

newsletter



4 and 5 April 2015

Easter Sunday



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	4 April	9.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
Sunday	5 April	9.00 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
		11.00 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
		5.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions – Latin Mass
Monday	6 April	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Mass – said by Mgr. Philip Whitmore
Tuesday	7 April	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Mass – said by Mgr. Philip Whitmore
Wednesday	8 April	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	No Service
Thursday	9 April	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Mass – said by Bishop Peter Doyle
Friday	10 April	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	No Service

A Reflection by Fr. Denis

Easter is a time when all nature is blooming, when the death of winter has passed, and when everything comes alive again. It would be really sad, indeed, if my inner spirit did not experience some of that reawakening. There is a movie called *Awakenings*, which depicts people with mental disabilities displaying glimpses of very intelligent life inside, and the ability, willingness, or otherwise, of those around to respond to that. Each of us, because of our baptism, has the potential for divinity within us, in so far as we are invited to share in the life of the Trinity. Responsibility is about responding to something, and each of us must take personal responsibility for the gift of Easter, and what it offers and holds for us. You can walk out of the door today, and today can be just another yesterday, or you can reflect seriously on all that you have heard, and, somewhere within your soul or your spirit, you can say yes. We will celebrate the results of that, yes a few weeks, from now when we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. The stone was rolled away from the tomb for Jesus on Easter morning, and the doors of the Upper Room were flung open for the apostles at Pentecost.



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

Fr. Denis writes ...

Eva Schloss knew her future stepsister, Anne Frank, before the teenage girl died in Auschwitz concentration camp. As children, the two girls played together. After the war, Eva's mother married Anne's widowed father, Otto Frank. Both families had lost treasured family members in the Holocaust, like so many other Jewish families in that dark period of human history.



During a radio interview years later, Eva, a former concert pianist, explained how, on Saturday nights before their arrests, the whole family would lie on the floor, in the



dark, listening to the exquisite music of Schubert's 'Trout' Quintet as their preparation for sleep. In decades to come, this music, and the memory of those unforgettable evenings, would still bring her joy.

Despite having lost so much, she explained that what she would pass on to the world was the message enshrined in Louis Armstrong's song 'What a Wonderful World'. Instead of learning bitterness, Eva had learned to appreciate life and its immeasurable capacity for all that is good. In seeing the horrors of the death camps, she saw life and learned to value things that perhaps would remain unnoticed by those who had not faced the ultimate in human brutality. She finished her radio interview by repeating the saying, 'it's a wonderful world!'

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 28 and 29 March the total was £556.57; this is just about the amount needed each week to meet the parish running costs

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.

The collection on Easter Sunday is for our clergy. **PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS YOU CAN.**



MOTHERS' PRAYERS meet fortnightly and our next meeting is on Tuesday **7 April** at 7.30pm at 80 George St., Maulden. Please ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186 for more information or just to ask for prayer for your intentions.



A THANK YOU FROM DEACON PHILIP
I would like to express my gratitude to the many people who have offered tangible assistance, and all the words of

encouragement I have received over the last few months while Fr. Denis has been poorly. It is a sign of the strength of our community that so many of you are so supportive.

May you all receive the blessings of Easter, and enjoy the holiday break – however short it might be.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Our next meeting is on **15 April** 7.30 pm till 9.30 pm. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654 for information.



5 April – Feast of St Vincent Ferrer (1350-1419)

He was born in Valencia and joined the Dominicans at the age of 17. In 1399, with the approval of the Pope, he set out on his mission as a preacher. For twenty years he travelled through western Europe, with thousands flocking to hear him wherever he was. From 1408 he worked mostly south of the Pyrenees. Among others, he preached to the Jews, of whom some 25,000 were converted to Christianity, and in the Kingdom of Granada he converted thousands of Moors. In 1417 he moved on to Brittany and continued his work there; he died in Vannes in Brittany on 5 April 1419.



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **13 April** 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



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 next week, 4 and 5 April

Mass	9.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 st Reader	Suzanne Yates	Siobhan Campbell	Debbie Lewis
2 nd Reader	Sue Barley	Alison Braniff	Noelette Hanley
Narrator	Alison Braniff		
Jesus	Maggie Dullaghan		
Other	John Flanagan		
Eucharistic	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Clare Bevan	Catherine Davies	To be confirmed
Driver		Louis Chadwick	

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week 11 and 12 April

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 st Reader	Christine Jackson	Stephen Russell	Victoria Basterfield
2 nd Reader	Suzanne Yates	Pat Crowe	Bernadette Basterfield
Eucharistic	Chris Till	Martin Stynes	Anne Gadsden
Eucharistic	Noreen Weighell	Jane Crow	Hilary Brennan
Driver		Marion McClurg	



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EASTER PILGRIMAGE



Parishioners, family and friends are invited to join the One Climate One World Easter pilgrimage, a series of five 10-mile countryside walks linking the parishes of our pastoral area on Saturdays in April and May.

1. **11 April** Toddington – Dunstable;
2. **25 April** Dunstable – Leighton Buzzard;
3. **2 May** L. Buzzard – Flitwick (Sacred Heart);
4. **16 May** Flitwick – Shefford;
5. **23 May** Shefford – Biggleswade.

Each stage will include a stop for refreshment and the option of a shorter walk. For information on how to register to walk, or to sponsor a pilgrim in aid of CAFOD's Hungry for Change initiative, contact the parish coordinator, Martin Brennan on m.brennan1956@btinternet.com

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

On the weekend of 21/22 March I included an article about the AGM of the PPC. There was a mistake in the report and as well as I retired a member without his knowledge. John Fletcher is our very important health and safety representative and his name was left off the list.

John Flanagan agreed to stay on the PPC as an ordinary member.

Suzanne Yates (editor)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please see notice board for information about a deputy head's position in Milton Keynes.

Circle of Prayer for April – The Consecrated Life

Jesus Our Saviour, Incarnate Word, as You have entrusted Your own way of life to those whom You have called, continue to draw to Yourself men and women who will be, for the people of our time, dispensers of mercy, heralds of Your return, living signs of the Resurrection and of its treasures of virginity, poverty and obedience.



Christian Aid Week 10-16 May 2015



Be the answer to Loko's prayer this Christian Aid Week.

This Christian Aid Week, you can help transform the lives of women like Loko.

From 10-16 May, churches the length and breadth of Britain and Ireland will come together to pray, campaign and raise money to improve the lives of people like Loko.



Every year, 100,000 volunteers demonstrate God's love for the poor by taking part in house-to-house collections for Christian Aid.

This fantastic witness is a chance to take the mission of the church into your community.

Loko's choice in life is simple: 'If I can't collect firewood, my children will die.'

Just £5.00 could give Loko a loan to start her own business buying and selling tea and coffee, freeing her from her desperate task and allowing her to spend more time caring for her family.

**WE NEED COLLECTORS FOR OUR AREA!
IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT
EAMONN DIVER ON 01525 712 257
YOU ONLY NEED TO DO YOUR OWN
STREET!**