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Web Address:- www.sheppey-rcaos.orgParish E-mail Address:- sheppey@rcaos.org.ukParish Facebook Page:- [Isle of Sheppey Catholic Community SS Henry & Elizabeth](https://www.facebook.com/IsleofSheppeyCatholicCommunitySSHenry&Elizabeth)**SUNDAY COLLECTION: - £343.68** Thank you very much for your generosity and donations.**MASS ATTENDANCE: - 116****SANCTUARY LIGHT: -** The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Sheerness in memory of Ronald Smith and in Minster Abbey in memory of Vera Blake.**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURES ABOUT THIS TIME:-**

Erwin Perlik, Catherine O'Carroll, Pat Roberts, Fr. Patrick Best, Maria Hornby, John McAuliffe, Pope John Paul I, Ronald Smith, Lawrence Barnes, Cornelius Cashman, Stephen Hoffman, Norman O'Hare, Winifred Lind, Vera Josephine Blake, Giancarlo Rosa, Peter Dolan, Janet Benians, Julia Donnelly, Maureen Huit, Alfred Kelly, Mary Lynch, Pat Watson, Frank Anderson, Manfred Lassnig.- and all whose anniversary occurs about this time. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, THE HOUSEBOUND, AND HOSPITALISED OF THE PARISH: -

Mary-Ann Kairis, Rosalin Farrally, Courtney Kyles, Ginny Davis, Eileen & Trevor Aylott, Sean Breslin, Tony Hancock, Danny Finnigan, Rob Anglin, Mrs. Mepstead, Christine Wilson, Ron Ford, Diana Woodward, Wladyslaw Maczek, Janet Johnson, Louis Simpson, Anastasia Williams, Vanessa Kitto, Jan Hubbard, David Silk, David O'Neill, Peter Sharrock, Mr. Ryan, Patricia Jones, Vincent Barrett, Cheryl Crane, Monica Kidney, John Griffiths, Pat Sheehan, Betty Ainsworth, Linda Wright, Marion McHugo, Margaret Dan, Joe and Sally Moorehead, Michelle Partington, Cassandra Clark, John Reid, Samuel Stewart, Margaret Van Dyke, Mary Van Dyke, Cath Skinner, Johnny Berllaque, Fr. Frank, John Considine, Moira Sharpe, Jennifer Hill, Rocco Brum, Dorothy Trower, Ivor Watts.

PARISHIONERS: - Parishioners with sick or housebound members, not on the visitation list, please call the parish secretary if they wish to receive visits from Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and Fr. Aklilu.**NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE: - NOTICE** - Please check the Parish noticeboard, website and weekly newsletter for the latest updates and upcoming events.

SHEPPEY CATHOLIC PARISH
STS. HENRY & ELIZABETH, BROADWAY, SHEERNESS
MINSTER ABBEY, MINSTER ON SEA

26th September – 2nd October 2026

Sat 26th September

10.00 am	Sheerness	People of the Parish
12.00 – 1.00 pm	Sheerness	Confessions/Holy Hour

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY – YEAR A

6:30 pm	Sheerness	Thanksgiving and Wellbeing of Vanessa Fonseca (C. Crane)
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Sun. 27th

09.00 am	M. Abbey	Janet Sharrock (M. Mortlock)
11.15 am	Sheerness	People of the Parish

Mon. 28th

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 No Mass
Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Tues. 29th

10:00 am	Sheerness	Chris Newman R.I.P (L. Wright)
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Wed. 30th

10:00 am	Sheerness	Thanksgiving for Samara Fonseca (C. Crane)
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Thurs 1st October

10:00 am	M. Abbey	Marc Summers (M. Summers)
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Fri. 2nd

10:00 am	Sheerness	Communion Service
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Sat. 3rd

10.00 am	Sheerness	People of the Parish
12.00 – 1.00 pm	Sheerness	Confessions/Holy Hour
5.45 – 6.15pm	Sheerness	Confessions/Reconciliation

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY – YEAR A

6:30 pm	Sheerness	Holy Souls
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Sun. 4th

9.00 am	M. Abbey	People of the Parish
11.15 am	Sheerness	Coleman family (FM)

HYMNS: - ENT: 40 OFF: 209 EXIT: 859

PARISH MASS BOOK: - **TWENTY – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A** on page 134.

Profession of Faith on page 11; Preface: on page 66 - 67.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: - (CCC 1731) Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. By free will one shapes one's own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: - The First Holy Communion Group will be meeting at **10 am on Sunday 4th October in the Joe Kairis Suite**. The Mass afterwards at 11.15am will be our Family Service on Harvest Festival. The Family Services will be held on the first Sunday of every month, all children and those who are interested are invited to come and practice songs on Wednesday 30th September at 6.30 pm in the Church Hall, please note that First Holy Communion children will need to be at the Church Hall at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you.

OCTOBER: - **MONTH OF THE ROSARY AND WORLD MISSION:** - Dear parishioners and visitors, the Church dedicates the month of October to the Holy Rosary and to World Mission, reminding us of our shared call to pray, witness, and support the work of evangelization throughout the world. To honour this special month, all are warmly invited to join in praying the Rosary 20 minutes before every Mass. Gathering to pray the five decades together not only deepens our devotion but also offers the faithful the opportunity to gain a daily plenary indulgence. Please come a little earlier, bring your intentions, and unite with our parish community in this beautiful prayer of the Church. Thank you, and God bless you.

HOW DO WE PRAY? How do we build a better, more fulfilling relationship with God?

You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called Teach Us to Pray facilitated by Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission. The programme will be online on Tuesdays, starting 6th October from 7pm to 8.15pm. Following 4 online sessions, there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in-person Reflection Day in a Diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December. There is no commitment to attend all sessions join us whenever you can see <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hqd> or email for further information spirituality@rcaos.org.uk. **Rt. Rev. Paul Hendricks.**

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE: -. A one-day course for married couples of any age to explore their relationship, deepen communication, and reflect on the Church's call to marriage. No group sharing; all discussion remains private to each couple. 2026 dates (9am–4.30pm): - **3 October** (West Norwood). Booking essential mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

WEEKLY MESSAGE: - When we speak about wisdom, we are speaking of Christ.

When we speak about virtue, we are speaking of Christ.

When we speak about justice, we are speaking of Christ.

When we speak about peace, we are speaking of Christ.

When we speak about truth and life and redemption, we are speaking of Christ. **Amen.**

Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (339-397).

HARVEST FESTIVAL: - **Sunday 4th October 2026** we will be celebrating Harvest Festival, there will be Harvest Tables set up at Minster Abbey and Sheerness Church as we express our thanks to God for all He has given us. The children and all of us can present our gifts which will be given to our Food Pantry.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026: - CAFOD's Family Fast Day invites us to support families facing hunger and poverty in different parts of the world. Please consider a donation—your gift helps provide food, clean water, and emergency aid to those most in need. Envelopes will be distributed in church, and you can also give online or by using the QR code on the poster. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting CAFOD's mission.

MISSO RED BOX: - Misso and the Mill Hill Missionaries invite Red Box supporters and the wider Diocesan community to come together for two mission Masses. St Elizabeth of Portugal RC Church, Richmond TW10.6AQ, 3rd October at 11am. Visit <https://missio.org.uk/mission-masses-and-events/> for further details.

UPDATE OF CHURCH & SACRED HEART CHAPEL CEILING WORKS: - Dear Parishioners and visitors, repairs to the church roof above the Sacred Heart Chapel have now been completed. Further scaffolding was added on 21st September to complete the ceiling work inside and these repairs are progressing well, we hope they will finish soon. For safety, access in that area remains limited but the chapel will reopen shortly for quiet prayer, candle lighting and flower arrangements. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

SECOND COLLECTION: - Evangelii Gaudium (home Mission) – Last Sunday the total sum collected **£66.45** which provides the bishops of England & Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own county.

FOOD PANTRY DONATION APPEAL: - If you can donate from your shopping, please put it at the back of the church in the box provided. Your generosity will help nourish those in need and bring hope and joy to their lives, every donation counts. Opening times 2.30 pm–4pm on October 1st 15th & 29th. Thank you very much for your continued support by donating either cash or food items.

REPOSITORY: - My Day by Day for October is now available. Visit our Parish Repository, where you'll find a variety of cards, booklets, religious artefacts, Rosaries, Bibles, and Missals. We can also supply other items upon request. All are welcome!

MEETINGS & EVENTS: -

U.C.M: The next U.C.M meetings will be on 6th and 20th October 2026 after 7pm mass in the Parish Church Hall

P.F.C: - The next P.F.C meeting will be on 21st October 2026 at 6pm in the Presbytery

P.P.C: The next P.P.C. meeting will be on 5th November 2026 at 6pm in the Parish Church Hall

C.T.I.S: Next meeting will be 12th November at 7.00pm Hope Street.

DONATIONS: - Thank you very much for those who have been donating to our Parish church either in the cash collection, collect-tin or standing order. For further information on how to donate contact Father or the Parish Secretary. * **Registered Charity Number: - 1173050**