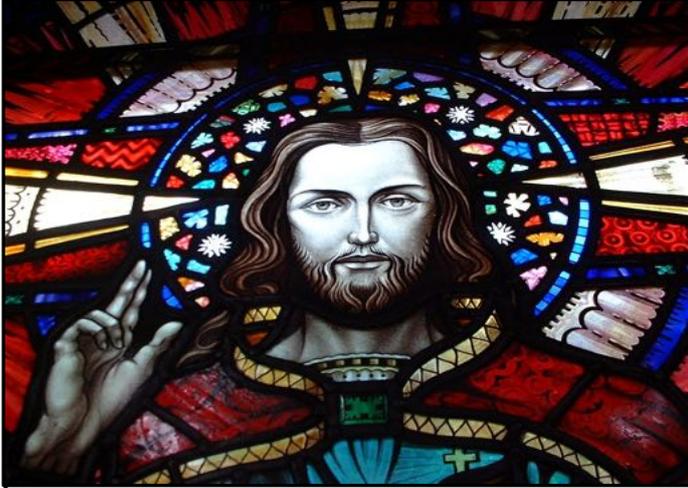


newsletter



7 and 8 October 2017

27th 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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The Luminous Mysteries – Thursday 12 October, 7.30 pm

The luminous mysteries reveal light of Jesus, bringing peace in your life. These will be led by the Charismatic Prayer Group. Everyone is welcome.

'As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world'. John 9:5

What a gift the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary are. Meditating on these Mysteries of Light bring even deeper understanding of the public life of Jesus.

They fill in the blanks between the childhood of Jesus and his suffering and death on the cross. Therefore, they beautifully complement the traditional Catholic rosary prayers of St Dominic. As you increase in this depth of knowledge of the life of Jesus, you will also find greater peace within your own life by meditating upon the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.

- Baptism of Jesus – Jesus is baptised by his cousin John the Baptist in the River Jordan
- Wedding at Cana – Jesus performs his first public miracle by changing water into wine at a wedding feast
- Proclaiming the Kingdom – Jesus goes about preaching and proclaiming the coming of the Kingdom of God
- Transfiguration – Jesus takes Peter, James and John up Mount Tabor and suddenly Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus
- Institution of the Eucharist – at the Last Supper, Jesus turns bread and wine into his body and blood.



Adapted from <http://www.how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com/luminous-mysteries.html>

AN INTRODUCTION TO FR. JOHN, OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST

I was born in West Ham Maternity Home, the eldest of twins – by three hours – and the fourth of six children, four boys and two girls. My first eleven years were spent in Manor Park, East Ham, before the firm Dad worked for relocated to Swindon. Seven years were passed there, then another move brought us to Aylesbury. There I worked first for Bucks County Council, then for Aylesbury District Council, until at last I discerned a vocation. Because we were living in Northampton diocese, it seemed logical for me to offer my services there. Five and a half years were spent at Oscott College in Sutton Coldfield, and six months in Corby as a deacon, before I was ordained priest at St Joseph's Church, Aylesbury, on 21 June 1986 by Bishop Frank Thomas. My first parish as an assistant priest was at St Gregory's, Northampton, four years later I continued my curacy at St Augustine's, High Wycombe. Another five years passed, then Bishop Leo McCartie appointed me parish priest at St Thomas More, Towcester. I was there for just over three years before once again Bishop Leo approached me and I moved to Christ the King Ecumenical Church, Milton Keynes (not to be confused with Christ the Cornerstone), plus a year later St Bede's, Newport Pagnell. Six years down the line and I arrived at Sacred Heart, Leighton Buzzard, another twelve and I find myself at Sacred Heart, Flitwick, as well. The story so far ...



Today's Gospel I from Matthew 21:33-34

This passage is one of the best examples of allegory in the Gospels. The parable is based on the Old Testament parable of the vineyard found, in the first reading from Isaiah. There the vineyard yielded only wild grapes, signifying the faithlessness of Israel.

The allegory has obviously been developed in the period of the early Church, to show what is known as Salvation History. This is the story of God and his people and how God, since creation, has attempted to reconcile them to himself. The allegory is easy to understand. The owner of the vineyard is God and the vineyard itself is Israel. The tenants are the Jewish leaders and the two sets of servants are the major and minor prophets. Jesus is the son; his murder the crucifixion.

The comment regarding the 'other tenants' and the 'stone' were not part of the original story. They record a saying used by the early Church to indicate the resurrection. Jesus, rejected and put to death, rises to become the keystone of the new faith of Christianity, so completing the story of salvation history.

This cannot have been the original meaning of the story. The audience would not have recognised the 'son' as Jesus because they would not have realised he was going to be executed. The original parable is a criticism of the Jewish leaders, who in their self-righteousness had not listened to God. So the promises of God will be given to others. This could mean the outcasts of Jewish society, although it is equally possible that it means the message of the kingdom was for everyone, regardless of race.

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

GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY

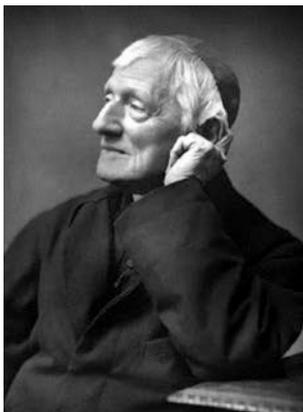
It's that time again, time to fill a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes need to be returned to the back of the church or to Clare Bevan by **6 November**. Leaflets advising what, and what not to put in your box and decorated shoeboxes will be available **next weekend**. Thanking you once again for your support.



Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 30 September and 1 October the total was £450.21. With thanks, Finance Committee.

**Feast of Blessed John Henry Newman (1801-1890)
9 October**

John Henry Newman was born in London. He was an Anglican clergyman and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford for over twenty years. His studies of the early Church led him progressively towards Catholicism, and in 1845 he embraced 'the one true fold of the Redeemer'. In 1847 he was ordained priest and went on to found the Oratory of St Philip Neri in England. He was a prolific and influential writer on a variety of subjects. In 1879, Pope Leo XIII created him as a cardinal. Praised for his humility, unstinting care of souls and contributions to the intellectual life of the Church, he died in Birmingham on 11 August 1890.



Pope Benedict XVI beatified him at a ceremony in Birmingham on 19 September 2010.

Adapted from Catholic Calendar app. by Universalis Publishing

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on **18 October**, 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 **9 October** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



Mothers' Prayers will meet on Monday, **9 October** 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.



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. This year we have raised **£555.62**; this is a wonderful amount.



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

NIGHT OF LIGHT PARTY

TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER FROM 6.00 PM TILL 8.00 PM

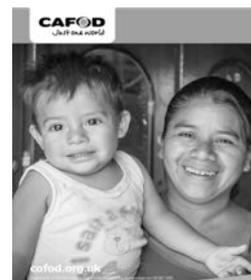
A fun-filled alternative to Halloween, celebrating the eve of All Saints with fun and laughter, games and yummy food – all treats and NO tricks! Wear bright joyful clothes.



Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is £5 per family. For more information contact Kate on 01462 813 166.

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY
FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2016**

This Harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, strong seeds and training.



Please add your envelope to the second collection this weekend.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR OCTOBER – FAIR TREATMENT FOR PRISONERS

We pray for your protecting grace for our brothers and sisters in prison. We pray you will protect them from harassment, threats of violence and from the evil influence of fellow inmates. We pray for your protection of their bodies, minds, souls and spirits and that they are treated fairly while in prison.



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	7 October	6.00 pm	Betty Mahony, RIP
Sunday	8 October	9.00 am	Deceased members of the Masucci family, RIP
Monday	9 October	9.30 am	Intentions of Cecil Johnson
Tuesday	10 October		No Service
Wednesday	11 October	7.30 pm	People of the Parish
Thursday	12 October	9.30 am	Private Intention
Friday	13 October	9.30 am	Deceased of the Parish

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

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week, 7 and 8 October

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am
1 st Reading	Alison Braniff	Una McAlinden
2 nd Reading	Siobhan Campbell	Pauline Chambers
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Nicky Paterson
Eucharistic Minister	Adrian Hamilton	Anne Gadsden
Driver		Kate Mansford

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 14 and 15 October

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am
1 st Reading	Emma Burgess	Victoria Basterfield
2 nd Reading	Michael Burgess	Bernadette Basterfield
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Ros Penn
Eucharistic Minister	Helen Burgess	Catherine Davies
Driver		William Doyle