# **SACRED HEART OF JESUS –NEWSLETTER**

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**PARISH NEWS**

**A Thank You from Fr Graziano:**

I would like to thank all Parishioners for their genorosity to me over the Christmas period, all cards, gifts and cash were much appreciated. I’m now on a diet!!

**Important notes:**

This coming week Fr Graziano is away for his post Christmas break. There are no weekdays masses and only a 5pm Satuday Mass on 15th January and one 9am Sunday Mass on 16th January.

**Date for your Diary:**

We will be having another fun, fundraising Bingo night on Saturday 29th Janaury 2022, please make a note in your diary, further details nearer the day.

**Lucky Numbers:**

The last Lucky Numbers draw for 2021 took place last week and the winning numbers were:

1st Place – 123, 2nd Place – 40, 3rd Place – 44, and 4th Place – 11

There is still chance to join and have a chance in winning one of 4 “monthly” cash prizes. It costs just £12 per number, paid annually in advance. All proceeds go to the Church. If you are interested contact MaryAnn in the Parish Office.

Sunday **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

9th January 9.30am Wellbeing of Hazel Wilson

11am Birthday Celebrations “John”

Monday 10th January **NO MASS**

Tuesday 11th January  6pm **NO MASS**

Wednesday 12th January 10am **NO MASS**

Thursday

13th January 10am **NO MASS**

Friday 14th January 10am **NO MASS**

Saturday **SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

15th January 4.30pm **NO CONFESSION**

5pm People of the Parish

Sunday 16th January **9.00am** Children of the Parish

10.00am FHC Children recap and run through session.

11am **NO MASS**

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

* Wearing of face coverings is now again required, unless you are unable to for medical reasons.
* 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.

### Baptism of the Lord – Year C

### Entrance Antiphon.

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**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 Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11**

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God. ‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’ A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’ Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’ Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

**Psalm: 103(104):1-4,24-25,27-30**

***Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.***

Lord God, how great you are,

clothed in majesty and glory,

wrapped in light as in a robe!

You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R#**

Above the rains you build your dwelling.

You make the clouds your chariot,

you walk on the wings of the wind,

you make the winds your messengers

and flashing fire your servant. **R#**

How many are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your riches.

There is the sea, vast and wide,

with its moving swarms past counting,

living things great and small. **R#**

All of these look to you

to give them their food in due season.

You give it, they gather it up:

you open your hand, they have their fill. **R#**

You hide your face, they are dismayed;

you take back your spirit, they die.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are. **R#**

**Second Reading Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7**

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. But when the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**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 Luke 3:15-16,21-22**

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’

**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:**

Behold the One of whom John said: **Jn 1:32,34**

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

**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**

**Deacon:** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Concluding Rites.**

**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.**