# **SACRED HEART OF JESUS – NEWSLETTER**

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Sunday 10th January 9.30am People of the Parish

Sunday 10th January 11.am Wellbeing of the Wallis’ family`

**Monday 11th – to Friday 15th January**

**No Mass – Church closed**

Saturday 16th January 5pm Baby Henry

Sunday 17th January 9.30am Marjarem family Intentions

Sunday 17th January 11 am People of the Parish

**No Mass Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

**IMPORTANT NEWS**

Dear Parishioners

I write to you again with a heavy heart as the pandemic seems to show no improvement. It is important that we all obey by the rules and stay at home as much as possible. In particular those that are elderly and/or vulnerable.

It was great and welcome news that the Government has allowed us to continue public worship and is up to the individual parish priest how this is managed. After much thought and prayers, I have decided that from my return from my little break, the church will be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. This is for the safety of all our parishioners, our stewards, readers and me. I am also going to limit the capacity to 30 people only in the church at any one time. You should come to Mass once a week to allow everyone to have the opportunity to worship.

The office is closed and there will be limited contact, but emails will still be answered. Please book for the following week, when you come to church or email if you wish to come to Mass. Alternatively, if you do not have access to the internet telephone during the office hours. Whichever way you use contact us, it will be necessary to give the time and day of the Mass you wish to attend, the names of the people, home/email address and a contact number.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers and we must have hope in our life to get through this.

With every Blessing to you all. Fr Graziano

**Mass will be Friday at 10am.**

**Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 9,30 and 11am.**

**The Baptism of the Lord – Year B**

**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 the Father.**

**Amen**

**C:** Let us pray.

**First Reading Isaiah 55:1-11**

See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,

a leader and a master of the nations.

See, you will summon a nation you never knew,

those unknown will come hurrying to you,

for the sake of the Lord your God,

of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,

call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,

the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;

for my thoughts are not your thoughts,

my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth

as my ways are above your ways,

my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do

The word of the Lord.

**With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. (Is.12:2-6R.v.3)**

Truly God is my salvation,

I trust, I shall not fear.

for the Lord is my strength, my song,

be became my saviour.

With joy I will draw water

from the wells of salvation. **R#**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!

Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name. **R#**

Sing a psalm to the Lord

for he has done glorious deeds,

make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R#**

**Second Reading 1 John 5:1-9.**

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God’s children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is –keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world –our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness –since the Spirit is the truth –so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God’s testimony is much greater, and this is God’s testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

The word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

John saw Jesus coming towards him and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**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 Mark 1:7-11.**

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said: ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’ It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. 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.**

**SIGN OF PEACE OMITTED.**

**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,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb

**All: Lord, I am not worthy**

**that you should enter under my roof,**

**but only say the word**

**and my soul shall be healed.**

**Invitation to Communion.**

***Before the Celebrant receives Communion, he will elevate the Host.***

**C: THE BODY OF CHRIST. All: AMEN**

**then elevate the Chalice.**

**C: THE BLOOD OF CHRIST. All: AMEN**

***The Celebrant will now receive Communion by himself and following that there is a period of silence as the congregation prepare to receive the Body of Christ.***

**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.**