# **SACRED HEART OF JESUS - NEWSLETTER**

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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

Monday 20th September **NO MASS**

Tuesday 21st September **SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE**

6pm James Heyes R.I.P.

Wednesday 22nd September 10am Wellbeing of Anna L Corwin

Thursday 23rd September 10am Wellbeing of Fr Michael Branch

  **ST PETER’S YEAR 6 ATTENDING MASS**

Friday 24th September 10am Wellbeing of Fr Michael Branch

followed by Adoration & Chaplet of the Precious Blood

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

25th September 1.00pm Wedding – Megan Connolly & Ben Simmin

4.30pm Confession

 5pm Maggie Gois Birthday

Sunday 26th September 9.30am 40th Wedding Anniversary

 26th September 11.00am People of the Parish

 12.00noon Baptism – Freya Woodcock-Jackson

**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**

The first parents evening on the first programme for FHC, mainly for parents of Year 5 and Year 6 children, took place on the 15th September, the next one is in Church on 29th September at 7.30pm.

If you have not been contacted about your child’s FHC, 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.

\*\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE SEE OVER FOR UPDATE to COVID MEASURES \*\*\*\*\*\*

**COVID-19 MEASURES – PLEASE NOTE THAT MOST MEASURES REMAIN IN PLACE**

* 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 is now allowed.
* 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
* Following the Social Distancing rule of 1 metre or more, we can now accomodate 86 people. (The seating areas have green signage).
* We have reintroduced bidding prayers
* The Offertory Procession will be reintroduced when music is available, 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.

# **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B**

### Entrance Antiphon.

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress,

I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**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 Wisdom 2:12, 17-20**

The godless say to themselves:

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us

and opposes our way of life,

reproaches us for our breaches of the law

and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

‘Let us see if what he says is true,

let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part

and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,

and thus explore this gentleness of his

and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death

since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

The word of the Lord.

**Psalm: 53:3-6,8. R.v.6**

***R: The Lord upholds my life.***

O God, save me by your name;

by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;

listen to the words of my mouth. ***R#***

For proud men have risen against me,

ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God. ***R#***

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart

and praise your name for it is good. ***R#***

**Second Reading James 3:16–4:3**

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven’t got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,

anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

**Alleluia!**

 **OR**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Through the Good News God called us

to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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 9:30-37**

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

**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:**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; **Ps. 118:4-5**

may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

 **OR**

I am the Good shepherd, says the Lord; **Jn. 10:14**

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**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.**