24–30, 36–43

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

24 Jesus put before the crowd another parable:

'The kingdom of heaven may be compared
to someone who sowed good seed in his field;

25 but while everybody was asleep,
an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and
then went away.

26 So when the plants came up and bore grain
then the weeds appeared as well.

27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to
him,

"Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?"

Where, then, did these weeds come from?"

28 He answered, "An enemy has done this."

The slaves said to him,

"Then do you want us to go and gather them?"

29 But he replied, "No;

for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat
along with them.

30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest;

and at harvest time I will tell the reapers,

Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be
burned,

but gather the wheat into my barn."

36 Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house.

And his disciples approached him, saying,

'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.'

37 He answered,

'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;

38 the field is the world,

and the good seed are the children of the kingdom;

the weeds are the children of the evil one,

39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil;

the harvest is the end of the age,

and the reapers are angels.

40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with
fire,

so will it be at the end of the age.

41 The Son of Man will send his angels,

and they will collect out of his kingdom

all causes of sin and all evildoers,

42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the
kingdom of their Father.

Let anyone with ears listen!