



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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or ring the parish office on **01509 219325**.

Weekly Message from Fr Paul

Message for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

After hearing Jesus' teaching that unless his disciples ate his flesh and drank his blood, they would not have life in them, many of his followers abandoned him, believing that he was inciting them to cannibalism.

It must have been a very hard teaching to accept. Even Simon Peter and the twelve who stay, seem to have a note of reluctance but their faith overcomes their confusion.

In many places in the Bible, beginning with Abraham, who is asked to sacrifice his son Isaac, there are severe tests of faith in God recorded.

Peter suggests that, like precious metal, faith is toughened by testing. Can we come to regard tests and challenges to our faith as growing pains?

Fr Paul

Prayer Intentions for this coming week.

Date	Intentions	Reading	Stewards
Saturday 17:30 Vigil 21 st August 2021	Denis O'Shea R.I.P.	1st Reading: Josh 24:1-2, 15-18 2nd Reading: Eph 5: 21-32	Ian and Noel
Sunday 10am Mass 22 nd August 2021	People of the Parish	Gospel: John 6:60-69	Richard and Mary
Wednesday 9:30 Mass 25 th August 2021	Ben and Yvonne Watkins Int.s	1st Reading: Judges Gospel: Matthew 20:	Wednesday Team
Saturday 17:30 Vigil 28 th August 2021	People of the Parish	1st Reading: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 2nd Reading: Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27	Noel and Ian
Sunday Mass 29 th August 2021	Annie and Reg Parry R.I.P..	Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Mary and Liz

CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the earthquake and tropical storm.

In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working you ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and North-East Nigeria.

You can read more about how we can express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on our CAFAD website: <http://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news>



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Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities and these difficult times.

Further information to support the cause, please log into the [CAFOD Website](#)

Thank you

Parish News

Newsletter the next two weekends: I am away for the next two weekends caravanning. The internet is limited and where I would normally continue creating the newsletter for the parish whilst away, I need to say, sorry this time around its not possible.

If anyone would like to offer admin support for Fr Paul that would be wonderful especially times like this. Stay Safe. Fiona

1st Holy Communion Classes – Parents meeting in on ***Monday 6th September at 7pm in the church.*** We have 9 children who are starting their preparation and I look forward to seeing them soon.

Green fingers and thumbs – Friday Morning Gardening

The Friday Morning Gardening group are looking for Gardening sponsors and any help to keep the front of the church weed free and looking seasonal with plants and colourful blooms etc. The team also look after the beautiful back garden, where the amazing statue of Jesus, takes pride of place. Anyone new to our parish, this is where the socials happen, during spring / summer evening.

So how can we all help? As first impressions is part of the welcome There are several ways with volunteering to help on a Friday, donating any plants to the group or become a sponsor by giving a few pounds or just loose change each month. This would enable the team to purchase the bedding plants or shrubs they need for the seasons. If you would like any further information, please speak to Stephanie Grand s.t.gandy@btinternet.com

Flower arranging is another side with greenery and beautiful shades of colour within the church. Just like we mentioned in regard to the above, please contact Gillian Fernandez on. 01509 212127 or email jmf25@tiscali.co.uk.

It would be fantastic to carry on this amazing work during the end

Parish Update on Covid - step by step.

Numbers are increasing: We still are using the online booking form and will continue to do so. However, over these past few weeks our numbers are increasing, with visitors dropping in to attend Mass. We will not turn anyone away. Going forward the stewards will start to look at doubling up on pews when numbers are full using the process we use presently. It would work by persons being seated at each end, then families are at the back. This is assessed at each Mass.

This is still social distanced, (1 meter) we still advice face coverings and the church pews are cleaned after each service.

If anyone has any concerns with this, please speak to a steward as you arrive, and we then are aware.

Volunteering at Sacred Heart – We welcome you to join us: Please see the notice boards for further detail.