# **SACRED HEART OF JESUS - NEWSLETTER**

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Saturday 6th March 5pm **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

People of the Parish

Sunday 7th March 9.30am Wuraola Backry R.I.P.

Sunday 7th March 11am Wellbeing of Hanora O’Brien

Monday 8th March NO MASS

Tuesday 9th March 6pm Personal Intention

Wednesday 10th March 10am Mo Lewis R.I.P

**Novena to St Joseph**

Thursday 11th March 10am  Wellbeing Barbara Quail

**Novena to St Joseph**

Friday 12th March 10am Anne Donaldson R.I.P

**Novena to St Joseph,**

Adoration and Divine Chaplet of the Precious Blood.

Saturday 13th March 5pm **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

John Blunden R.I.P

**Novena to St Joseph**

Sunday 14th March 9.30am Margaret O’Pressco R.I.P.

**Novena to St Joseph**

Sunday 14th March 11am People of the Parish

**Novena to St Joseph**

**THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR CONGREGATIONAL**

**WORSHIP AT ALL MASSES.**

**Please remember to book your place by emailing the office**

**at sittingbourne@rcaos.org.uk or phoning on Fridays 9am-4pm**

**PARISH NEWS**

During Lent, every Friday after Mass, we will pray together before the Blessed Sacrament the Chaplet of the Precious Blood. Please join us in church or live streaming.

From the 10th of March for 9 days, we will pray the Novena to St Joseph and celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on the 19th March. Pope Francis asks us to mark the 150th anniversary of the Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church and has proclaimed this year as a special “Year of St Joseph”

# **Third Sunday of Lent – Year B**

### Entrance Antiphon.

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**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.**

**C:** Let us pray.

**First Reading Exodus 20:1-17**

God spoke all these words. He said, ‘I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ‘You shall have no gods except me. ‘You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father’s fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ‘You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. ‘Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. ‘Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

‘You shall not kill. ‘You shall not commit adultery. ‘You shall not steal. ‘You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. ‘You shall not covet your neighbour’s house. You shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps. 18:8-11. R. Jn. 6:68**

**Response: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,

it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,

it gives wisdom to the simple. **R*#***

The precepts of the Lord are right,

they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,

it gives light to the eyes. **R*#***

The fear of the Lord is holy,

abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth

and all of them just. **R*#***

They are more to be desired than gold,

than the purest of gold

and sweeter are they than honey,

than honey from the comb. **R*#***

**Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation**

**R: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son;

everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

**R: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

**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 John 2:13-25**

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the moneychangers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers’ coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, ‘Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father’s house into a market.’ Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, ‘What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?’ Jesus answered, ‘Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews replied, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

**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.**

***(Before the Celebrant receives Communion, he will elevate the Host and* then elevate the *Chalice. Holy Communion then follows the Concluding Rites.)***

**C: THE BODY OF CHRIST. All: AMEN**

**C: THE BLOOD OF CHRIST. All: AMEN**

**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.**