# **SACRED HEART OF JESUS - NEWSLETTER**

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Saturday **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

11th September 4.30pm Confession

 5pm Our Lady of Good Health Velankani

Sunday 12th September 9.30am People of the Parish

 12th September 11.00am Melinda Tasi – Belated birthday wishes

 12.00noon Baptism - Adina Ozioma Chiagozie-Okerere Monday 13th September **NO MASS**

Tuesday 14th September **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

6pm Dylan Rich R.I.P.

Wednesday 15th September 10am James Heyes R.I.P.

Thursday 16th September **SAINTS CORNELIUS, POPE & CYPRIAN, BISHOP**

10am Derek Grimshaw R.I.P.

Friday 17th September 10am Carmen & Manny Camilleri (Wedding Anniversary)

Followed by Adoration & Chaplet of the Precious Blood

Saturday **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

18th September 4.30pm Confession

 5pm James Heyes R.I.P.

Sunday 19th September 9.30am Wellbeing of Collette

 19th September 11.00am People of the Parish

 12.00noon Baptism – Connal Walker

**Please remember to book your place at Mass by emailing the office at sittingbourne@rcaos.org.uk or phoning on Fridays 9am-3pm**

**Parish News**

**NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT – Saturday 2nd October 6.30pm arrival for 7pm start**

Eyes down for a full house!! We look forward to welcoming you to the next fundraising event on Saturday 2nd October in the Carmel Hall. The cost for a 5 page bingo book is £10 and a charity flyer will be sold separately. Hot snacks and beverages will be available. A fun night for all is planned, please show your interest by booking places via the office at sittingbourne@rcaos.org.uk We require definite bookings to enable the prize money to be calculated and catering requirements covered. THE EVENT IS STRICTLY OVER 18’S AS BINGO IS GAMBLING AND CHILDREN UNDER 18 ARE LEGALLY PROHIBITED FROM TAKING PART. The proceeds of this event will go towards the restoration of the two main statues of The Sacred Heart of Jesus and Our Lady.

**REFURBISHMENT TO THE CARMEL HALL & O’SULLIVAN CENTRE**

We are delighted to report that an application for Lottery Funding was made in the spring to refurbish the kitchen in the Carmel Hall and we were successful. Works are almost complete and the kitchen has had a complete transformation! Fully plastered and re-wired as well as a complete new kitchen. In the O’Sullivan Centre all the lighting system was upgraded to improve the quality and efficiency of the lights.

Both halls also had the floors re-polished.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

A reminder to all those who have been contacted and offered a firm place on the first programme for FHC, mainly parents of Year 5 and Year 6 children, to attend the Parent’s evening in Church on 15th September at 7.30pm.

If you have not been contacted and had put your child’s name down, it is because they will be included in the second programme beginning in the Spring and you will be contacted in the New Year regarding arrangements.

Please contact the office sittingbourne@rcaos.org.uk to register your child if you have not already done so.

**COVID-19 MEASURES – PLEASE NOTE THAT MOST MEASURES REMAIN IN PLACE: UPDATED AS OF 16/7/2021**

* Booking for weekend Masses is still required before attending Mass by email or calling the Parish Office (Monday, Wednesday, 9am - 1pm, Friday 9am - 3pm) providing full name, contact number and email/home address. This is to follow the NHS “Track and Trace” system imposed by the Government
* Body temperature check with the help of a steward
* Proper wearing of face coverings is now personal choice, but it is strongly recommended that you continue to wear your face covering.
* Using the “ONE WAY SYSTEM” entering the main front door and leaving by the side door of the church
* Congregational singing will return in September
* Sign of the peace is omitted
* Children are not allowed to wander around the church for their own protection and other people’s safety
* Votive candles are available
* The congregation is invited to leave immediately after the Holy Mass allowing the stewards to sanitize the church
* Following the Social Distancing rule of 1 metre or more, we can now accomodate 86 people. (The seating areas have green signage). Please follow the guidance of the stewards.
* We have reintroduced bidding prayers
* The Offertory Procession is reintroduced with those involved sanitising their hands immediately before they touch the sacred vessel or other gifts
* The Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind and the Minister will continue to wear a face covering and it is permitted to announce “the Body of Christ” for each communicant. Communion is recommended to be distributed in the hands, but if people wish to receive on the tongue, then they should wait until the end of the communion line and receive then. Communion on the tongue exposes the ministers’ hands to their aerosol and inccreases the possibility of viral infections. He will have to sanitize his hands again immediately after.

# **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B**

### Entrance Antiphon.

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true.

Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**C.** The Lord be with you

**All. And with your Spirit**

**All: I confess to almighty God**

**And you my brothers and sisters,**

**That I have greatly sinned,**

**In my thoughts and in my words,**

**In what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

**through my fault, through my fault,**

**through my most grievous fault;**

**therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin,**

**all the Angels and Saints,**

**and you my brothers and sisters,**

**to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

**C:** Lord, have mercy. **All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**C:** Christ have mercy**. All:** **Christ have mercy.**

**C:** Lord, have mercy. **All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**All: Glory to God in the highest**

**And on earth peace to people of goodwill.**

**We praise you,**

**We bless you,**

**We adore you; we glorify you; we give you thanks for your great glory,**

**Lord God, heavenly King,**

**O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the father,**

**You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;**

**You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**Have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High**

**Jesus Christ,**

**With the Holy Spirit,**

**In the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen**

**C:** Let us pray.

**First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9**

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,

neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,

my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face

against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,

so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help,

who will dare to condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

**Psalm: 114:1-6,8-9. R.v.9**

***R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.***

I love the Lord for he has heard

the cry of my appeal;

for he turned his ear to me

in the day when I called him. ***R#***

They surrounded me, the snares of death,

with the anguish of the tomb;

they caught me, sorrow and distress.

I called the Lord’s name.

O Lord my God, deliver me! ***R#***

How gracious is the Lord, and just;

our God has compassion.

The Lord protects the simple hearts;

I was helpless so he saved me. ***R#***

He has kept my soul from death,

my eyes from tears

and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord

in the land of the living. ***R#***

**Second Reading James 2:14-18**

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, ‘I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty’, without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: ‘You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.’ The word of the Lord

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;

No one can come to the Father except through me. **Alleluia!**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you

**All: And with your Spirit.**

**Priest:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to ….

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Mark 8:27-35**

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say I am?’ And they told him. ‘John the Baptist,’ they said ‘others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he asked ‘who do you say I am?’ Peter spoke up and said to him, ‘You are the Christ.’ And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, ‘Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’ He called the people and his disciples to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.’

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Liturgy of the Eucharist:**

C: Pray, brethren….

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands**

**for the praise and glory of his name**

**for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

**C**: The Lord be with you **All:** **and with your Spirit**

**C**: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**C:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All: it is right and just.**

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord’s Prayer: Our** **Father**…

**C:** ……. And the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

**C:** Behold the Lamb of God…….

**All: Lord, I am not worthy**

**that you should enter under my roof,**

**but only say the word**

**and my soul shall be healed.**

**Communion Antiphon:**

How precious is your mercy, O God! **Cf. Ps. 35:8**

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

 **OR**

The chalice of blessing that we bless **Cf. 1Co 10:16**

is a communion in the Blood of Christ;

and the bread that we break

is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

**C:** Let us Pray……….

**C:** The Lord be with you

**All: And with your Spirit.**

C:May Almighty God bless you,

The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

**Priest:** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**