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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY - YEAR A**  
**Saturday 3 January**

1.45pm – 4.45pm - Adoration, Rosary & Benediction

4.00pm - 4.45pm – Confessions

5.00pm Mass – Sue Pereira R.I.P.

**Sunday 4 January**

9.30am Mass – People of the Parish

Tea & Coffee after Mass in O'Sullivan Centre

11.00am Mass – Czeslaw Stodulski R.I.P. 11<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

**Monday 5 January – NO MASS**

**Tuesday 6 January – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

10.00am Mass – Viktor Tasi R.I.P on his birthday

7.30pm Mass – Sue McGoldrick & her family

**Wednesday 7 January – St Raymond of**  
**Penyafort**

10.00am Mass- Agnes Mary Murphy R.I.P.

**Thursday 8 January**

10.00am Mass – Intentions of Rosemary Backry

**Friday 9 January**

10.00am Mass – Pauline Yeung & Brendan Keane on their 80<sup>th</sup> Birthdays

Followed by Adoration & Benediction

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR A**

**Saturday 10 January**

3.45pm – 4.45pm - Adoration, Rosary & Benediction

4.00pm - 4.45pm – Confessions

5.00pm Mass – Intentions of the Quirke family

**Sunday 11 January**

9.30am Mass – People of the Parish

Tea & Coffee after Mass in O'Sullivan Centre

11.00am Mass – In thanksgiving for Olayode family & to thank God

**PARISH BANK NAME: RCAS SITTINGBOURNE**

**Sort Code: 60-19-25 Account: 55861970**

**OTHER PARISH Events/Programmes this week**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

NO SURGERY THIS WEEK

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

10.30am – Tea & Coffee after Mass - O'Sullivan Centre

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

3pm – Bereavement Support Group in Gabriel Rm

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

6pm – 7pm – Deepening Faith Group

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

5.00pm - 6.30pm – Kingdom Youth Group

6.30pm – Confirmation Session in O'Sullivan Centre

7.00pm – Gospel Prayer Group in Gabriel Room

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

10-10.45am – Fr Arbo's Surgery in Parish Office

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

10.30am – Tea & Coffee after Mass - O'Sullivan Centre

**FOOD COLLECTION**



Sheppey Parish are running a Food Pantry and have asked us if we are able to share any food or toiletry donations. They have more people asking for help than there is food available so any

help we can give will be very much appreciated, especially at this time of year. Please drop any food/toiletries into the office or leave in basket near front doors of Church. Food will be collected from us fortnightly. Thank You for anyone who has already dropped donations off, Sheppey have made one collection from us and will do another in the New Year.



**PARISH SCHOOL**  
**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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## NEW YEAR REFLECTION & THANKSGIVING FOR 2025

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, our parish lifts its heart in gratitude to God for the journey of 2025. We thank You, Lord, for the many graces that have sustained us—visible and hidden—through days of joy and moments of trial. You have been faithful to us in every season.

We give thanks for the achievements of the year 2025: for the growth of our faith community, for our faith formation and sacramental programmes that have nurtured children, youth, and adults, and for every Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Marriage, and Eucharist that has drawn us deeper into communion with You and with one another. We are especially grateful for the Sisters of Christ, the children and staff at St Peter's primary School, catechists, and the many volunteers who generously offered their time, talents, and love in service of our parish community. Lord bless them abundantly.

At the same time, we bring before You the challenges we faced as a parish. We remember the losses that have touched our community, especially the deaths of our loved ones. In our sorrow, we trust in Your promise of eternal life. Grant rest to the souls of the departed, comfort to those who mourn, and hope to all who carry grief in their hearts.

As we entrust the year 2026 to You, Lord, renew us in faith, strengthen our unity, and guide our parish by Your Spirit. We place our past, our present, and the year 2026 into Your loving hands. Happy New Year.

*Fr Arbo*

## MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals is looking for volunteers. Could you spare a few hours during the year to help? We are looking for parish reps, volunteer speakers (training and support provided!) and volunteers who can help at events. We are very much a volunteer-led movement, so any little you can offer will make a huge difference to the children we serve in some of the world's poorest communities. Please contact Roy Peachey ([roy.peachey@marysmeals.org](mailto:roy.peachey@marysmeals.org) or 07593 447297) if you can help. To find out more about Mary's Meals, please visit [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk). Thank you for your support!



Christmas can be a time of great stress for some marriages. Please help us to offer a lifeline of hope this Christmas. Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships.

Next date: 12th February 2026.

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