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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Saturday 29 August
3.45pm - 4.45pm – Adoration Rosary & Benediction
4.00pm - 4.45pm – Confessions
5.00pm Mass – Carl Aldridge R.I.P. in thanks for his life and friendship

Sunday 30 August
9.30am Mass – 18th Wedding Anniversary of Uchenna & Chidinma Ekechukwu
No Tea & Coffee
11.00am Mass – People of the Parish

Monday 31 August – NO MASS

Tuesday 1 September – St Edmund Arrowsmith
6.00pm Mass – Prayers for the souls of Thelma, Lisa & Carol

Wednesday 2 September
10am Mass – Pat Gibson R.I.P.

Thursday 3 September – St Gregory the Great
10am Eucharistic Service with Deacon David

Friday 4 September – St Cuthbert, Bishop
10am Mass – Jim Goatham's 80th Birthday
Followed by adoration

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Saturday 5 September
3.45pm - 4.45pm – Adoration Rosary & Benediction
4.00pm - 4.45pm – Confessions
5.00pm Mass – Mrs Mary Mojoyinola Amope Sanda R.I.P.

Sunday 6 September
9.30am Mass – Our Lady of Vailankanni of Good Health
Tea & Coffee in OSC after Mass
11.00am Mass – People of the Parish

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OTHER PARISH Events/Programmes this week

Note: The next Surgery session will be 12th Sept and tea & coffee after Mass will restart Sunday September 6th

Wednesday 2 September
6.00pm – 8.00pm – Deepening Faith Group in Gabriel Room

Thursday 3 September
5.00pm - 6.30pm – Kingdom Youth Group – ***Carmel Hall only***
7.00-8.00pm Gospel Prayer Group in Gabriel Room

Sunday 6th September
10.30am – Tea & Coffee in O'Sullivan Centre

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITING PRIEST/FR ARBO'S RETURN

This coming week we are lucky to have Fr Geoffrey joining us again and on Thursday 3rd September Deacon David will be giving a Eucharistic Service. We thank them for their help covering during Fr Arbo's home leave.
Fr Arbo returns at the end of this week and his first Mass in the Parish will be on Saturday 5th September.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2027 - ASSISI

Following two very successful pilgrimages this year and last, the planned destination is Assisi in 2027. Leaving early evening on 10/5/2027 and stopping in Assisi and leaving on Friday 14/5 where our last visit will be to the tomb of St Carlo Acutis. The price including flights, hotel on a half board basis and all trips during our stay is £1,320. Deposit of £300 payable by 11/9 and can be paid in instalments to Pilgrimage People. A full itinerary can be emailed or collected from the office.

O'SULLIVAN CENTRE – CLOSED FOR KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT From 22/7/26

The refurbishment of the O'Sullivan Centre is complete and teas & coffees will resume from Sunday 6th September after 9.30am Mass.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE – COLLECTION 6/9/26

On Sunday 6th September, the Second Collection will be for the Catholic Education Service.

SACRED HEART NEWSLETTER

CATECHIST FORMATION PROGRAMME: ENCOUNTERING JESUS

Would you like to deepen your understanding of Jesus in a welcoming, safe and informal space? As part of our annual formation programme for Catechists, we warmly invite both catechists and any parishioners interested in deepening their understanding of Jesus.

Wednesdays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm from 9 September - 14 October 2026 in the O Sullivan Centre.

Sessions form a complete programme, but each one also stands alone, so you are welcome to attend individual sessions or join for the whole series.

Topics include:

Who was the Historical Jesus?
Jesus: Son of Man, Suffering Servant and the Messianic Secret
Jesus: Fully Human, Fully God
What Happened in the Final Days of Jesus' Life?
Jesus Risen from the Dead
Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments

All are warmly welcome. Come and discover, reflect, and grow in faith with others.

LOCAL BEAT POLICE OFFICER

We have been contacted by our new local beat Police Officer PC Ryan Atherton, who is keen build strong relationships with members of the community including places of worship. He would welcome the opportunity to meet with us and discuss any concerns we may have regarding crime, anti-social behaviour (ASB), community safety, or any other issues affecting our congregation, staff, volunteers, or visitors. Understanding local concerns helps us to identify problems early and work together to find effective solutions. If you have anything you'd like to raise and would welcome the idea of an open forum meeting please let the office know.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We'd like to extend the hours of Adoration here at Sacred Heard of Jesus. A speaker from the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration will visit the parish on Sat 12th and Sun 13th September and will speak briefly at the end of each Mass to explain how we plan to do this.

"Could you not watch one hour with me?" Our Lord's question applies not just to his disciples but to each one of us. We plan to extend Eucharistic Adoration here at Sacred Heart of Jesus and try to have Adoration all day on Fridays after 10am Mass. Could you answer Jesus' call and give just one hour a week to him? Details at all Masses on Sat 12th September and Sun 13th September.

PAT GIBSON R.I.P.

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Pat Gibson. A member of the UCM and friend to many in the Parish. Pat's funeral will be held on Monday 12th October at 11am, may she rest in peace.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2026/27

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Registration for the next First Holy Communion programme is now on. If you have a child who will be in year 3 and above next September, please register her or him via the form on the FHC page under Sacraments on our Website, if your child was baptised outside this Parish, you must also submit a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the office. sittingbourne@rcaos.org.uk Alternatively scan this QR code and it will take you to the Registration Form.

CONFIRMATION

If your child will be 13 years old by next June, please prepare to enrol him or her on to the Confirmation programme 2027. More details will be out after summer break.

EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC!

If you are interested in discovering more about the Christian Catholic Faith, RCIA (Journey in Faith Programme) will begin in the Autumn. The enquiry period starts on Tuesday 27th Oct after 6pm Mass in the O'Sullivan Centre until Easter. For more information, please contact the office. We would be delighted for you to join us to join us.

MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERINGS

Parish Priests have been asked, to remind parishioners of the laudable Catholic custom of requesting that Mass be offered for a particular intention. Although every celebration of Mass is offered for the glory of God and the salvation of the whole world, a priest may also apply the Mass for a specific intention, whether for the living or the dead. It should be made clear that the customary offering associated with a Mass intention is not a payment for the Mass, nor may anyone be denied the opportunity to request a Mass because they are unable to make an offering. The suggested offering in the Archdiocese is £10; however, a person may give more, less, or nothing, according to their circumstances.

NEW CHURCH CARPET REPLACEMENT PROJECT!

We are pleased to have the new church carpet fitted. We ask that you all take care with food, drinks and candles in the Church.

CLEANER FOR PARISH HALLS – PAID ROLE

We urgently require a new cleaner for the halls weekly usually for 2 hours on a Sunday afternoon/evening depending on whether hall/s being used. 2 hours paid through Diocesan payroll. If you are interested please contact the office for more information. 01795 555708