# **SACRED HEART OF JESUS - NEWSLETTER**

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Parish News

**Gift Aid Boxes**

A small number of gift aid boxes are still in the office. If you have not received your envelopes for this tax year please collect them from the office during office hours or between 10.30 and 11am Sunday mornings.

**FHC and Confirmation**

At the present time we are still unable to have any catechesis in the parish so plans for FHC, Baptisms and Confirmation are on hold. Please watch the newsletter for updates as the Diocese/Government advise us of any changes.

**Baptism**

We are hoping to begin Baptisms again with catechesis being done virtually via Zoom/Teams. To register your interest please email the office for a Baptism Form. [sittingbourne@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sittingbourne@rcaos.org.uk)

**Lucky Numbers**

The lucky numbers for January to May will be drawn at the beginning of May and the results will be included in the newsletter following the draws.

**Afternoon Tea**

Watch this space ……. We are hoping to re-arrange the Afternoon Tea for Sunday 23rd May 2021 at 3pm. If you would like to reserve a place please email the office [sittingbourne@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sittingbourne@rcaos.org.uk) More details to follow.

Saturday 1st May 5pm **5th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sabino Poli R.I.P

Sunday 2nd May 9.30am People of the Parish

Sunday 2nd May 11am Eamonn O’Reilly R.I.P

Monday 3rd May **Saint Philip & Saint James, Apostles**

NO MASS (BANK HOLIDAY)

Tuesday 4th May **The English Martyrs**

6pm Mary Ryan R.I.P

Wednesday 5th May 10am Mauro de Palma (Birthday)

Thursday 6th May 10am Ninetta & Mauro R.I.P

Friday 7th May 10am Dominico, Antonio, Graziano & Leanarda R.I.P

Followed by Adoration and Chaplet of the Precious Blood

Saturday 8th May 5pm **6th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Teresa Geraghty R.I.P

Sunday 9th May 9.30am **World Communications Day**

People of the Parish

Sunday 9th May 11am Eamonn O’Reilly R.I.P

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

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

# **Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year B**

### Entrance Antiphon.

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;

by the word of the Lord the heavens were made. alleluia.

**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 the Father.**

**Amen**

**C:** Let us pray.

**First Reading Acts 9:26-31**

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: 21:26-28,30-32. R. v. 26.**

**Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever. ***R#***

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,

all families of the nations worship before him.

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. ***R#***

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,

declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

‘These things the Lord has done’. ***R#***

**Second Reading 1 John 3:19-24**

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us,

because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God’s presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you,

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

**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 John 10:11-18**

‘I am the true vine,

and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit

he cuts away,

and every branch that does bear fruit

he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,

by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,

but must remain part of the vine,

neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine,

you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,

bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me

is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers;

these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,

and they are burnt.

If you remain in me

and my words remain in you,

you may ask what you will

and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,

and then you will be my disciples.’

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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**

**Communion Antiphon:**

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia.

**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. Alleluia,

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia,**