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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Saturday 12 September - Apostolate Presentation
11.30am – Baptism – Violet Charlotte Jade Jordan
3.45pm - 4.45pm – Adoration Rosary & Benediction
4.00pm - 4.45pm – Confessions
5.00pm Mass – Elaine Brown R.I.P. in thanks for her life & friendship

Sunday 13 September - Apostolate Presentation at both Masses
9.30am Mass – Abraham Francis R.I.P. Anniversary
Tea & Coffee in OSC after Mass
11.00am Mass – People of the Parish

Monday 14 September – NO MASS

Tuesday 15 September – Our Lady of Sorrows
6.00pm Mass – For souls in purgatory.

Wednesday 16 September – St Cornelius, Pope
10am Mass – Kay Lunn R.I.P.

Thursday 17 September – St Robert Bellamine, Bishop & Doctor
10am Mass – Wellbeing of George Kavanagh

Friday 18 September – St Edith of Kemsing
10am Mass – Viktor Tasi 2nd Anniversary R.I.P.
Followed by adoration

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Saturday 19 September – First National Mass Count
3.45pm - 4.45pm – Adoration Rosary & Benediction
4.00pm - 4.45pm – Confessions
5.00pm Mass – In loving thanks for Ilona Rippingale R.I.P.

Sunday 20 September – First National Mass Count
9.30am Mass – Giuseppina Jones R.I.P.
Tea & Coffee in OSC after Mass
11.00am Mass – In thanks for Gerard Norton and his 40 years of Altar Service

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OTHER PARISH Events/Programmes this week

Saturday 12 September
10.00 – 10.45am – Fr Arbo's surgery in Parish Office
6.00pm – UCM in O'SC after Mass
Sunday 13 September
10.30am – Tea & Coffee in O'Sullivan Centre
Tuesday 15 September
6.45pm – Meeting with Apostolate about Eucharistic Adoration in O'Sullivan Centre
Wednesday 16 September
6.00pm – 8.00pm – Deepening Faith Group in Gabriel Room
7.30pm – 8.30pm – Catechist Formation Programme in O'Sullivan Centre
Thursday 17 September
5.00pm - 6.30pm – Kingdom Youth Group – Carmel Hall & O'Sullivan Centre
7.00-8.00pm Gospel Prayer Group in Gabriel Room
Saturday 19 September
10.00 – 10.45am – Fr Arbo's surgery in Parish Office
Sunday 20 September
10.30am – Tea & Coffee in O'Sullivan Centre

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.
Last chance to register for this pilgrimage. Booking close next weekend.

O'SULLIVAN CENTRE KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT

Coffee and tea resumed last Sunday after 9:30am Mass. We hope the tea & coffee ladies enjoy the new kitchen. The kitchen refurbishment was achieved by a Community Lottery Grant that the Parish managed to secure. (*See pics overleaf*)
Following the closure of St Peter's Playgroup at the end of the summer term, **we now have some weekday availability in the O'Sullivan Centre, so please spread the word!

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. Email office for full set of topics to be covered.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We'd like to extend the hours of Adoration here at Sacred Heart Church. A speaker from the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration will speak at each Mass on Sat 12th and Sun 13th September 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. It will take place on Fridays after 10am Mass. Could you answer Jesus' call and give just one hour a week to him? Please come to Post Appeal meeting on Tuesday 15th September in OSC.

CLEANER FOR PARISH HALLS – PAID ROLE

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

PAT GIBSON

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Pat Gibson. A member of the UCM and friend to many in the Parish. Her funeral will be held on 12th Oct at 11am. RIP.

MARRIAGE HELP

Communication failure is a major cause of marital breakdown - 1,000's of couples have found Retrouvaille helped their relationship.
Bookings close 18th Sept. www.Retrouvaille.org.uk
+44 7887 296 983

HELP! – DONATIONS UREGENTLY REQUIRTED

A parishioner of the Sacred Heart works closely with several prisons in this area, preparing men to be released from prison. There is a desperate need for good clothing and toiletries to help this transition. If you can help, please leave goods in the office.
Matthew 25:36, " I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you looked after me; I was in prison and you came to visit me." Thank you for your support.

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 Sept, please register her or him via the form on the FHC page under Sacraments on our Web, 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 or scan this QR Code.

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.

NEW KITCHEN IN THE O'SULIVAN CENTER

NEW CHURCH CARPET