

newsletter



8 and 9 November 2014

Dedication of Lateran Basilica



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	8 November	6.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Ray Mahony, RIP
Sunday	9 November	9.00 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
		11.00 am	Sacred Heart Church	Cassie Gollopher, RIP
		5.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions – Latin Mass
Monday	10 November	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Service of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	11 November	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	No Service
Wednesday	12 November	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	13 November	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	No Service
Friday	14 November	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Service of the Word and Communion

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL!

Pope Francis published his letter on the meaning of the gospels for us in the world today in late 2013. Our Advent study programme will help us to reflect on his words and ponder how to bring his love and joy of the Word of God alive in our lives and the life of the parish.

Join us for the four Tuesday evening reflections!

We plan to explore the document by focusing on the main 'chapters'. We aim to cover :-

18 November – The Introduction and Missionary Transformation

25 November – Communal Commitment

2 December – Social Dimension'

9 December – Evangelisation and Spirit-Filled Evangelisers

There will be a short presentation on each evening followed by a time of reflection and conversation to consider the implications of this momentous document in the life of the Church today.

Sessions will begin at 7.45 pm (Tea and coffee from 7.30 pm) and finish by 9.45 pm in the parish room at the church.



Fr. Denis writes ...

Nowadays, the search for ancestors is big business. The Internet is full of websites offering help. More registers of births, marriages and deaths can now be accessed online. Some sites offer the oldest ancestry of all. All we have to do is send some mouth swabs and our DNA is then analysed. In a short time



we are given our genetic atlas. We find genetic 'cousins' in the most unexpected parts of the world. All this answers a deep human need: 'Where do I come from?'

That need was just as evident in ancient Israel as in our time. Of course there was none of the technology that we have today. But there were numerous records of ancestry written on scrolls and kept in safe places, including the Temple in Jerusalem. In Matthew's Gospel (1-17) we are given the genealogy of Christ. It is certainly not an easy passage to read; but it does have a hidden message. It can be divided into six groups of seven names. Seven is the most powerful of the symbolic numbers of the Bible. Christ is born at the beginning of the seventh seven of the sequence. His birth, Matthew is telling us, is what Israel has been looking forward to since the time of Abraham.



Jesus is the culmination of an ancestry that is as mixed as any. The divine incarnation takes on the authenticity of a human lineage. Perhaps this Gospel invites us to think a little more deeply about God's chosen people. It is God's eternal desire that they come to know Jesus as the true Messiah.

Could that not be one of our Advent prayers?

INFORMATION

CONFESSIONS

Confessions have been suspended for the present, please contact Deacon Philip for information on 07780 687 452.

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>

We thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. Last week the total was £695.13; this is £145.13 more than the amount we need each week to meet the parish running costs and will help us to build up a contingency.

With thanks, Fr. Denis.

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.

READERS' TIME OF REFLECTION

In preparation for the re-commissioning of readers on **6 and 7 December** we are inviting all those who serve the parish a readers to a time of reflection. Please ensure that you book onto one of the two sessions by emailing deaconphilippugh@gmail.com. The sessions will be on Tuesday **11 November** (7.45 pm to 9.30 pm) or Saturday **15 November** (9.30 am to 11.15 am).

There will be a second collection on **15 and 16 November** for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund. This is for the maintenance of Bishop's House, finance, HR and safeguarding. Gift Aid envelopes will be available at the back of the church so that if you wish, you can make your donation go further.



MOTHERS' PRAYERS meet fortnightly and our next meeting is on Tuesday **18 November** at 7.30pm at 80 George St., Maulden. Please ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186 for more information or just to ask for prayer for your intentions.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Come along for a time of informal praise and worship, intercession and prayer ministry. Our next meeting is on **19 November**, 7.30 pm till 9.30 pm. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654 for information.



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

The Lateran Basilica was built on the Lateran Hill in Rome by the Emperor Constantine in about 324. The feast of its dedication has been celebrated in Rome on this date since the twelfth century. In honour of the basilica, 'the mother and head of all the churches of the city and the world', the feast has been extended to the whole Roman Rite as a sign of unity and love towards the See of Peter, which, as St Ignatius of Antioch said in the second century, 'presides over the whole assembly of charity.' It replaces the 32nd Sunday of ordinary time when it falls on a Sunday.



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **24 November** 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 8 and 9 November.

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 st Reader	Suzanne Yates	Maggie Dullaghan	Pauline Chambers
2 nd Reader	Mary Brown	Darren Campbell	Dennis Horner
Eucharistic	Adrian Hamilton	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Don Perrett	Christopher McMellon	Sue Barley
Driver		Kate Mansford	

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 15 and 16 November

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 st Reader	Judith Latham	Siobhan Campbell	Bernadette Basterfield
2 nd Reader	Pat Rees	Noelette Hanley	Victoria Basterfield
Eucharistic	Pat King	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Chris Till	Martin Stynes	Grace McKenna
Driver		David Toland	



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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.



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 front of the church 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 on the Sanctuary, where it will remain throughout the month.

PRE-COMMUNION GROUP – FOR YEARS 1 ONWARDS

The pre-Communion group is a requirement for all children who will be making their first Holy Communion in 2015.



The pre-Communion group runs generally each Sunday from 16 November to the beginning of April, excluding school holidays. We meet in church after the 9.00 am Mass from 9.45 am till 10.30 am. For more details visit the website <http://www.sacredheartflitwick.co.uk/childandyouth.html>

Christmas cards, Advent calendars, etc. will be on sale after all Masses this weekend and on **8 and 9 November**. 2015 diaries are available on top of the repository



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Flitwick Singers will have a concert at Sacred Heart on **19 December** at 7.30 pm in aid of in aid of Chums, a local charity which supports children who experience bereavement.

RECHECKING DBS/CRB CLEARANCES

We have a lot of people who assist the parish in so many ways and many of them require a check to ensure that all children and any adult in a vulnerable situation are never at risk. These checks need to be updated regularly, and following a period of procedural change it is now possible to resume our programme of rechecks.

So calling all those people whose CRB checks date from 2009, 2010 and 2011 – your time has come. I have a complete list of all the people who need to be checked so if you have forgotten the date of your last check or (perish the thought) have mislaid your certificate, just give me a ring on 01525 406 810.

For a recheck, you will need to complete three forms, the new DBS application form (DBS is the new CRB), a self-declaration form and a form to support your proof of identity. I will also need to see and photocopy three pieces of evidence to confirm your identity, e.g. passport, driving licence, birth certificate. A much longer list can be made available.

I will be available after the 6.00pm, 9.00am and 11.00 am Masses this weekend **8 and 9 November** to help with this process and complete the forms with you.

If you have any questions to ask, please get in touch. If you are no longer carrying out the work for which you were cleared and do not need to be rechecked, I would very much appreciate a call so I don't have to chase you. If you won't be at Mass that weekend, again get in touch, please. There are 24 people who come into the category of requiring rechecks on this occasion so letting me know about things is vital.

Finally, I will have the forms ready very soon so if you want to make a start before the set weekend, get in touch – I know who you are.

Many thanks in advance,
John Flanagan.

Circle of Prayer for November – Prisoners

Lord we pray for all those in prison – let them find You wherever they are. Please comfort, support and protect their families during the period of separation. Let them be reconciled to each other and to You.

