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SUNDAY COLLECTION: - £377.61 Thank you very much for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE: - 121.

SANCTUARY LIGHT: - The Sanctuary Light will burn this week in Sheerness in memory of Marie M Glock, and in Minster Abbey in memory of Seamus Dowling.

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

Marie Evans, Michael Ramsey, David Keohane, Emily Gallagher, Nelson Richardson, Michael Kelly, Shane Dolan, Teresa Gull, Jane Beirne, Mary Hackworth Seamus Dowling, Jean Ashley, Paddy O'Sullivan, Thomas Doherty, William Gilbertson, Anna Edwards, Sydney Cornwell, Maud Chambers, Rose Lever, Mary McCormack, Alfred Dimech, Teresa Schembri, Constance Porter, Patricia Corley, Marjory Creissen, Ann Donnelly, Irene McAuliffe, Michael Schembri, Patricia Smith, Henrietta Broomfield, June Craig, Jean Robin, Patrick O'Sullivan, Nora Appleby – Mary Snowden and Marie M. Glock, who died recently, 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, and Moira Sharpe.

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

6th – 14th December 2025

Sat. 6th December		Feria in Advent
10.00 am	Sheerness	People of the Parish
12.00 –1.00 pm	Sheerness	Confessions/Reconciliation
	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A	
6:30 pm	Sheerness	Repose of the soul of Angela Giuralarocco (Geraldine & Andy Gray)
Sun. 7th		
9.00 am	M. Abbey	Ian and Christopher Bishop (Bishop family)
11.15 am	Sheerness	People of the Parish
Mon. 8th		THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9:00 am	Sheerness	Repose of the soul of Marie Glock (All family members)
Tues. 9th		Feria in Advent
10:00 am	Sheerness	Holy Souls
Wed. 10th		Feria in Advent
10.00 am	Sheerness	Holy Souls
Thurs. 11th		Feria in Advent
10.00 am	M. Abbey	Deceased members of the Wheeler family (Nancy & Jerry Wheeler)
Fri. 12th		Feria in Advent
10:00 am	Sheerness	13th Anniversary of Patricia A. Smith (Dudley Smith, Sarah & Robert Gourley)
Sat. 13th		Saint Lucy
10.00 am	Sheerness	People of the Parish
12.00 –1.00 pm	Sheerness	Confessions/Reconciliation
	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A	
5.45 – 6.15pm	Sheerness	Confessions/Reconciliation
6:30 pm		Holy Souls
Sun. 14th		
9.00 am	M. Abbey	People of the Parish
11.15 am	Sheerness	Margaret Atkinson (Liam & Marion McHugo)

HYMNS: - ENT 575 OFF. 023 EXT. 062.

PARISH MASS BOOK: - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: - YEAR A is on page 85 - 88 of the Parish Mass Book, Preface I of Advent page 65. Creed on pages 11 – 12.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: (CCC 523) *St. John the Baptist* is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. "Prophet of the Most High," John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom," whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah," John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.

PARISH HYMN BOOK: - We are delighted to announce that we are reintroducing the dedication messages into our Hymn books for a donation from £10. If you would like to place a special message into the Hymn book there is a form that can be found at the back of the church in Sheerness and in the Porch at Minster Abbey for your completion. Place this together with your message and your donation in collection basket or email your message directly to us at sheppey@rcaos.org.uk pay your donation directly into our bank account with the reference Hymn Book.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: - We are delighted to share our schedule for the upcoming Christmas – **Wednesday, 24th December** – Children's and family Vigil Mass at 6.30pm. Carol Service at 8.00pm followed by Midnight Nativity Mass at 9.00pm.

Thursday, 25th December (Christmas Day) – Mass at 9.00am at Minster Abbey. Mass at 11.15am at Sheerness. We look forward to celebrating this joyous season with you. Thank you for being a part of our parish community

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT CONSULTATION RESPONSE PUBLISHED: - Thank you to the thousands of people who took part in the Called to Bear Fruit consultation. We are grateful to you all for sharing so openly your hopes for the life of the Church in our Archdiocese. The consultation response, which includes 15 action points for renewal, is available at rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit and hardcopies will be sent to every parish. The consultation revealed a burning desire within our parishes to be missionary and evangelising disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, who work together to help people encounter His love. So, as we move forward on the next steps together, let's build up the Body of Christ in Southwark with faith and confidence, becoming ever more a community of missionary disciples filled with joy and hope for the future. As an Archdiocese, we will continue to discern the process of renewal, and further updates will be provided in due course.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): - Our NEXT session will be on **Sunday 7th December at 3pm** in the Joe Kairis Suit.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION SESSION – Our next Confirmation session will take place on **Saturday, 6th December 2025 at 5:30 PM** in the Joe Kairis Suite followed by **6:30pm Mass** in Sheerness Church.

WEEKLY MESSAGE: - "When feeling of Repentance arise in your hearts, God looks upon you with pity." **Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491 – 1555).**

HOUSE BLESSING: - If you would like to have your house blessed, please contact Fr. Aklilu or inform the Parish Secretary with contact details to arrange a convenient date. Thank you.

WELCOME ALL VISITORS AND NEW COMERS: - If you are new to the Parish, please come and say hello and complete the Parishioner Registration Form which can be found in the Parish office.

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.

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: - Advent 2025 edition for Infant, Junior and Adult are now available, if you wish to purchase a copy at a cost of £1.20

FOOD PANTRY DONATION APPEAL: - We will soon be entering the season of giving, please support the food pantry by donating extra food items from your shopping, can we think about donating non-perishable items found on the Christmas table such as packets of seasonal stuffing, cranberry sauce/jelly, packets of trifle, small Christmas puddings, all other food still very welcome. Please place in the box provided at the back of the Church. Your generosity will help nourish those in need and bring hope and joy to their lives, every donation counts. Food Pantry opening dates are **18th & 19th December 2025 2.30 – 4pm**. Thank you very much.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: - **NEXT Sunday**, we will have a special retiring collection dedicated to decorate our Altar during this wonderful time of the year. Your generous contributions will help us create a fitting tribute to Jesus, the New born King. Thank you for your support in making our Altar beautiful for the sacred Season.

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.

WINTER CHAPEL: - **Weekday Masses at Sheerness Church will be held in the Joe Kairis Suit Until Further Notice. Thank you.**

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS NEWS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS: - In past years you have kindly given wrapped gifts to be distributed to those in need. This year could we ask you to please once again place a gift around the tree labelled girl primary or boy primary; girl teenager or boy teenager; male or female. St Edward's School will be presenting their gifts at the **10.am Mass on 17th December**, all are welcome to attend.

7th DECEMBER: - All children who would like to participate in the Christingle Service please come after the service to see if we can help with dressing up clothes.

10th DECEMBER: - If you are joining in the Christingle Services you will need to come for rehearsal at **6pm in the JKS7**.

ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL: - **8th December at 1.30pm** Service of Reconciliation in the School Hall.

17th December at 10.00am Christmas Mass in the Church including carols.

19th December at 1.10pm Crib Service in the School Hall led by all teachers, all welcome

MEETINGS & EVENTS

U.C.M: - Will be meeting on 16th December at 7pm for a Christmas Carol singing evening and a mince pie.

P.F.C: - Will be holding the next meeting on 7th January 2026 at 6pm in the Presbytery.

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

FOR DONATION TO THE PARISH CHURCH: -

Account Name: - RCAS SHEPPEY

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