

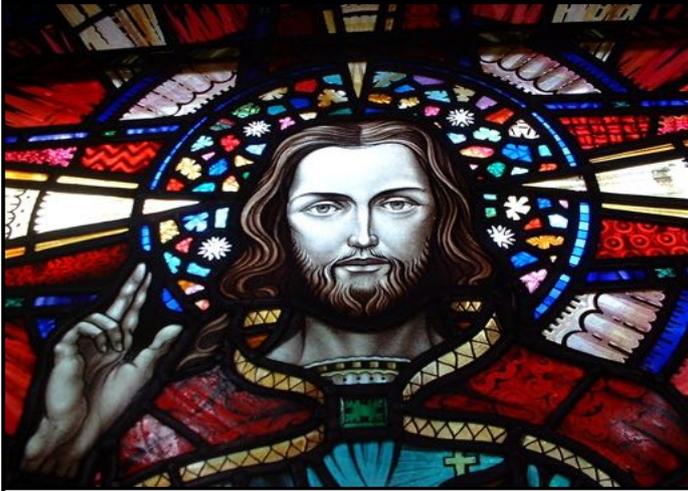


newsletter



5 and 6 November 2016

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C



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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Sixth Corporal Works of Mercy – Visit the Imprisoned

'Remember those who are in prison, as if in prison with them' (Heb 13:3). When Jesus began his public ministry in Nazareth, he quoted from the prophet Isaiah that he had come to proclaim liberty to captives (Lk 4:18). Society has good reasons to keep some people incarcerated, but they too have a claim on our mercy. When we might be tempted to withhold our care from them, it would be good to recall how many saints have spent time in jail.



There are practical challenges when it comes to visiting prisoners, but the Church does have a ministry to them and properly trained volunteers are always needed. In addition, we might look for ways to help those whose spouses or parents are incarcerated. They suffer not only the pain of separation but also the stigma of guilt.

We can also exercise this work of mercy by speaking up for the dignity of prisoners. Our Lord said, 'When you did it to the least of these, you did it to me' (Mt 25:40). Those who committed brutal crimes and have been imprisoned are certainly 'the least' in the eyes of society.

This work of mercy does not end when a convict is released. There are programmes of restorative justice to

help former prisoners integrate back into society, and these provide opportunities for us to carry out this work. We must be realistic enough to recognise that some ex-convicts have very deep problems that cannot be dismissed with the wave of a hand; their path will sometimes be slow and laborious, but we should commit ourselves to walking the journey with them and helping them not to give up hope.

Another important group of people who stand in need of the mercy of this work are juvenile offenders. These young people have found themselves behind bars because something or someone has failed them. But if it is a tragedy when any human being stops hoping, it is doubly so when that human being is standing on the threshold of adult life.

Finally, we can expand this work of mercy to embrace those who are imprisoned by the circumstances of life. The housebound in our parishes, the residents of homes for the aged, and those who are trapped in addictions of various kinds are incarcerated in different ways. Their isolation is less dramatic than if they were literally in prison, but for that very reason they are deserving of our care. And, because they live in our neighbourhoods and may be members of our own family, we have easy access to them.

from <http://jubileeofmercy-eb.org>

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 a place in our hearts for those we love.

Use the slip, which is part of the leaflet available at all Masses, 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. All of the names will be dedicated to our prayers at the Mass of Commemoration All Souls to be celebrated on Wednesday **2 November** at 9.30 am and 10.15 am.

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 are 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 what 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE FOR NEW PARENTS

The second part of this baptism preparation class will be held on Saturday **12 November**, starting at 10.00 am for one hour in the St Francis Suite. We look forward to seeing you and your family. Godparents and grandparents are welcome to join us.



RETIRING COLLECTION FOR SICK AND RETIRED CLERGY FUND 12 AND 13 NOVEMBER

We are grateful to all who have supported Together in Faith which has made a very 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 in the future remains which is why we continue to ask for support. In addition as 60% 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.



Classes for pre-communion, for Year 1 children and post-communion, for Years 4 to 7 children, begin this Sunday **6 November** at 10.00 am prior to the 11.00 am Mass. An email has been sent to all contacts we have, otherwise please register at: sacraments@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk.

There is an opportunity for **prayer ministry** straight after both Masses this weekend. Please come forward to bring to the Lord your needs, and the team will pray with you – this is always confidential.

'Before they finish praying to me I will answer their prayers.' Isaiah 65:24

Parish Dinner will take place at the Dog and Badger, Maulden on Thursday **24 November**, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Price £11.95 for two courses, £14.95 for three courses, including tea/coffee. The menu choices are on the church door. Names of people attending, choices and payment will be collected after Mass.

9 November – Feast of Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (c.324)

The origin of 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 baptistery.

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 fourteenth century, 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 Cathedral, 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/>

We welcome Niall Charlie son of Emma and Adam Wadsworth, who will be baptised into the Catholic community this Sunday.

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



Circle of Prayer for November – The Victims of Conflict and War

God of compassion, look in mercy on all who suffer the terrors of war: the anguished, the frightened; the pained; all who are wounded, all who mourn; and all who have lost home or livelihood. May they know respite, relief, and hope.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on **16 November** 7.30 pm till 9.30 pm. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654 for information.



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **14 November** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For more information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



MOTHERS' PRAYERS

will meet on **14 November**. New members will be made very welcome; ring Sue Barley for more information on 01525 634186. The meeting is held at 80 George Street, Maulden.



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



We thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 29 and 30 October the total was £474.30; this is £75.70 less than what is needed to meet the parish running costs. With thanks, Finance Committee.

Don't forget the £1 in the bottle for St Francis Suite!



INFORMATION

CONFESSION

Confession will be on Saturday evening at 5.30 pm and THIS 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 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 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 November	6.00 pm	Deceased members of Dean, Quail and Borland families
Sunday	6 November	11.00 am	Deceased members of Masucci family
Monday	7 November	9.30 am	Deceased members of Cheau and Coh families
Tuesday	8 November		No Service
Wednesday	9 November	7.30 pm	Bernard Crehan, Recently Deceased, RIP
Thursday	10 November		No Service
Friday	11 November	9.30 am	Deceased members of Tracey and Quinn families

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 November		
Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 st Reading	Maggie Dullaghan	Brendan Spillane
2 nd Reading	Mary Brown	Martin Brennan
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	Pat King	Ros Penn
Driver		C./J. Gallagher
Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 12 and 13 November		
Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 st Reader	Suzanne Yates	Pauline Chambers
2 nd Reader	Siobhan Campbell	Ann Leatherland
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	John Flanagan	Grace McKenna
Driver		Louis Chadwick