



# Sacred Heart Of Jesus Newsletter

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This information is also available on the [Sacred Heart Web Page](#) Please note the web page will always be the most up to date link with parish news.

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**The online Booking system:** If you find the booking form is showing the Mass is full, please ring Fr Paul who will check for you. We do ask you check and book via the [Mass booking form link](#) Thank you

## Weekly Message from Fr Paul

### Message for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Jesus worked very many miracles, but the Gospel writers only had space to fit in a small selection of them, so how did they make their choice?

The Gospels are intended for teaching people about Jesus so each of the miracles they selected must have something special to say about him.

In today's Gospel reading we have two of Jesus' healing miracles; one of an elderly lady, who was suffering from a chronic haemorrhage and the other of the raising to life of a young girl who had died. So, what is special about them?

First, both are females. Jesus lived in an extremely male-dominated society in which women were regarded as second-class citizens. These miracles show clearly that Jesus will have no truck with that hypocrisy!

Second, the elderly lady suffered from "...an issue of blood." The Jews had major hang-ups about blood. The lady would have been regarded as ritually unclean because of her medical condition. She would have been an outcast. Again, Jesus is having none of this prejudice!

Finally, it is a little girl who has died. People in Jesus' time considered that sickness, suffering, and premature death were all signs of God punishing a sinner. They would have been puzzled that a child, innocent by definition, should be punished in this way. Jesus confronts their ignorance by raising her to life.

So these miracles are chosen because they contain a subtle message. Jesus confronts and opposes hypocrisy, ignorance and prejudice wherever he encounters them. There's a lesson for everyone here!

Fr Paul

### Prayer Intentions for this coming week.

Date	Intentions	Reading	Stewards
Saturday 17:30 Vigil 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Stephanie Gandy's intentions.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24	Noel O'Sullivan Tobias Moechel
Sunday 10am Mass 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	People of the Parish	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Con 8:7, 9, 13-15 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 5:21-43	Liz Sturgis Maggie Clarke
Wednesday 9:30 Mass 30 <sup>th</sup> June May 2021	Pauline Sail R.I.P	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Genesis 21:5, 8-20 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 8:28-34	Mary Keating Nikki Lynn



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Saturday 17:30 Vigil 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	People of the Parish	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ezek 2:2-5 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Cor 12:7-10 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6:1-6	Noel O'Sullivan Ian Lafferty
Sunday Mass 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	People of the Parish		Mary Keating Richard Mitchell

## Parish News

We all appreciate the church looking 'good' and the sight of flowers on the altar helps with this. We are looking for more volunteers to help on a rota basis - the more helpers, the less often the task needs to be done. No previous experience or expertise is needed, the job can be done by men or women, young or old and is a wonderful way to contribute to the parish. If you would like to volunteer your services, please let Fr Paul know. Further details from Gillian Fernandez.

## Rotas for Stewarding

As we all know over this past year, we have only been able to hold our weekly Mass due to stewards attending a service and cleaning down afterwards. I am pleased to say this will continue for the summer months. ensuring everyone is safe

As time slowly gets back to normal over the summer, all being well, we hope to continue with a steward welcoming all as they arrive to Mass as a new way forward. If you would like to be added to the new list, please let me know so I can start to put names down.

## COVID Update following the June delay.

Please can I also remind you, we do need to continue wearing face coverings and please do not use the kneelers and keep them in the upright position. Thank you for helping us keep this parish and all who attend safe.

## St Mary's Grub Club – Update Following Last weekend's newsletter.

Because of the uncertainties around the lifting of the COVID restrictions the Grub Club Committee has reluctantly decided that Grub Club will not run in the usual way this summer holiday. The Club will be doing some things to support children in the area. The meeting for volunteers scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup> June at St Mary's Parish Hall will still take place but at a different venue. For further details please contact Frank at [frankfay1@hotmail.com](mailto:frankfay1@hotmail.com).

## Pope Francis sends an urgent call to us all

300,000 tonnes of used clothes are thrown away and sent to land fill every year in the UK. Much of this clothing could be sent to charity shops or recycled. 73% of clothes in British wardrobes have not been worn in the past 12 months. Do we buy too many clothes? The fashion industry is the third biggest polluter on the planet after fossil fuels and agriculture. There is no national data on "clothing poverty" but Sharewear, a charity that specialises in providing clothing to poor and vulnerable people, has reported a 33% increase in demand since April 2020. These facts and statistics are quite astonishing and upsetting. We, individually and collectively, can do something about this but, again, it may mean a slight change in behaviour. So, please think about recycling / donating clothes, especially children's clothes, to charity shops. Please, if you haven't already done so, sign the petition at "the catholicpetition.org"? Finally, a couple of weeks ago there was some ambient food left in the church porch. I have taken it to the food bank in Loughborough. If anyone wants to donate food please leave it in the porch and I will see that it gets to John Storer House where the food bank is currently located. Prayer: Lord. Give me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen. Frank Fay

## First Holy Communion. URGENT INFORMATION

If your child is 7 and above by 1<sup>st</sup> September, their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion application forms are available on the website welcome page to complete, alternately please speak to Fr Paul. The closing date is Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July. The welcome parents meeting, I will change the date for when children return to school due to school holidays.



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## **Church Cleaning**

These past two weeks a group of volunteers cleaned the church and sorted out cupboards we didn't know about. I big thank you to all who attended. The next big church clean will be September. If anyone would like to be part of the cleaning rota to start from late September, please let us no.

## **Tea and Coffee after Mass.**

If you would like to volunteer to serve tea and coffee after the Sunday and Wednesday services, would you please contact Francis who will start placing names on a rota from September all being well, and have some form of normality.

## **Children's Liturgy**

We hope to look at this from September. We do need a team to on a rota to support this weekly event. Please speak to Fr Paul on all the above to start the ball rolling within our parish ready for September ONLY IF we can be operational.

## **Charnwood Borough Council - EU Settlement Scheme Application**



Please anyone who is settled within Charnwood and especially our parish family, or you know someone from the EU, please check they have visited the following websites which can be found using the links below.

[EU settlement scheme -From Charnwood Link Page](#)  
[Government Settled-Status-EU-Citizens-Families](#)

Please note that permanent residence will still need visit this web page as it will have all the information you need.

If you are unable to access the webpage, please contact Charnwood Borough Council for a printed version.

If further issues arise, please speak to Fr Paul who can arrange with a member of the congregation to attend the church hall and help you complete the form.