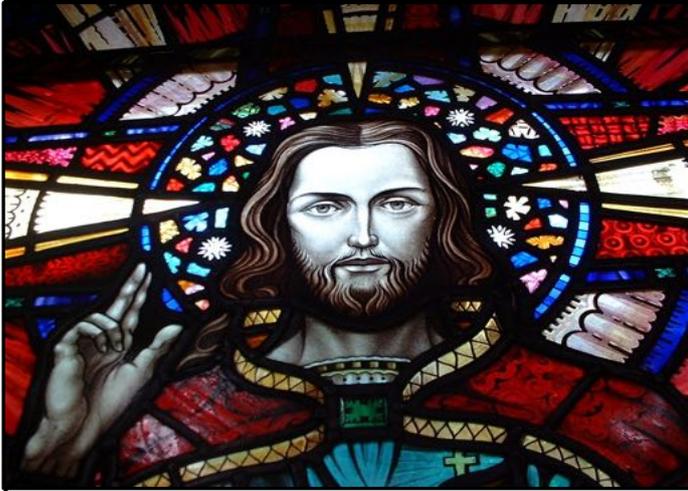


# newsletter



30 September and 1 October 2017

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time – Year A



## 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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## The Joyful Mysteries – Thursday, 5 October, 7.30 pm

The Joyful Mysteries are taken mostly from St Luke's Gospel in the New Testament. They involve the joyful events of Jesus' childhood and will be led by the PPC. Everyone is welcome to join us.

*And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth, John 1:14.*

When Adam and Eve sinned against God, the gates of heaven were closed. God promised to send a saviour who would open the gates of heaven. Jesus is the fulfilment of God's promise. That is why the Incarnation is the most wonderful event in human history. The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary are so called because they recount all the Joys of the Good News, namely Jesus.

- The Annunciation – The angel announces that Jesus is to be born.
- The Visitation – The baby in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy when Mary, who is pregnant with Jesus, visits her.
- The Birth of Jesus – Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.
- The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple – Jesus is presented to God in the temple in Jerusalem in accordance with Jewish Law.
- Finding Jesus in the Temple – who was lost, now is found in the temple in Jerusalem teaching the high priests.



Adapted from <http://www.how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com/joyful-mysteries.html>

## Feast of St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) – 4 October

Francis was the son of a prosperous cloth merchant in Assisi. When his father objected to having his goods sold without his consent to pay for the restoration of a church, the bishop commanded Francis to repay the money. He did. He also renounced his father and gave back everything he had ever been given, even his garments. He began a life of perfect evangelical poverty, living by begging and even then only accepting the worst food that people had to give. He preached to all the love of God and the love of the created world, because having renounced everything, he celebrated everything he received, or saw, or heard, as a gift. A rich man sold everything and joined him in living next to a leper colony; a canon from a neighbouring church gave up his position and joined them also. They looked into the Gospel and saw the story of the rich young man whom Jesus told to sell everything; they saw Jesus telling his disciples to take nothing with them on their journey; they saw Jesus saying that his followers must also carry his cross. And on that basis they founded an order. Francis went to Rome himself and persuaded the Pope to sanction it, though it must have seemed at once impractical and subversive, to set thousands of holy men wandering penniless round the towns and villages of Europe.



Francis wore an old brown garment begged from a peasant, tied round the middle with string that became the Franciscan habit. Ten years later, 5,000 men were wearing it; a hundred years later Dante was buried in it because it was more glorious than cloth of gold.

There is too much to say about Francis to fit here. He tried to convert the Muslims, or at least to attain martyrdom in doing so. He started the practice of setting up a crib in church to celebrate the Nativity.

Francis died in 1226, having started a revolution. The Franciscans endure to this day.

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### THANK YOU

The SVP would like to thank you for your generosity following the appeal. You donated £1,052.60.

Thank you very much.



Keep an eye out for *Operation Christmas Child* – boxes and leaflets will be available soon.

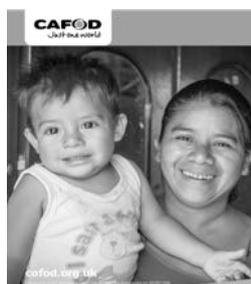


Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 23 and 24 September the total was £456.77. With thanks, Finance Committee.

### CAFOD

#### HARVEST FAST DAY FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2016

This Harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, strong seeds and training.



Please pick up a Fast Day envelope this weekend, fast this Friday, return envelopes next weekend and give what you can.

### SUNDAY TEAS

Due to the generosity of our tea and coffee drinkers, a £100.00 donation was sent to Mary's Meals (see letter on kitchen-hatch door) – a wonderful charity in Malawi which ensures thousands of children get a daily meal when they attend school, thereby being fed and educated. Very many thanks and not forgetting our tea/coffee makers.



Well Done!

N.B. Teas will be served in the hall at the back of the church after 9.00 am Mass until further notice.

## Feast of The Holy Guardian Angels – 2 October

The doctrine that every individual soul has a guardian angel has never been defined by the Church and so is not an article of faith, but it is present in both the Old and New Testaments. As Jesus says, See that you never despise any of these little ones, for I tell you that their angels in heaven always gaze on the face of my Father in heaven. Thus even little children have guardian angels, and these angels remain in the presence of God even as they fulfil their mission on earth.



Anciently, all angels were celebrated together on the feast of St Michael. A separate feast of the Guardian Angels began in Valencia in 1411. At the Reform of the Roman Breviary in the 16<sup>th</sup> century it was included among the local feasts, and it was raised to the status of a feast in the General Calendar in 1608, placed on the first free day after the feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael.

One of the benefits of this feast is that it reminds us that God cares for us individually. We all know this in theory, but it is easy – in times of depression or temptation – to convince ourselves that we are too small to matter, for good or ill. Let us use this feast to remind ourselves that each of us has an angel of our very own looking after us; and also to pray to God for our own Guardian Angel. What a bore and a burden to them some of us are. May we one day be a cause of rejoicing for them also!

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## Early Notice – Week Of Guided Prayer

Do you wish to deepen your prayer life? Our week of guided prayer aims to help people to enrich and deepen their spirituality. It is a week when you can spend a little time every day developing your prayer life with guidance from a prayer companion.

Look out for details of the Week – which takes place from **20 to 24 November**. Forms available soon. Tell your friends.

There is an opportunity for **prayer ministry** straight after 9.00 am Mass this weekend. Please come forward to bring to the Lord your needs, and the team will pray with you, which is always confidential.

*Before they finish praying to me I will answer their prayers.* Isaiah 65:24

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR OCTOBER – FAIR TREATMENT FOR PRISONERS

We pray for your protecting grace for our brothers and sisters in prison. We pray you will protect them from harassment, threats of violence and from the evil influence of fellow inmates. We pray for your protection of their bodies, minds, souls and spirits and that they are treated fairly while in prison.



## CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on **4 October**, 7.30 pm till 9.30 pm. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **9 October** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm.

For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



Mothers' Prayers will meet on Monday, **9 October** at 7.30 pm at 33 Maple Close

Pulloxhill, MK45 5EF. *Please note change of venue.* You are very welcome to join us to pray for your family intentions in full confidentiality. Ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186.



Tea and coffee will be available after 9.00 am Mass. All welcome

We welcome Orla, daughter of Aoife and James Green, who will be baptised into the Catholic community this Saturday.



We ask the parish to pray for her and her family on this special day, and wish her and her family all God's blessings on their journey of faith.

## INFORMATION

### CONFESSION

Confession will be on Saturday evening at 5.30 pm and Wednesday at 7.15 pm.

### PRAYER LINE

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

### CARDS, GIFTS, etc.

Are available for sale in Sacred Heart church after Mass. All are priced. Please put money in the repository box at the back of the church.

### SAFEGUARDING

For information contact Paula Bates on 07834 715 978 or [safeguarding@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk)

### CHURCH NEWSLETTER ONLINE

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

### 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 7.30 pm. If you would like to join us or want more details or if you know of anyone who needs a visit, help with transport or any other need, contact John Flanagan on 01525 406 810.

### LITTLE 'UNS

Meet every Friday 10.15 am to 11.45 am in term time, in the church hall. This is a group for babies and pre-schoolers. For further information please contact Deacon Philip on [deaconphilip@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk](mailto:deaconphilip@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk).

### MASS INTENTIONS

For Mass intentions contact Deacon Philip who will arrange for Canon Bennie or another local priest to say a Mass.

## Mass Times at Sacred Heart

|           |              |         |                                      |
|-----------|--------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 30 September | 6.00 pm | John Latham, Anniversary, RIP        |
| Sunday    | 1 October    | 9.00 am | Private Intentions                   |
| Monday    | 2 October    | 9.30 am | People of the Parish                 |
| Tuesday   | 3 October    |         | No Service                           |
| Wednesday | 4 October    | 7.30 pm | Eileen Keogh, Recently Deceased, RIP |
| Thursday  | 5 October    | 9.30 am | Deceased of the Parish               |
| Friday    | 6 October    | 9.30 am | Intentions of the O'Keefe Family     |

**Newsletter copy deadline** – Tuesday midday. Newsletter contact: Suzanne Yates; 01525 840 661; [suz\\_yates@btinternet.com](mailto:suz_yates@btinternet.com)

| Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week, 30 September and 1 October |                    |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Mass                                                                                 | 6.00 pm            | 9.00 am          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading                                                              | Maggie Dullaghan   | Ann Leatherland  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading                                                              | Judith Latham      | Pat Rees         |
| Eucharistic Minister                                                                 | Deacon Philip Pugh | Clare Bevan      |
| Eucharistic Minister                                                                 | John Flanagan      | Anne Gadsden     |
| Driver                                                                               |                    | Louis Chadwick   |
| Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 7 and 8 October            |                    |                  |
| Mass                                                                                 | 6.00 pm            | 9.00 am          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading                                                              | Alison Braniff     | Una McAlinden    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading                                                              | Siobhan Campbell   | Pauline Chambers |
| Eucharistic Minister                                                                 | Deacon Philip Pugh | Nicky Paterson   |
| Eucharistic Minister                                                                 | Adrian Hamilton    | Hilary Brennan   |
| Driver                                                                               |                    | Kate Mansford    |