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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.

Monday 28 September – NO MASS

Tuesday 29 September – Sts Gabriel, Michael & Raphael, Archangels
6.00pm Mass – Istvan Tasi R.I.P, Birthday Anniversary

Wednesday 30 September – St Jerome, Priest & Doctor
10am Mass – For souls in purgatory

Thursday 1 October – St Therese of the Child Jesus
10am Mass – Intentions of The Sisters of Christ

Friday 2 October – The Holy Guardian Angels
10am Mass – Maria Kepa R.I.P.
Followed by adoration

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, ROSARY SUNDAY – CAFOD FAST DAY COLLECTION

Saturday 3 October – Third National Mass Count
3.45pm - 4.45pm – Adoration Rosary & Benediction
4.00pm - 4.45pm – Confessions
5.00pm Mass – Bernard & Rita Jeffery R.I.P.

Sunday 4 October – Third National Mass Count
9.30am Mass – People of the Parish
Tea & Coffee in OSC after Mass
11.00am Mass – Adam Dudzinski R.I.P.

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OTHER PARISH Events/Programmes this week

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

Wednesday 30 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 2 October
7.00pm – 8.00pm Catholicism Series #1 talk in OSC

Saturday 3 October
NO SURGERY THIS WEEK

Sunday 4 October
10.30am – Tea & Coffee in O'Sullivan Centre
(Union of Catholic Mothers will be having a cake sale)

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. ***Continues Wednesdays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm from until - 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.

FR ARBO AWAY

Fr Arbo will be away to his former Diocese of St Augustine in Florida from Tuesday 29th September, returning to the UK the weekend of 10th October. We wish him a safe and successful trip. Fathers Michael, Stephen & Geoffrey will cover the Masses, Adorations and Confessions during his time away.

SACRED HEART NEWSLETTER

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. Her funeral will be held on 12th Oct at 11am. RIP.

CATHOLICISM SERIES#1 O'SULLIVAN CENTRE

Started 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.

O'SULLIVAN CENTRE KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT

The kitchen refurbishment was achieved by a Community Lottery Grant that the Parish managed to secure. **Following the closure of St Peter's Playgroup, **we now have some weekday availability in the O'Sullivan Centre, so please spread the word!**

WHOLE-DAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION WILL START 23 OCT, 10AM - 8PM

Spiritual Benefits

- Deepens relationship with God
- Increases faith
- Helps avoid sin

Emotional & Personal Benefits

- Brings inner peace
- Reduced anxiety
- Greater discernment

Family & Community Benefits

- Blessings to families
- Blesses and builds Parish
- Encourages vocations.

If you haven't signed up a specific hour and would like to, please fill in the card or the spreadsheet at the back of the church, especially the areas highlighted in red, i.e. **12noon to 1pm and 4pm to 5pm**.

Songs of Adoration and Worship will be sung in the last hour and end with Benediction, where possible. Having the church opened the whole day, will be a blessing to all of us who may have a moment of prayer to spare, and will also stand as a witness to our neighbourhood, believers and none.

Saint Carlo Acutis; Pray for us. Amen.

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.

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Defeat of the Assisted Suicide Bill. Following the Bill's defeat in the Commons on 11 September, Archbishop John thanked all who wrote to their MPs, saying: "By the grace of God, MPs have listened and voted against assisted suicide... we will not stand by while the sacredness of life is under threat." He called on us to continue witnessing joyfully to life: "from conception until natural death."