

# newsletter



6 and 7 September 2014

23<sup>rd</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	6 September	6.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
Sunday	7 September	9.00 am	Sacred Heart Church	Intentions of Christine and Colwyn
		11.00 am	Sacred Heart Church	James McCormack, RIP
		5.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions – Latin Mass
Monday	8 September	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
Tuesday	9 September	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Juan Rincon, RIP
Wednesday	10 September	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	11 September	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Charlie Dullaghan, RIP
Friday	12 September	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Special Intentions

## *A Reflection by Fr. Denis*

A very rich man died and arrived in heaven. He looked around at the beautiful buildings, and he already had his eye on a building that would become someone of his stature.



However, Peter beckoned him to follow, so he went along. The choice of beautiful buildings was breath-taking, but he was led past the whole lot. Finally, they came to an area where there was a little hovel, with just the bare essentials, and no creature comforts of any kind. When the man discovered that this was for him, he was furious, and demanded to know why he was given a hovel, when all the others had mansions. 'Well, you cannot blame me,' says Peter. 'You see, all we do is build with whatever material you send on ahead when you lived on earth. With what you sent this is the best we can do!'



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

Fr. Denis writes ...

Geoffrey Chaucer, often called the Father of English Literature, lived in fourteenth-century



London. His most famous work is *The Canterbury Tales*, a series of stories told by a group of pilgrims on their way to the tomb of St Thomas Becket in Canterbury Cathedral.

In the Prologue, Chaucer describes the different characters whose stories we will hear. One of these is the Prioress. She aspires to gentility and is not quite as unworldly as one might expect. For example, she wears a golden brooch on which can be seen the Latin words *Amor vincit omnia*, 'Love conquers all'. It is a worthy sentiment, until one remembers the various connotations of *amor*.

St Paul uses a different word in his proclamation of the nature of love: not the Greek equivalent of *amor* but a little-used Greek word, *agape*. The apostle proclaims the primacy of this love to a community too concerned with lesser gifts; too engaged in a rivalry of one person's spiritual gifts against another's; too status-conscious to be truly united. How do we define the love proclaimed by Paul? Perhaps 'Christ-like love' will suffice.



Paul has given us the supreme examination of conscious, to be pondered upon time and time again. It challenges us. It also inspires us. Let us be thankful for the evidence of Christ-like love in so many people around us. The all-embracing vocation of every Christian and every Christian community is quite simply to love as Christ loves. Such love is indeed unconquerable.

**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 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 30 and 31 August was £394.38.  
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

This year we are again opening our church for **Bike 'n Hike** on **14 September**. This involves having 'greeters' at the church between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm to offer water and ensure forms are filled in. If you have a little time free please see the sheet in the foyer or talk to Deacon Philip.



**S.V.P. ANNUAL APPEAL 2014**

This will take place on weekend of **13 and 14 September** at all Masses, when we will provide a report of the work the members of the Sacred Heart Conference have done in their year 2013-2014. There will be a retiring collection to support our work. Anyone who might be interested in joining, please to talk to a SVP member. Envelopes will be available for those who wish to Gift Aid their contribution.



**MOTHERS' PRAYERS** will begin meeting fortnightly on Tuesday, **9 September** at 7.30pm at 80 George St., Maulden. Please come and join our friendly and supportive group to pray for your children, grandchildren and friends. We have had some wonderful answers to our prayers in the 13 years in which we have been meeting. Newcomers will be made very welcome. Please ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186 for more information or just to ask for prayer for your intentions.



**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

Our next meeting is on **3 September** 7.30 pm till 9.30 pm as we will not be meeting in August. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654 for information.



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **8 September** 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.



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 this week, 6 and 7 September.**

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Adrian Hamilton	Dee Brady	Noelette Hanley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Angela Bartlett	Stephen Russell	Martin Brennan
Eucharistic	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Helen Burgess	Jane Crow	C./H. Davies
Driver			John Gallagher

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 13 and 14 September**

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Christine Jackson	Maggie Dullaghan	Pauline Chambers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Mary Brown	Marion McClurg	Una McAlinden
Eucharistic	Chris Till	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Sue Barley	Christopher McMellon	Clare Bevan
Driver		Marion McClurg	



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### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Macmillan Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart Church Friday **26 September** immediately after 9.30 am Mass.

### PLEASE COME ALONG

If would you like to donate a raffle prize or volunteer to bake a cake, please contact Anne Gadsden on 07432 595 057



Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses on **20 and 21 September** for those unable to attend on the day to contribute to this good cause.

### PARISH RETREAT DAY

**Saturday 13 September  
9.30 am till 3.00. pm**

**'We are simply earthenware jars'**

Our retreat day will take place at Buckden Towers, Using scriptural allusions to clay and potters, our reflections will be guided by an experienced potter. Please bring some lunch to share. More details – see church foyer or talk to Deacon Philip.



### HOLD THE DATE

Our parish dinner will be held on **Wednesday 8 October 7.30 pm** – details to follow.

### Family BBQ to

welcome us home to our parish family after the summer break.



After 11.00 am Mass on **14 September**, (approximately midday)  
Cost: £7.50 per family, £5.00 per couple and £3.00 per single person. Tickets available after Mass next Sunday.

Any Marys, Marthas or St Josephs willing to help please contact Kate Mansford 01462 813 166,07522 189 111 or email [kateplmansford@gmail.com](mailto:kateplmansford@gmail.com)

Come and share fellowship, fun and food.

Fr. Denis would like to thank everyone for their donations to his bike ride for The Royal British Legion.

If there are any monies outstanding please give them to Fr. Denis or put through the presbytery door before **13 September** – don't forget your name.

Rose Horne will also be collecting any outstanding monies after 9.00 am Mass this Sunday. You can contact Rose on 01525 750 188 if you need to.

### 9.00 AM AND 11.00 AM CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy starts today, Sunday 7 September.



This group is aimed at children in Year 2 and below.

**The Need Project** have had an increase in demand and are short of tinned meals, i.e. chilli con carne, spaghetti bolognese, also tinned meat, gravy powder and biscuits. Thank you for your generous donations in the past and your continuing support.

### Circle of Prayer for September – Home mission

Lord Jesus, increase in us a desire to live the good news of the gospel in our homes, our workplaces and our communities. May others come to know Your unending love and mercy through the actions of our lives. May Your love be upon us O Lord as we place all our trust in You.

