# **SACRED HEART OF JESUS - NEWSLETTER**

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Parish News

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT AUGUST MASSES \*\*\***

**As Fr Graziano will be on leave throughout August, there will be no weekday Mass and at the weekends starting this weekend, Mass will be at 9am only on Sundays, and 5pm on Saturdays.**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* SO THAT IS ONE MASS ONLY ON A SUNDAY AT 9AM \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**Please note, during August the Parish Office will be closed to personal callers, please telephone and leave a message or send an email, both of which will be answered as soon as possible. Thank you.**

**BBQ**

**A big thank you to all those that helped set up and those who came along to what was a successful and enjoyable Parish BBQ. Watch this space for news of future Parish Events!!**

**As there are no weekday Masses during August and the Office Staff are also on holiday at times during the month, this newsletter is to cover all the Masses in August. A separate sheet will be available weekly for the readings**

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

28th  August 5pm People of the Parish

Sunday 29th August 9am Mo Lewis R.I.P.

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

21st August 5pm Tom Quirke R.I.P.

Sunday 22nd August 9am People of the Parish

Saturday **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

14th  August 5pm People of the Parish

Sunday 15th August 9am Carol Wilson R.I.P.

Saturday **NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

7th August 5pm The Kepa Family

Sunday 8th August 9am People of the Parish

Saturday **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

31st July 5pm Angelo de Palma R.I.P.

Sunday 1st August 9am People of the Parish

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

**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.