

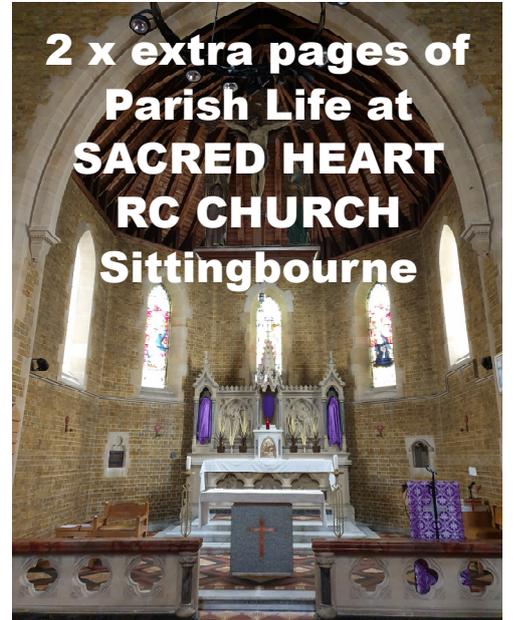
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**SACRED HEART  
RC CHURCH**  
Sittingbourne



**An invitation to follow Jesus**  
*His triumphant entry into Jerusalem*

# The Last Supper

*We receive His gift of Himself*

*“Remember, I love you”*

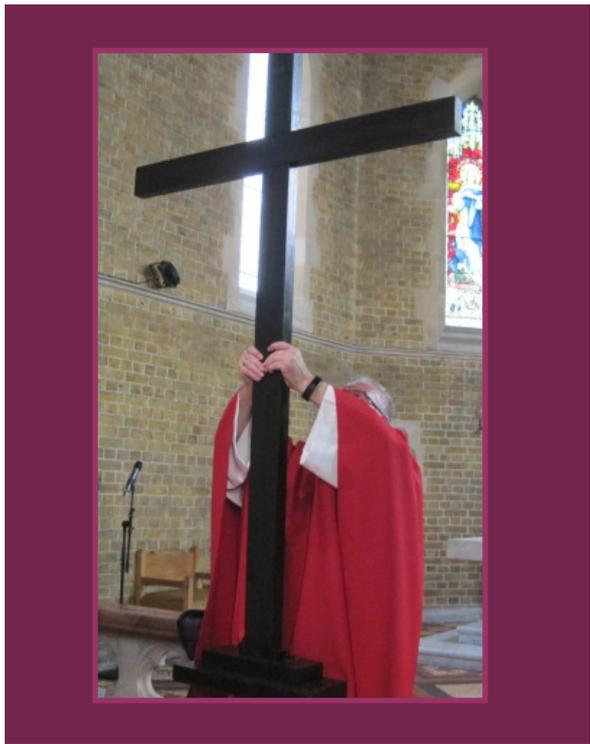


## Before the Altar of Repose



**Our vigil parallels the time when Jesus asked the disciples to keep watch and pray with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane**

# We stand in spirit at the foot of the cross



***“I am here with you”***



**Today we stood in spirit beside His mother at the foot of the cross to witness Jesus handing His spirit back to the Father who sent Him.**



Fr. Paul was assisted by two Eucharistic Ministers to meet the needs of the crowded congregation.

**From the darkness of our Passion journey, we move to the place of the bright Easter Fire...**



**...to join the procession of the great Paschal Candle...**



**Christ has risen and lights up the darkness of our church and our lives**

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Please send us any photos and items for publication. We will return everything to you after use.

Thank you



Swieconka(sh-vee-en-soon-kah) is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions. Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. The basket is traditionally lined with a white linen or lace napkin and decorated with sprigs of boxwood (buzspan), the typical Easter evergreen. Poles take special pride in preparing a decorative and tasteful basket with crisp linens, occasionally embroidered for the occasion, and just enough boxwood and ribbon woven through the handle. **Observing the beautiful foods and creations of other parishioners is one of the special joys of the event.**

### *Blessing*

# 1

This blessing addresses the Bread of Life who died and rose for the life of the world, invoking Him to bless the bread and holiday baked goods in memory of the Bread which is offered at the Priest's hands which becomes His Body.

### *Blessing*

# 2

This blessing addresses the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. The Lamb is invoked and asked to bless the meats and sausages, which will become the holiday meal in memory of the Paschal Lamb, as He gave to the Apostles at the Last Supper.

### *Blessing*

# 3

This blessing addresses Christ, our Life and Resurrection. It asks Him to bless the eggs, the sign of new life; asks Him to remember our family, those near as well as guests, especially those who wait in the hope of being with Him. We wait to accompany Him to His Father's house, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord, A



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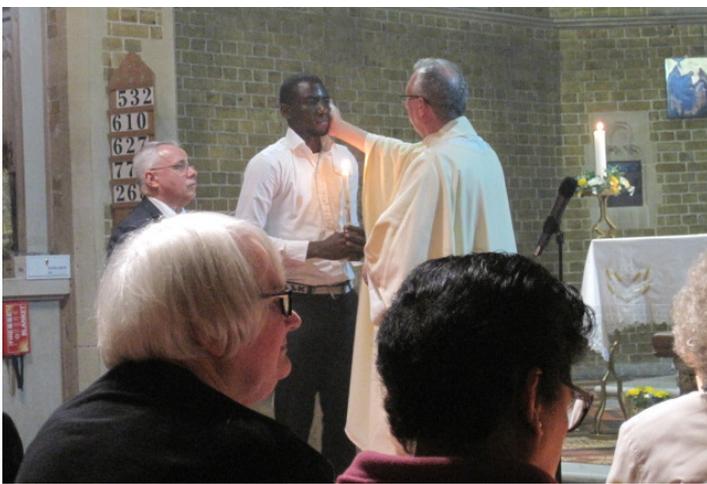
Amen



# Holy Saturday Baptism: We welcome Yotto Egbe into our Church



Congratulations to Yotto and to his Dad, Brother and Aunt who witnessed his baptism. Kevin Nunn was his sponsor.



20 teams took part in the recent Minterne 7's Football Tournament and as it was so busy they had to use St. Peter's field, next door! Our team was featured in two photographs in Sittingbourne News—well done, and well played!



Two images that reflect the recent tragedy at Notre Dame in Paris

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In our next issue we will include the first of a series of 'Spotlight' articles -

**Spotlight on the Catenians**