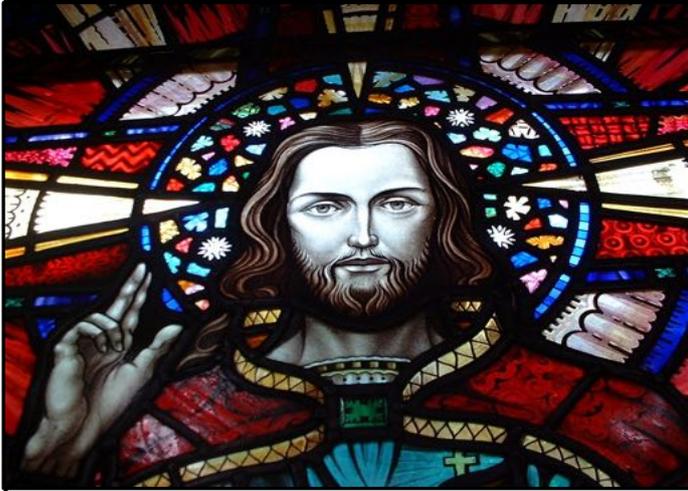


# newsletter



4 and 5 November 2017

31<sup>st</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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## Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – 9 November

This feast goes back to the year 313, when the Emperor Constantine who had recently converted lifted the ban on Christianity. Constantine gave the palace of the Laterani, which belonged to his wife, to the Pope as his private residence. A basilica was built beside the palace, and Pope Sylvester dedicated it to the Holy Saviour on 9 November 324.

Over the centuries, the church has been subjected to earthquake and destructive fire and has constantly been under reconstruction and restoration. Despite these changes, the basilica still bears the floor plans of the original church and the baptistry.

The palace of the Lateran served as the residence of the Bishop of Rome continuously until 1304, when Benedict XI was forced to move to Avignon. Even after the general offices of the church were transferred to the Vatican in the mid-1400s, the Lateran basilica remained as the cathedral church of the Pope. Most Catholics would consider St Peter's to be the Pope's church, but St John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome presides.



In every diocese, the cathedral is the symbol of the unity of the local church gathered around its bishop, and through him, its unity with other local churches throughout the world. For this reason, the anniversary of the dedication of its cathedral is celebrated as a solemn feast day in the diocese.

Because the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, has a universal ministry of charity and unity, his cathedral, the Lateran, is the mother church for the whole world. Therefore, when we celebrate the feast of the Lateran Basilica, we celebrate the Lord who brought the Church into being in order to gather together in unity all God's daughters and sons, wherever they may be.

<http://liturgybrisbane.net.au/liturgylines/dedication-of-the-lateran-basilica-2/>

## Remembering ...

In November we take special care to remember those we have loved and cared for, but who have died. We recall them and celebrate their lives and the way they loved us, cared for us and taught us. This is why the Church begins November with the feast day of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls.

By recalling their memory we build a personal shrine, not as a table in a corner, but as a place in our hearts for those we love.

Use the slip, which is part of the leaflet available next weekend, to record the names of your family, friends and acquaintances you wish to be remembered in prayer throughout the month of November.

Place the slip in the basket provided in the sanctuary, where it will remain throughout the month.

## Memorial Masses for the Dead

It is traditional in the Church for families to request a Mass for the deceased members of their families and for their deceased friends.

Envelopes will be provided in church for you to include a list of their names and to place a Mass offering. The diocese suggests a gift of between £5.00 and £10.00, or as much as you can afford. These should be handed to Deacon Philip who will then arrange Mass for the Intentions listed, and for those requesting the memorial Mass.

Deacon Philip will be happy to tell you more about how to request a Mass.



## RETIRING COLLECTION FOR NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN PRIESTS' FUND (FORMERLY THE COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY) 4 AND 5 NOVEMBER

We are grateful to all who have supported Together in Faith which has made a significant contribution to the cost of providing for our sick and retired clergy. But while this has bought us several years grace, the need for supporting our clergy remains, which is why we continue to ask for support. In addition, as 60 per cent of the parish did not subscribe to Together in Faith and as there have been many new people join the parish since the campaign, it is only fair that we give these people a chance to contribute.



## The Advent Conversation



Our Baptismal Mission  
Discovering what it means  
to be a Priest, Prophet and  
King or Queen.

Three Tuesdays in Advent  
28 November  
5 December and  
12 December

Gather at 7.30 pm for a time of reflection and conversation about our baptismal mission as priests, prophets and kings or queens

**BOOKING NOT ESSENTIAL**  
please come along to the three sessions as you can



The Youcat group Youth Alpha Programme will continue next Saturday 18 November with the question Who is Jesus? It starts at 4.30 pm will finish in time for 6.00 pm Mass.

Steve Harris, youth worker from the diocese will help to run the course. We start with doughnuts, followed by a film then chat and questions.

For more information contact Maggie or Helen on [youcat@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk](mailto:youcat@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk)

## GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY

Shoeboxes need to be returned to the back of the church or to Clare Bevan by, **6 November**.

Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 28 and 29 October the total was £504.73. The Missio collection was £269.62. With thanks, Finance Committee.

## DATE TO REMEMBER MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 2 December – 9.30 am to 11.00 am

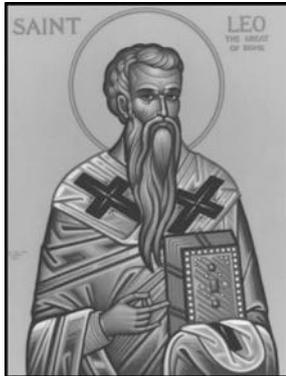
## PARKING PERMITS

As you know, after Christmas we will have one Mass only at 9.00 am. We have parking available at Flitwick Lower School, only a short walk from the church. Parking permits are available for people who are unable to walk that distance, people who bring people who have special needs to church, families with very young children. We have about 30 permits available. If you require a parking permit please see Deacon Philip or Suzanne Yates for an application form.



## FEAST OF POPE ST LEO THE GREAT (?-461) – 10 NOVEMBER

Very little is known about the early life of this man who proved to be such an extraordinary shepherd of the Catholic Church. He came to be known not only as Pope Saint Leo I, but also as one of only two Popes in two thousand years to be called the Great.



What we do know is that as a deacon, he had opposed the heresy of Pelagianism which taught that grace was not necessary for salvation. As Pope, St Leo was forceful and unambiguous in his teaching which affirmed the full divinity and humanity of Christ. His most famous writing, commonly known as the Tome of St Leo (449),

was the basis of the Council of Chalcedon's (451) dogmatic definition of Christ as one Divine Person possessing two complete natures, human and divine.

St Leo was Pope during the middle of the fifth century, a troubled time when barbarian armies were ravaging the Roman Empire. The Western Empire was in total political and military collapse and there was a vacuum of political leadership. Pope St Leo filled the void and became the advocate for the temporal as well as spiritual needs of his flock. He is perhaps most famous for persuading Attila the Hun to abandon his plans to sack the city of Rome. St Leo once again was the spokesperson for the Roman citizens in 455 when the Vandal barbarians swept into Central Italy, securing concessions from them.

Through both his powerful teaching and his leadership, Pope St Leo strengthened the office of the papacy and made a strong biblical case for the divine institution of this ministry by examining the biblical evidence for Peter's unique role among the Apostles.

The writings by St Leo that survive, besides his famous Tome, consist of 143 letters and 96 sermons. His sermons cover every season of the liturgical year and are indeed a treasure. St Leo died in 461 and is regarded as one of the most important of the Western Fathers of the Church and was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIV.

Adapted from <http://www.ucatholic.com>

## CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on **15 November**, 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 **13 November** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



Mothers' Prayers will meet on Monday, **13 November** at 7.30 pm at 80 George Street, Maulden. You are very welcome to join us to pray for your family intentions in full confidentiality. Ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186. We meet fortnightly.



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



We welcome Sonny Frederick William, son of Kelly and Adam May, who will be baptised into the Catholic community this Saturday.



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

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER – OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

God, our Father, we thank you for the gift of our children. We ask you to send your holy angels to protect and guide them each day, so that they will walk the narrow path of purity, self-control and obedience, as was taught to us by your own Son, Jesus Christ. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.



## 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 Fr. John or Fr. Nathaniel or another local priest to say a Mass.

## Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Saturday	4 November	6.00 pm	Cassie Gallagher and the Gallagher Family
Sunday	5 November	9.00 am	Deceased members of the Kuruvila Family
Monday	6 November	9.30 am	Deceased members of the Styne and the Lynch Families
Tuesday	7 November		No Service
Wednesday	8 November	7.30 pm	Pat and Margaret Gibbons, RIP
Thursday	9 November	9.30 am	Rosemary and John Doran, RIP
Friday	10 November	9.30 am	Deceased members of the Petersen and Bevan Families

**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 November

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Pat Crowe	Pauline Chambers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dee Brady	Una McAlinden
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Carlos Rincon
Eucharistic Minister	Helen Wilson	Myriam Rincon
Driver		Carmel Gallagher

### Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week 11 and 12 November

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Judith Latham	Victoria Basterfield
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Maggie Dullaghan	Bernadette Basterfield
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Martin Stynes
Eucharistic Minister	Chris Till	Ros Penn
Driver		Louis Chadwick