

# newsletter



4 and 5 October 2014

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of 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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## Times of Mass

Saturday	4 October	6.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Mary McGowan, RIP
Sunday	5 October	9.00 am	Sacred Heart Church	Mary and Thomas Kerrigan, RIP
		11.00 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
		5.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions – Latin Mass
Monday	6 October	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
Tuesday	7 October	10.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Funeral Mass for Lily Loughname
Wednesday	8 October	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	9 October	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
Friday	10 October	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Special Intentions

## *A Reflection by Fr. Denis*

The fact that you are reading this now is some indication that you are open to the word of the Lord. It is important that you appreciate this gift, because we cannot accept the gifts of the Lord without accepting responsibility for how we use them. When Jesus speaks of the seed falling on good soil, He said that some produced thirty per cent, some sixty per cent and some one hundred per cent. Even the thirty per cent was considered good soil, because it produced something. I am expected to do the best with what I have. I should hold myself responsible for the gifts God gives me, which, of course, include time, talent, money, etc.



I believe it is necessary to develop a sense of deep gratitude for the blessings of the Lord. I should appreciate His blessings, and acknowledge both the privilege and the responsibility that comes with those blessings. It would be wrong to envy the gifts of another, rather than appreciating my own gifts. I am part of 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a peoples set apart' (Peter 2:9). The Jewish religious leaders saw their position as one that was theirs by right, and something that could not be taken from them. Just as I have the gift of life, the time will come when I will have to relinquish that gift for another form of living.

*Fr. Denis writes ...*

*Everybody Loves Raymond* was an American



TV comedy series, which ran for nearly ten years. Raymond, his wife and children live in a house on Long Island, New York. Across the street from them live his parents and

brother. Connecting the two houses seems to be an invisible path along which Raymond's mother is drawn frequently. She criticises Raymond's wife and generally interferes with the running of the home. Raymond is usually browbeaten by his mother and gives in to her. In the TV show this is good for a laugh, but in real life can exert pressures that override our consciences.

Jesus' words in the gospel may seem to contradict everything He says about loving God and neighbour. What He is really saying is that it is possible that people closest to us may tempt us to turn away from Him. If that happens, He calls us to choose Him in preference to anything else, even our own lives. Carrying a cross may lead to actual martyrdom, which Jesus says we are prepared for. The two examples of the builder and the king tell us that becoming a disciple requires us to use our wits to consider the consequences and to be prepared. Giving up our possessions means that we do not hang back but give ourselves freely.



In our following of Jesus we offer the word of life to others, as Paul says. And in doing so, rather than turning our backs on them, we may draw those who once opposed us to find Him as well.

**Sunday Latin Mass:** *Fr. Denis celebrates the Latin Mass at 5.00 pm on Sundays. The Mass is from the missal of 1962 and fulfils the Sunday obligation.*

## INFORMATION

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday mornings from 11.00 am to 11.30 am, please see newsletter for changes.

### 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>

The offertory collection for 27 and 28 September was £401.54.  
With thanks, Fr. Denis.

**BOOK CLUB NOTICE – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This will be on Thursday **9 October** at 7.30 pm at Suzanne Yates's house. New members made very



welcome and we will chat about this book.  
(Refreshments will be served)  
Our next book is *Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom*, by John O'Donohue

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS** meet fortnightly and our next meeting is on Tuesday **14 October** 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.



**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: Friday 3 October**



As you know, Harvest Fast Day was last Friday. Your Fast Day envelopes are available in church if you did not get one last weekend.

Please give as much as you can, so that hunger is not a fact of life for the world's poorest people.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

Come along for a time of informal praise and worship, intercession and prayer ministry. Our next meeting is on **15 October** 7.30 pm till 9.30 pm. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654 for information.



Please remember in your prayers Lily Loughname who died recently. Her reception into the church will be on Monday **6 October** at 4.30 pm. The funeral will be held on Tuesday **7 October** at 10.30 am. All our sympathy and prayers go to Lily's family.



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

**PLEASE NOTE!** There will be no 9.30 am Mass on Tuesday **7 October** due to the funeral Mass for Lilly Loughname being held at 10.30 am on that day.

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](mailto:suz_yates@btinternet.com)

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week 4 and 5 October.

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Suzanne Yates	Darren Campbell	Eamonn Diver
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Adrian Hamilton	Dee Brady	Noelette Hanley
Eucharistic	C./H. Davies	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	John Flanagan	Helen Burgess	Grace McKenna
Driver		David Toland	

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 11 and 12 October

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Mary Brown	Stephen Russell	Dennis Horner
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Christine Jackson	Maggie Dullaghan	Pauline Chambers
Eucharistic	Don Perrett	Christopher McMellon	Sue Barley
Eucharistic	Chris Till	Martin Stynes	Clare Bevan
Driver		William Doyle	



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Good News, Great Joy

It's that time again, time to fill a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child.

Shoebboxes need to be returned to the back of the church or to Clare Bevan by **2 November**. Leaflets advising what and what not to put in your box are available in the church porch. Thanking you once again for your support.



### CAN YOU MAKE TIME TO PRAY FOR MY SCHOOL?

If so, please join us on Monday **3 November** at Bromham Baptist Church, 7.15 pm\* till 9.00 pm.

*Coffee, cake, worship, updates, and a focussed 30-minute prayer time.*

This is open to anyone – particularly parents – so that you can find out what our workers are doing in your child's school and be part of the prayer adventure!

If 48 people turn up to pray for half an hour, that is a total of 24 hours of prayer! Can you help make it happen?

\*Short of time? Come at 8.00 pm and you will not miss the prayer!



**PARISH DINNER** will take place at the Dog and Badger, Maulden on **8 October**, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. We have obtained a special price of £10.00 for two courses, £14.00 for three courses and £1.00 for coffee. Numbers are limited to 40 so book your place and menu choice ASAP – bookings available after all Masses.

### Santiago de Compostela Pilgrims Reunion

Sunday 5 October  
2.30 pm

Sacred Heart Parish Hall



**We will have refreshments and a presentation of our pilgrimage journey for you to enjoy.**

**Please let us know your interest for our next pilgrimage in 2016.**

To help us to plan in more detail, we need to know the level of interest in the places of pilgrimage that YOU would like to visit.

If you would like more information on the last pilgrimage or our next pilgrimage in 2016, please talk to Ros Penn on 01525 715 936 or email

[rospenn@googlemail.com](mailto:rospenn@googlemail.com) or speak to Deacon Philip on 07780 687 452.

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you for supporting this wonderful cause the way you did, whether by purchasing raffle tickets, donating a prize, baking a cake or being one of the many people who attended. A special thank you to the helpers on the day.



At the time of writing we have, so far together raised £575.00.

It will be quite a challenge to top this next year, but we'll try. The Macmillan Coffee Morning 2015 will be on 25 September. We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas cards, Advent calendars, etc will be on Sale after all Masses the weekend of **1 and 2 November** and **8 and 9 November**.

2015 diaries are available on top of the repository cupboard.



### Circle of Prayer for October – Young People

Dear Lord, many of our children and young people have never heard the truth that they are made in God's image. We pray for protection for the most vulnerable: for those who struggle with eating disorders, who become addicted to drugs, alcohol and immorality, may they come to know You as their Lord and Saviour.

