# **SACRED HEART OF JESUS - NEWSLETTER**

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Saturday 15th May 7**th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5pm People of the Parish

Followed by The Novena to the Holy Spirit

Sunday 16th May 9.30am Thanksgiving for Prayers offered

Followed by The Novena to the Holy Spirit

Sunday 16th May 11am Kathleen McGahern O’Reilly R.I.P

Followed by The Novena to the Holy Spirit

Monday 17th May The Novena will be uploaded to Facebook page.

Tuesday 18th May 6pm Deceased Members of the De Palma family

Followed by The Novena to the Holy Spirit

Wednesday 19th May 10am Thomas & Stella Heyes R.I.P

Followed by The Novena to the Holy Spirit

Thursday 20th May 10am Private Intentions

Followed by The Novena to the Holy Spirit

Friday 21st May 10am Thomas & Jean Heyes R.I.P

Followed by The Novena to the Holy Spirit then

Adoration and Chaplet of the Precious Blood

Saturday 22nd May **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

5pm People of the Parish

Sunday 23rd May 9.30am Walter Goatham R.I.P

Sunday 23rd May 11am Anne Donaldson R.I.P

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

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

Parish News

**Mass Intentions**

If you would like a Mass booked for a deceased relative or wellbeing of a friend or family member please contact the office.

**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)

**Afternoon Tea**

Afternoon Tea for Sunday 23rd May 2021 at 3pm is confirmed. If you would like to reserve a place at £6 per head, payable on the day, please email the office [sittingbourne@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sittingbourne@rcaos.org.uk)

# **Seventh Sunday of Easter – Year B**

### Entrance Antiphon.

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken:

Seek his face; hide not your face from me, 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: The Gloria**

**C:** Let us pray.

**First Reading Acts 1:15-17,20-26.**

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. ‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’ Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: 97:1-4, R.Cf.v.2.**

**Response: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord;

all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord

and never forget all his blessings. ***R#***

For as the heavens are high above the earth

so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west

so far does he remove my sins. ***R#***

The Lord has set his sway in heaven

and his kingdom is ruling over all.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,

mighty in power, fulfilling his word. ***R#***

**Second Reading 1John 4:11-16**

My dear people,

since God has loved us so much,

we too should love one another.

No one has ever seen God;

but as long as we love one another

God will live in us

and his love will be complete in us.

We can know that we are living in him

and he is living in us

because he lets us share his Spirit.

We ourselves saw and we testify

that the Father sent his Son

as saviour of the world.

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,

God lives in him, and he in God.

We ourselves have known and put our faith in

God’s love towards ourselves.

God is love

and anyone who lives in love lives in God,

and God lives in him. The word of the Lord

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you,

and your hearts will be full of joy’ **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 17:11-19**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

‘Holy Father,

keep those you have given me true to your name,

so that they may be one like us.

While I was with them,

I kept those you had given me true to your name.

I have watched over them

and not one is lost

except the one who chose to be lost,

and this was to fulfil the scriptures.

But now I am coming to you

and while still in the world I say these things

to share my joy with them to the full.

I passed your word on to them,

and the world hated them,

because they belong to the world

no more than I belong to the world.

I am not asking you to remove them from the world,

but to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world

any more than I belong to the world.

Consecrate them in the truth;

your word is truth.

As you sent me into the world,

I have sent them into the world,

and for their sake I consecrate myself

so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

**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:**

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, 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,**

**Novena to the Holy Spirit - Day 2 - Joy**

Let us bow down in humility at the power and grandeur of the Holy Spirit. Let us worship the Holy Trinity and give glory today to the Paraclete, our Advocate. Oh Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus’ name. By Your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask with humility and a beggar’s heart for Your gift of Joy within us.

All of the Saints are marked with an uncompromisable Joy in times of trial, difficulty and pain. Give us, Oh Holy Spirit, the Joy that surpasses all understanding that we may live as a witness to Your love and fidelity! Holy Spirit we ask for the grace of [Mention your intention here]. Amen.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

**Novena to the Holy Spirit – Day 3 – Peace**

Let us bow down in humility at the power and grandeur of the Holy Spirit. Let us worship the Holy Trinity and give glory today to the Paraclete, our Advocate. Oh Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus’ name. By Your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask with humility and a beggar’s heart for Your gift of Peace within us.

The Saints were tempted, attacked and accused by the devil who is the destroyer of peace. When we are accused by the devil, come to our aid as our Advocate and give us Peace that lasts through all trials! Holy Spirit we ask for the grace of [Mention your intention here]. Amen.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.