



# 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 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The message of today's Gospel reading seems to be, "Familiarity breeds contempt!"

The people of Nazareth knew all about the carpenter's boy. They had seen him playing with the other kids in the town and helping his father, Joseph, in the workshop.

When he stood up years later in their synagogue and began to teach, they couldn't accept him as a Rabbi. They knew where he came from!

In fact, they didn't. Mary would have kept secret the visit of the Angel who had told her that the child she would conceive would be great and would be called Son of God, most high.

If Jesus had been a stranger or if God had communicated with His people through great signs and portents it would have been much easier for them to believe. There are people like that today, who look for God only in the extraordinary, in miracles, signs and wonders. Yet God shows that He works through ordinary, everyday events and believe it or not, through ordinary, everyday people. In the early stages of the Covid pandemic we stood at our doors each week to applaud the NHS staff who were working heroically to save lives. At Wimbledon the other day, the leader of the team which produced the Oxford vaccine, received a standing ovation. These are people who wouldn't consider themselves to be extraordinary and yet God is doing amazing things through them.

God is perfectly capable of doing extraordinary things - but we shouldn't forget to look for Him in the ordinary ones!

Fr Paul

### Prayer Intentions for this coming week.

Date	Intentions	Reading	Stewards
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 Con 12:7-10 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6:1-6	Noel and Ian
Sunday 10am Mass 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Pamela Jones Int.		Mary and Richard
Wednesday 9:30 Mass 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Pauline Sail R.I.P.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7 & 17-24 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 10: 1-7	Mary and Nikki
Saturday 17:30 Vigil 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	People of the Parish	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Amos 7:12-15 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> St Paul to the Ephesians 1: 3 -14 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6: 7-13	Fiona and Noel
Sunday Mass 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Jack Adams R.I.P.		Liz and Maggie

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bridget Wynne, whose funeral took place at Loughborough Crematorium on Friday and Margaret Selby, whose funeral takes place in church next Friday. May their souls and the souls of the Faithful Departed rest in peace.

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**Parish News**

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Following on from cleaning the church, we have come across a few items our Parish doesn't need. You're welcome as you leave via the foyer, to take any carpet mats, flower arranging bits and bobs, plus a few other items.

## **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.

## **Thinking ahead for September - Volunteering in our Parish is many ways that suit you and home life.**

Watching the news, hearing what the next step hold could, will it mean we can get back to normal or the new normal (whatever that may be). We do know one thing, we are all praying that very soon it will be possible to open our parish doors to all, like we did before COVID. To help us get to this stage we need to think about behind the scenes and asking for volunteers to keep our wonderful Parish amazing. We need:

## **Flower Arrangers**

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.

## **Stewarding the next step**

Many people have said how lovely it is to be greeted as you enter the church. From September we will continue to do this as a positive way forward. (Hopefully without the cleaning at the end 😊)

Over these summer months stewards will continue to do what they have been doing this past year where I honestly cannot thank them enough. It is a year this July we have been able to hold three Masses a week during these past difficult months.

## **Church Cleaning**

If you would like to be part of the cleaning rota from late September, please add your name to the list. The next big church clean for volunteers will be September.

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

If you would like to volunteer to serve tea and coffee after a Sunday or Wednesday service, would you please contact Francis.

## **Children's Liturgy**

We need a team to welcome our younger congregation during the 10am Sunday Mass, where they have their own children's liturgy. Ideally creating a rota to support Children's liturgy, would help with planning for festivals as well as Ordinary Time.

## **We need your help**

To be prepared and ready to welcome our new and returning family and friends, our parishioners who have worried following isolation, and all who have lost loved ones these past months who need time to heal and pray to our Lord personally.

## **Pope Francis sends an urgent call to us all - Week 3**

Laudato si. The world's third largest polluting industry is agriculture. It produces between 13-18% of the world's total greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, the fertilisers used in agriculture have a bad effect on soil and water quality and pesticides have had a very bad effect on biodiversity killing insects indiscriminately. But, we need agriculture because we need the food that it produces to survive. So, how to square this circle? The first thing to do is to stop wasting food. In the UK we waste, on average, 6.7million tonnes of food per year. Next we can buy ethically e.g., by making sure that the food we buy contains ingredients that are sourced sustainably. One of the best examples of this is the use of palm oil in food, soap, shampoo and many other products. We can buy locally and buy seasonally rather than buy products that have been flown half way round the world. Each one of us can do this by making small changes to the way we shop and the way we behave. It may cause us slight inconvenience but when you stop to think what is at stake you would be forced to agree that it's worth the effort. Finally, don't take my word for these facts; do your own research and draw your own conclusions. Prayer: Lord grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things that I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

Frank Fay

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