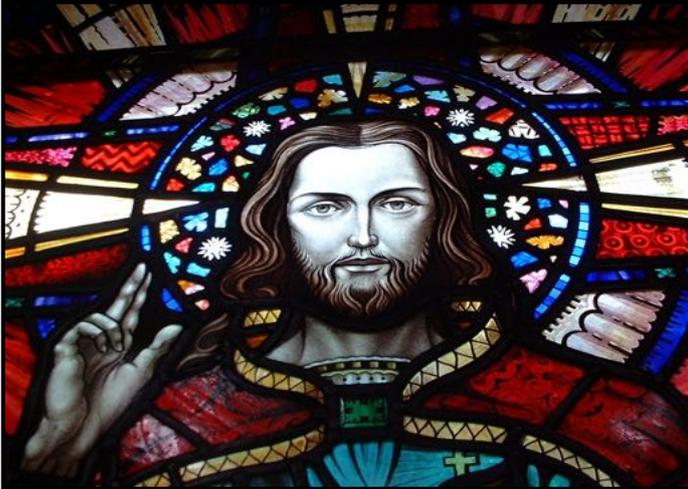


newsletter



3 and 4 June 2017

Feast of the Pentecost



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 Feast of Pentecost

The first reading today is taken from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11).

The day of Pentecost is the day traditionally described as the birth day of the Christian Church. Luke indicates in the Acts of the Apostles that this is the day when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles as Jesus had promised (Luke 24:49), and the process of evangelism began.

In reality, the community was already in existence and in the early chapters of the Acts, details are given about the communal life of the Christian Church.

In the Jewish calendar, the Festival of Pentecost falls fifty days after the Passover, and is believed to be the day when Moses received the law on Mount Sinai. The Christian equivalents of the Last Supper and the gift of the Holy Spirit are significant alternatives celebrations.

The story is written about the traditional elements of wind and fire, associated with the Spirit. The disciples are possessed by the Spirit and given power to speak in tongues, not the ecstatic utterances of the Spirit, but in various languages found in the nearby countries of the Roman Empire. The place names mentioned indicate how widespread the Jews had become. These 'devout people' were in Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost and heard the first Christian appeal in their own language.

So the purpose of Luke's writing begins to unfold. The Gospel will be preached to the end of the earth and this was the beginning of the expansion of the good news of Christ.

Adapted from *The Word of God, Year A Luke's Gospel* by Robin Cooper



Questions about the Future of the Parish

1. Why do we have to change our Mass times?

Sadly, this is happening in a lot of places as we have fewer and fewer priests in the UK. As well as taking over as our parish priest, Fr. John will continue to be responsible for Sacred Heart, Leighton Buzzard, which is around twice the size of the community of worshippers in Flitwick.

Owing to the size of his congregation, Fr. John will need to say two Masses in Leighton Buzzard. Bishop Peter urges all of his brother priests to say only three Masses over each weekend. This means that Fr. John may celebrate only one Mass for us here in Flitwick. We will be reinstating what was our most popular Mass time, 9.00 am on Sunday. This timing will allow Fr. John the time to travel to us for Mass, and return to Leighton Buzzard for a Mass at 11.00 am. He will also be celebrating Mass at 6.00 pm on Saturday in Leighton Buzzard.

Travelling to Masses available at other times in other parishes might be an option for some people, but we will do all we can to support you to continue to celebrate Mass here in Flitwick – we do not want to lose any member of our community!

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 10 JUNE 2017

Last chance for tickets to the diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham. We arrive in time for Mass with Bishop Peter at 12 midday. At 3.00 pm there will be a short procession along the pilgrim route from the Chapel of Reconciliation to the priory grounds, where there will be short service. The coach will leave at 8.30 am and we hope to return by 6.00 pm. You will need to bring a packed lunch. The cost is £30.



PENTECOST IN THE PARK

*Amphill and Flitwick
Churches Together*

Near the Hub in Amphill Park

THIS Sunday 4 June

2.30 pm – service at 3.15 pm

Celebrate the Church's birthday

Children's activities from 2.30 pm

Birthday Cake for All



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Bishop Peter will be visiting the parish on 25 and 26 June.

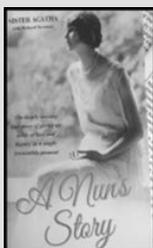
BOOK CLUB – NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 8 JUNE AT 7.30 PM

In the home of Ros Penn.

New members made very welcome and we will chat about this book

(tea/coffee and snacks).

Our next book is
A Nun's Story by Sister
Agatha



MASS FOR THE SICK

This year's Mass for the sick will be celebrated on Friday **23 June** at 2.00 pm. Once again the SVP are organising this very special afternoon. Canon Bennie, assisted by Deacon Philip, will be celebrating the Mass during which the anointing of the sick will take place. Everyone is very welcome to attend. Refreshments will be offered after Mass by the SVP in the parish room. If you need help with transport or any further information, please contact John Flanagan on 01525 406 810.



About the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham

The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham was established in 1061, when Richeldis de Faverches prayed that she might undertake some special work in honour of Our Lady. In answer to her prayer, the Virgin Mary led her in spirit to Nazareth, showed her the house where the Annunciation occurred, and asked her to build a replica in Walsingham to serve as a perpetual memorial of the Annunciation. She built a house, and a religious community took charge.

Walsingham became one of the greatest shrines in medieval Christendom.

In 1538, during the Reformation, the priory property was handed over to the King's Commissioners and the famous statue of Our Lady of Walsingham was taken to London and burnt. Nothing remains today of the original shrine, but its site is marked on the lawn in the abbey grounds. After the destruction of the shrine, Walsingham ceased to be a place of pilgrimage.

In 1896 Charlotte Pearson Boyd purchased the 14th century Slipper Chapel, the last of the wayside chapels en route to Walsingham, and restored it for Catholic use. In 1897, the sanctuary of Our Lady of Walsingham was restored with the building of the Lady Chapel.

The Guild of Our Lady of Ransom brought the first public pilgrimage to Walsingham on 20 August 1897. Visits to the Slipper Chapel became more frequent.

On 19 August 1934, Cardinal Bourne and Bishop Lawrence Youens led the bishops of England and Wales, together with 10,000 pilgrims to, the Slipper Chapel.

Since 1968, the Marist Fathers have had the care of the shrine and, with the Marist Sisters and others, are responsible for the ministry to pilgrims.

During the visit of Pope John Paul II to England in 1982, the Slipper Chapel statue was taken to Wembley Stadium and carried around the stadium prior to the papal Mass

In 1997 there were celebrations to mark the centenary of the first post-Reformation pilgrimage. One of the lasting legacies of the centenary celebrations is the Annunciation Window in the Slipper Chapel which was a gift of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom.

Adapted from <http://www.walsingham.org.uk>

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on **7 June**. 30 pm till 9.30 pm. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **12 June** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



MOTHERS' PRAYERS will meet on **5 June**. We meet from 7.30 pm till 9.30 pm. Meetings are at 80 George St, Maulden. Contact Sue Barley on 01525 634 186.



Tea and coffee will be available after 11.00 am Mass. All welcome



We welcome Martha, daughter of Erin and Ben Hogan, who will be baptised into the Catholic community on Sunday. We ask the whole parish to pray for her and her whole family on this special day, and wish her and her family all God's blessings on their journey of faith.



CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR JUNE – FOR THE PARISH

Almighty God, in these times of challenge and change, grant us wisdom to grasp new opportunities. Help us to work together using our talents so that your Church might grow and flourish in our parish of Sacred Heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen



INFORMATION

CONFESSION

Confession will be on Saturday evening at 5.30 pm and NEXT Wednesday at 7.00 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

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.

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	3 June	6.00 pm	John Hogan, Recently Deceased, RIP
Sunday	4 June	11.00 am	The People of the Parish
Monday	5 June	9.30 am	The Deceased of the Parish
Tuesday	6 June		No Service
Wednesday	7 June	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	8 June		No Service
Friday	9 June	9.30 am	Intentions of the Gadsden family

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

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week, 3 and 4 June

Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 st Reading	Angela Bartlett	Bernadette Basterfield
2 nd Reading	Pat Crowe	Victoria Basterfield
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	Don Perrett	Ros Penn
Driver		Kate Mansford

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week, 10 and 11 June

Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 st Reading	Noreen Weighell	Pauline Chambers
2 nd Reading	Alison Braniff	Ann Leatherland
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Peter Hyde	Deacon Peter Hyde
Eucharistic Minister	Jane Crow	Catherine Davies
Driver		William Doyle