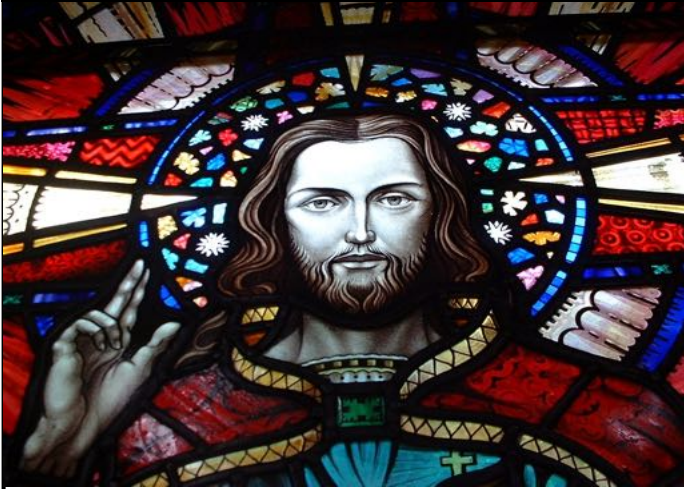


newsletter



28 February and 1 March 2015

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B



Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart

Our Mission

Through the power of the Holy Spirit we will be a parish renewed in our knowledge and understanding of the love of Jesus Christ, to enable each of us to fulfil our Christian mission

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Times of Mass

Saturday	28 February	6.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
Sunday	1 March	9.00 am	Sacred Heart Church Deceased of the Kerrigan family
		11.00 am	Sacred Heart Church SVP Benefactors
		5.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions – Latin Mass
Monday	2 March	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Service of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	3 March	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church No Service
Wednesday	4 March	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	5 March	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church No Service
Friday	6 March	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Service of the Word and Communion

Fr. Denis Writes...

Today is the feast of St David, the patron saint of Wales. He lived in the south-west corner of Wales, and founded several monasteries. He died about the year 588 in his own monastery of Menevia, where he was also bishop. After his death, the village was renamed St David's. Although only a village, St David's has a huge cathedral – technically making it a city.



We pray today for all Welsh people. Some will be wearing a daffodil, being one of the national emblems of the country.

As the month of March begins, we can pause a moment in silence to think of some of the signs that remind us that winter is past, and spring is upon us – signs such as daffodils and other bulbs that have flowered.



If you are new to the parish please contact the parish priest – details above.

A Reflection by Fr. Denis

The people of Sebeya, in Ethiopia, once lived in a region where mountaintops were green and covered with vegetation. Today, the people of Sebeya are confused as to why their rains have stopped. Why a land once full of vegetation is now dry. Having lived a simple life and played no part in causing their weather systems to change, these people are now experiencing the effects of climate change, the causes of which lie with the lifestyles of rich nations thousands of miles away. This is a great injustice.

When we read today's Gospel, we can see Peter who is desperate to stay on the mountain in the blissful moment with Jesus. But Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind at the time. Jesus' way involves

coming down from the mountain and walking a very different path. We hear the call to act on climate



justice everywhere but now we need to really listen to take urgent action. This involves making changes to our lifestyles and campaigning against governments that are slow to act. We start with ourselves, with small acts, in the hope that the kings and presidents of the world will follow.

Creation is not a property which we can rule over at will; or, even less, is the property of only a few: Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all.

Pope Francis

INFORMATION

CONFESSIONS

Confessions have been suspended for the present, please contact Deacon Philip for information on 07780 687 452.

PRAYER LINE

Please ring for intercessory prayer on 01525 634 186. We have some wonderful answers to prayers. Be assured of full confidentiality.

IN HOSPITAL, SICK OR HOUSE-BOUND?

Please let us know of anyone who needs a visit or requires Holy Communion at home.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP

meets every Monday at 7.45pm. If you would like to join us or would like more details or if you know of anyone who needs a visit, help with transport or any other need, contact Pat Rees on 01525 713 547.

CARDS, GIFTS, etc.

Are available for sale in Sacred Heart church after 9.00 am and 11.00 am Masses. All are priced. Please put money in the repository box in the porch or see Clare Bevan – contact on 01525 403 589.

LITTLE 'UNS

Meet every Friday 10.15 am–11.45 am in term time, in the church hall. This is a group for babies and pre-schoolers. For further information please contact Catherine Bevan Dunn on 01525 862 253.

CHURCH NEWSLETTER ONLINE

<http://www.sacredheartflitwick.co.uk>

We thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 21 and 22 February the total was £661.76; this is £111.76 more than the amount we need each week to meet the parish running costs, and will help us to build up a contingency fund.
With thanks, Fr. Denis.

Sunday Latin Mass: A Latin Mass is celebrated at 5.00 pm on Sundays. The Mass is from the missal of 1962 and fulfils the Sunday obligation.

ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SACRED HEART PARISH MANAGEMENT GROUP

The Parish Management Group invite you to their annual general meeting which will be held in the parish room between 7.30 and 8.00 p.m. on Thursday **12 March**. This is an opportunity for you to meet the members of this group and raise any questions you have about our work for the parish.

Information about our activities is available in the annual report to January 2014 which will be available next weekend

MOTHERS' PRAYERS meet fortnightly and our next meeting is on Tuesday **10 March** at 8.00pm and we are meeting in the church to lead the **Stations of the Cross**. Please ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186 for more information.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We will not be meeting till after Easter so that members of the group can go to the Exploring the Bible sessions. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654 for information.



CAFOD LENT FAST DAY COLLECTION

The UK government will again match *pound for pound* every donation given to CAFOD, giving us the chance to help thousands more people gain access to water and other vital services like health and education. Please give as much as you can. Please use the Gift Aid section if you can, because when parishioners donate to CAFOD through the Gift Aid scheme they can increase the value of their gift by 25p for every £1.00 given – at no extra cost. In 2013/14 we raised almost £154,000.00 through Gift Aid donations from communities like yours! Just think of all the lives that money has changed. Envelopes will be collected this weekend, **28 February and 1 March**.



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **9 March** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. Bring your sewing, knitting, crochet or whatever, and join like-minded people. For more information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



Tea and coffee will be available after 9.00 am and 11.00 am Masses today. All welcome.



Newsletter copy deadline – Tuesday midday. Newsletter contact: Suzanne Yates; 01525 840 661; suz_yates@btinternet.com

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week 28 February and 1 March

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 st Reader	Christine Jackson	Alison Braniff	Bernadette Basterfield
2 nd Reader	Pat Rees	Maggie Dullaghan	Victoria Basterfield
Eucharistic	Don Perrett	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Pat King	Myriam Rincon	Clare Bevan
Driver		Marion McClurg	

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 7 and 8 March

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 st Reader	Suzanne Yates	Dee Brady	Martin Brennan
2 nd Reader	Mary Brown	Siobhan Campbell	Pauline Chambers
Eucharistic	Chris Till	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Noreen Weighell	Martin Stynes	Hugh Davies
Driver		David Toland	



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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN OUR LENTEN PROGRAMME?

- **Wednesday 4 March** – Session 5 of the Bible Timeline course at 7.30 pm
- **Thursday 5 March** – Book Club – *The Day I was Crucified* at Ros Penn's home
- **Friday 6 March** – Little 'Uns are leading the Stations of the Cross at 10.15 am – all welcome

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 6 MARCH

The theme this year is:
Jesus said to them, Do you know what I have done to you?



The order of service has been written by Christian women from The Bahamas and translated into over 1000 different languages and dialects.

The local church services will be:
10.30 am at Amptill Methodist church
7.30 pm at Sacred Heart church, Flitwick

Everyone is welcome to attend the service, men, women – people of all ages.
at one of the services.

A selection of Easter Cards is now available in the repository. All are price marked please put the money in the box at the back of the church.



EXPLORING THE BIBLE Continues this Wednesday 4 March

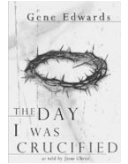
Featuring the acclaimed Bible TimeLine programme in use in parishes across the country.
For details of the programme please see the posters and leaflets in church.

Tea and coffee at 7.30 pm
Session from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm

BOOK CLUB

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

This Thursday **5 March 2015** at 7.30 pm at Ros Penn's home
(Refreshments served)
Our next book is *The Day I was Crucified as told by Jesus the Christ* by Gene Edwards



TO THE SUPPORTERS AND HELPERS OF SUNDAY TEAS

Please note that a donation of £99.00 was sent to CAFOD on your behalf, enabling three families in Guatemala to enjoy a supply of safe water – please see certificates on the hatch door of the kitchen.
Also £100.00 has been given to the parish for contingency funds.

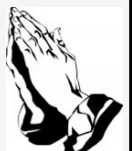
SOUP FOR SUDAN RETURNS

Once again the SVP invite you to their Lenten lunch on Tuesday **10 March** for a simple meal of soup and a bread roll. Put it in your diary and then come along between 12 midday and 1.30 pm – and bring a friend.



As always there is no charge but all donations will go to the SVP Sudan Baby Feeding Project, which still needs our support.

Circle of Prayer for March – Candidates for Sacraments



Lord – we praise and thank You for the precious gifts of Your Sacraments for each of us. As our brothers and sisters prepare to join us in receiving these wonderful gifts, may they experience the power of Your presence and blessing. Amen