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SUNDAY COLLECTION: - £387.40 Thank you very much for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE: - 125

SANCTUARY LIGHT: - The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Sheerness in memory of Mary Kelly and in Minster Abbey in memory of Patrick Lavelle.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURES ABOUT THIS TIME:-

Daisy Haddy, Francis Kelly, John Vaughan, Margaret George, Mary Begley, James Southwick, John O'Grady, Lawrence Wrangham, Dorothy Johnson, Robert Smith, James McGuane, Sr Columbia, Peter Hughes, Patrick Lavelle, Marjorie Croughton, Thomas Butterly, Bruce Wright, Patrick McAleer, Cassie Stranaghan, Freddie Molloy, John Gibbons, Mary Kelly, Bridget Buckley, Lydia Parker, Charles Boustred, Frank Barrett, Ivy O'Bray, Rosemarie Grajewski, Betty Stolworthy, Gordon Jeffery, Pauline Chapman, Maureen Cybulski, Hilda Birmingham, Carmon Schembri, Edwina Demwell, Antonio DiCicco, Anne Mitchell, Theodoros Georgiades, Mary McLoughlin, Patricia Shaw, Diane Burke, 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, Mona O'Byrne, May Wise, 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, and Jennifer Hill.

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.

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

10th – 18th January 2026

Sat 10th January		Feria of Christmas Time
10.00 am	Sheerness	People of the Parish
12.00 –1.00 pm	Sheerness	Confessions/Reconciliation
FIRST MASS OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD		
6:30 pm	Sheerness	Holy Souls
Sun. 11th		
9.00 am	M. Abbey	Anaiah Fonseca (C. Crane)
11.15 am	Sheerness	People of the Parish
Mon. 12th		Feria
9:00 am	Sheerness	Holy Souls
Tues. 13th		Feria
10:00 am	Sheerness	Holy Souls
Wed. 14th		Feria
10:00 am	Sheerness	Holy Souls
Thurs. 15th		Feria
10.00 am	M. Abbey	Holy Souls
Fri. 16th		Feria
10:00 am	Sheerness	Holy Souls
Sat. 17th		
Saint Anthony		
10.00 am	Sheerness	People of the Parish
12.00 –1.00 pm	Sheerness	Confessions/Reconciliation
5.45 – 6.15pm	Sheerness	Confessions/Reconciliation
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A		
5.45 – 6.15pm	Sheerness	Confessions/Reconciliation
6:30 pm		Holy Souls
Sun. 18th		
9.00 am	M. Abbey	People of the Parish
11.15 am	Sheerness	Mary Snowden (A & J Rutland)

HYMNS: - ENT 40 OFF. 870 EXT. 62.

PARISH MASS BOOK: - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: - YEAR A is on page 118 - 120 of the Parish Mass Book, Preface of the Baptism of the Lord on page 68. Creed on pages 11 – 12.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: (CCC 535) Jesus' public life begins with his baptism by John in the Jordan. John preaches "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins". A crowd of sinners - tax collectors and soldiers, Pharisees and Sadducees, and prostitutes - come to be baptized by him. "Then Jesus appears." The Baptist hesitates, but Jesus insists and receives baptism. Then the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven proclaims, "This is my beloved Son." This is the manifestation ("Epiphany") of Jesus as Messiah of Israel and Son of God.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION: - As a reminder during Holy Communion those receiving may do so in the usual reverent manner either on the hand or on the tongue. If you are not receiving Holy communion, please feel free to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Thank you for your cooperation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): - We warmly invite all those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith to join our Next R.C.I.A session on **Sunday, 11th, 18th, 25th January 2026 at 3.00pm for an hour and on Tuesday 13th, 20th, 27th January at 4pm for an hour** in the Joe Kairis Suite. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process through which adults are welcomed into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. It offers an Opportunity to explore the faith, ask questions, and prepare to Receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Sacrament of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation).

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION SESSION: - Our next Confirmation session will take place on **Saturday, 7th February 2026 at 5:30pm** in the Joe Kairis Suite followed by **6.30pm mass**. Any person over the age of 12 is invited to submit their names to F. Aklilu or contact the Parish Secretary, for inclusion in this session. The Sacrament of confirmation is one of the sacraments of initiation into the church, along with Baptism and Holy Communion.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION SESSION: - Our **NEXT** Marriage Preparation Session for engaged couples will be held on **18th January 2026 at 6pm, 1st & 15 February and 29th March at 6.00pm** in the Joe Kairis Suite. All couples preparing for Marriage are welcome to attend the Session please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Aklilu for details or to Register.

THE CRIB COLLECTION: - The Crib collection this year raised the sum of £76.10 which will support orphanages in the Holy Land in Bethlehem. Thank you very much for your generosity.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SESSION: - **28th January 2026 at 6.00pm** Singing & Further Preparation in the Joe Kairis Suite.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DRESSES: - First Holy Communion dresses are available from one of our parishioners' Forster's School Outfitters. You are warmly invited to visit the store or their website for further details: - <http://www.forsterskent.co.uk>

WEEKLY MESSAGE: - "The Lord was Baptised, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no Sin, might have the power of Baptism" **Saint Ambrose Bishop of Milan (339-397).**

PAX CHRISTI SECOND COLLECTION: - On **Sunday 18th January 2026** there will be a second collection for Pax Christi – The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST: A Catholic apologetics resource. The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched an exciting apologetics project to provide evidence- based answers to questions as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?". Ambassadors for Christ is designed to equip you with a deeper understanding of our faith, so you can confidently answer questions and be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church. Every Monday, a new video will be posted on YouTube, along with a worksheet to enable parishes, schools, youth groups and families to use them as part of their faith formation. To watch the videos and take part of this exciting project, please visit: rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist.

MESSAGE FROM JOHN CONSIDINES' FAMILY: - Hello, my brother has just moved back in to the parish following a stroke and I'm looking for a handy person, ideally a local parishioner, who may be able to help to carry out small jobs around his home from time to time. Please contact me if you may be able to help. Many thanks, **Louise 07980 575452.**

REPOSITORY: - Visit our Parish Repository, where you'll find a variety of cards, booklets, religious artefacts, Rosaries, Bibles, and Missals. Please speak to one of our Stewards who will be happy to help you. My Day to Day: - January/February 2026 are now available, if you wish to purchase a copy at a cost of £1.20. We can order copies for Lent and Easter 2026.

FOOD PANTRY DONATION APPEAL: - Thank you to all our Parishioners and visitors for your generous food and financial contributions. We are also grateful for the support from Sittingbourne Sacred heart parish during our Christmas food distribution and continuing support.

We are looking for more volunteers from the Parish who can spare a few hours during our distribution on Thursdays from 2.30 – 4pm this will then allow us to open on a weekly basis. Your kindness is truly appreciated, and we encourage you to continue supporting our Novel service and work. Next opening time is **2.30 – 4 pm on 22nd January 2026**. Thank you very much.

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE: - **NOTICE** - Please check the Parish noticeboard, website and weekly newsletter for the latest updates and upcoming events. Items for possible inclusion in the Parish Newsletter (if there is room) needs to be received (in writing please) at the Parish Office by earliest Monday or Tuesday. Thank you.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

U.C.M: - Will be holding the next meeting on **20th January 2026 at 7pm** in the JKS

P.P.C: - Will be holding the next meeting on **21st January 2026 at 6pm** in the JKS

P.F.C: - Will be holding the next meeting on **18th March 2026 at 6pm** in the Presbytery

CTiS: - The CTiS service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is at Minster Abbey on Sunday 18th January at 6pm.

FOR DONATION TO THE PARISH CHURCH: -

Account Name: - **RCAS SHEPPEY**

Account Number: - **55781357**. Sort Code: - **60-19-04**. * Registered Charity Number: - **1173050**.