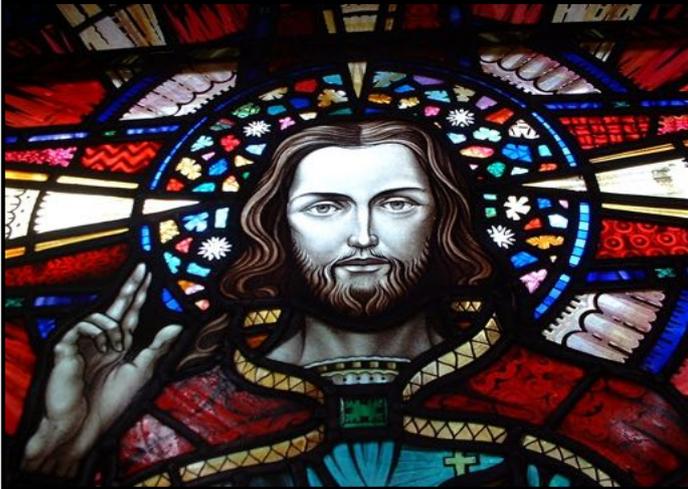


newsletter



5 and 6 August 2017

The Transfiguration of the Lord



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 Transfiguration – Matthew 17:1-9

This Sunday we hear about the Transfiguration, when Jesus, accompanied by Peter, James and John, went up a high mountain to be alone. There he is seen in a visionary state with Moses and Elijah. It is the mention of these two great figures from the Old Testament that gives us the meaning of this unusual and unique piece of Gospel tradition.

Moses was the greatest leader the Jews ever had, bringing them out of captivity in Egypt. He also gave them the Law which was to form the basis of Jewish society.

Elijah was the first and greatest prophet who was to return to prepare the way for the Messiah. Jesus is seen talking to them both and in so doing, the meaning is conveyed that he is the fulfilment of both the Jewish Law and prophecy.

The voice from heaven that had spoken at the baptism of Jesus confirms Jesus' sonship. He is God's son. So listen to him!



Transfiguration of Our Lord

Adapted from *The Word of God Year A* by Robin Cooper

We welcome Fr. Nathaniel who will be with us for a few months. Fr. Nathaniel is staying in the presbytery and will be saying Mass for us.

Please check the newsletter and the church door for date and time of Masses.

Questions about the Future of the Parish

With only one Mass on a Sunday in the future, where will I park?

You are right to be concerned about the capacity of our parking space. We are not permitted to use the space around the church to expand our parking capacity – due to planning and traffic restrictions. **HOWEVER**, with some creative thinking and the cooperation of the Flitwick Lower School we will be providing additional car parking, within 5 minutes walk from the church. We would encourage all those able to take advantage of this additional space.

To ensure that the car parking is used in the most appropriate way we will need to make the onsite parking for **Visitors and Permit Holders Only**. These permits will give priority to the disabled, frail, elderly and those with other needs. Apart from visitors ALL of the remainder of the parish community will be encouraged to use the school car park or elsewhere, walk to church and find other ways to limit their need to park in the vicinity of the church. We know this is inconvenient. If you have particular needs, or you have any ideas on practical ways to improve parking please get in touch with Deacon Philip.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Macmillan Coffee
Morning at Sacred Heart
Church Friday **29**
September immediately
after 9.30 am Mass.



Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (1891-1942) – 9 August

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) was born in 1891 in Breslau, Poland. She was the youngest child of a large Jewish family, was an outstanding student and well versed in philosophy with a particular interest in phenomenology.



She became interested in the Catholic faith, and in 1922 was baptised in Cologne. Eleven years later Edith entered the Carmelite monastery there. Because of the politics in Germany – Edith, who took the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross – was sent to the Carmelite monastery at Echt, Holland.

When Germany conquered Holland, Teresa was arrested, and, with her sister Rose, was sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. Teresa died in the gas chambers in 1942 at the age of fifty-one.

She was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1987 in Cologne. Even though her life was cut short by genocide, her memory stands as a light undimmed in the midst of evil, darkness, and suffering. She was canonised on 11 October 1998.

Adapted from <http://www.catholic.org>

RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection this weekend, **5 and 6 August** for Aid to the Church in Need. Aid to the Church in Need is a pontifical foundation of the Catholic Church, supporting the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. It works in more than 140 countries.



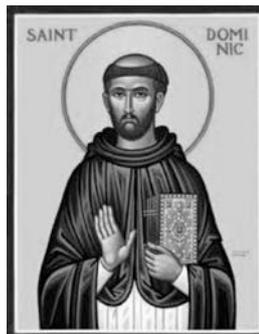
With your help, Aid to the Church in Need, provide food aid for 2,200 displaced families, who survive on less than £1.60 per day in Hassake and Aleppo. It also supports Iraqi



Christians to rebuild their lives, and re-establish the faith out of the ruins of their homeland.

Feast of St Dominic (1170-1221) – 8 August

He was born in Castile (part of modern Spain) and became a canon of the cathedral of Osma. He accompanied his bishop, Diego de Azevedo, in a mission of preaching against the Albigensian heresy, which was then strong in southern France. While the official missions lived in formality and splendour, Dominic and Diego lived in extreme poverty and prepared with great diligence for the debates that they held with their opponents. When the suppression of Albigensianism was undertaken by invasion and war of a particularly savage kind, Dominic continued to try to preach and persuade.



In 1216 he founded the Order of Preachers, dedicated to saving souls by preaching and persuasion. Like the Franciscans, founded a few years before, the Dominicans put great importance on poverty, both of the individual and of the community, and of the need to be involved directly in the world while still living some form of monastic life. At a time when the settled Benedictine monasteries had grown into great and rich institutions, this was a revolutionary and to some a subversive concept. The friars made a lasting impact on the life of mediaeval Europe. The Dominicans, in particular, altered the course of intellectual history by making a well-thought-out and rational response to the new learning that was appearing, as long-forgotten thinkers such as Aristotle became known once more in the Christian West.

Dominic died at Bologna on 6 August 1221.

Adapted from Catholic Calendar app. by Universalis Publishing

SUMMER PARISH BRUNCH

We are holding a late-summer barbeque and family day on Sunday **10 September** after 9.00 am Mass. Tickets are £5.00 per person and £12.00 per family. These will be available after all Masses next week.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

This group will be meet again in September. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **11 September** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



MOTHERS' PRAYERS

will meet again in September. New members are welcome to join us in September to prayer for their families.



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



THE ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT

Celtic Journeys

Exploring with St Brendan and the Celtic saints

Saturday 16 September 9.30 am to 3.30 pm at Buckden Towers

Reserve the date in your diary and look out for the registration leaflets.

Space on the retreat is limited to 20 people.

Donation for the day £10.00 – pay on the day – bring a shared



Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 29 and 30 July the total was £463.33. With thanks, Finance Committee.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR AUGUST – PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

We pray for all those who suffer persecution. Almighty God, who has taught us through your Son, Jesus Christ, that those who follow him may be persecuted: strengthen, comfort and encourage all those who suffer harassment, violence, imprisonment and even death for being followers of Jesus. Amen



INFORMATION

CONFESSION

Confession will be on Saturday evening at 5.30 pm and THIS 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

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	5 August	6.00 pm	Intentions of Fr. Stephen who is recovering from illness
Sunday	6 August	11.00 am	Fiona and Nick Whitehead, Thanksgiving for 1 st Wedding Anniversary
Monday	7 August	9.30 am	Patricia Petersen, Anniversary, RIP
Tuesday	8 August		Fr. Nathaniel's day off
Wednesday	9 August	7.30 pm	Private Intentions
Thursday	10 August	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Friday	11 August	9.30 am	John McGarry, RIP

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

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week, 5 and 6 August

Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 st Reading	Angela Bartlett	Brendan Spillane
2 nd Reading	Pat Crowe	Martin Brennan
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	Don Perrett	Ros Penn
Driver		David Toland

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 12 and 13 August

Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 st Reading	Adrian Hamilton	Catherine Davies
2 nd Reading	Noreen Weighell	Una McAlinden
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	Myriam Rincon	Hilary Brennan
Driver		C./J. Gallagher