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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

Monday 21 September – NO MASS

Tuesday 22 September
6.00pm Mass – For all Sacred Heart Ministers

Wednesday 23 September – St Pius (Padre Pio) of Pietrelcina
10am Mass – Pat Gibson R.I.P.

Thursday 24 September – Our Lady of Walsingham
10am Mass – Agnes Mary Murphy Foundation Mass

Friday 25 September
10am Mass – David Doidge R.I.P.
Followed by adoration

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Saturday 26 September – Second National Mass Count
3.45pm - 4.45pm – Adoration Rosary & Benediction
4.00pm - 4.45pm – Confessions
5.00pm Mass – Viktor Tasi 2nd Anniversary R.I.P.

Sunday 27 September – Second National Mass Count
9.30am Mass – People of the Parish
Tea & Coffee in OSC after Mass
11.00am Mass – Sue Pereira R.I.P.

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OTHER PARISH Events/Programmes this week

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

Monday 21 September
2.00pm – 4.00pm – SHJ Seniors in O'Sullivan Centre
Wednesday 23 September
6.00pm – 8.00pm – Deepening Faith Group in Gabriel Room
7.30pm – 8.30pm – Catechist Formation Programme in O'Sullivan Centre
Thursday 24 September
5.00pm - 6.30pm – Kingdom Youth Group – Carmel Hall & O'Sullivan Centre
7.00-8.00pm Gospel Prayer Group in Gabriel Room
Friday 25 September
7.00pm – 8.00pm Catholicism Series #1 talk in OSC

Saturday 26 September
10.00 – 10.45am – Fr Arbo's surgery in Parish Office

Sunday 27 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 asap 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 closes this weekend.

O'SULLIVAN CENTRE KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT

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? 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.

CATHOLICISM SERIES#1 O'SULLIVAN CENTRE

Starting Fri 25th Sept until Fri Nov 7th at 7pm. For all, particularly empty nester's, RCIA, and retirees. Gentle 1hr program

HELP! – DONATIONS URGENTLY REQUIRED

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.

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are still more volunteers to cover some remaining gaps on the timetable. Please fill in the cards or write your name on the spreadsheet at the back of the church. **The main gaps are 12noon to 1pm and 4pm to 5pm highlighted in red.** We also need additional names in areas highlighted in yellow.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - THE NET CHURCH

The Net Church are looking for someone to work in the Happy Hub children's play area on a Saturday- preferably 20yrs+ in case they have to take responsibility for anything!! If you have anyone who is interested, please get in touch with heather@thenetchurch.co.uk she will be very grateful!

SHJ SENIORS – Fortnightly in O'Sullivan

The SHJ Seniors Group meet fortnightly, now in the O'Sullivan Centre on Mondays from 2-4pm. It's a friendly gathering with some themed sessions but also just socialising and sharing a tea or coffee. All are welcome to come along and join in.

NEW KITCHEN IN THE O'SULLIVAN CENTRE

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