

newsletter



11 and 12 February 2017

6th 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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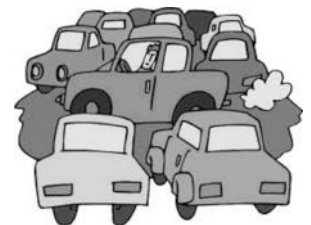
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Parking Protocol

We are again publishing our ideas for best practice guidelines for car parking.



- If you live near church and are in good health, consider walking instead of.
- If you have to drive, consider offering to car share, to reduce pressure on parking space.
- Fill up the car park from the far fence end, so spaces are not blocked.
- Park so that no spaces are blocked off.
- Make two rows in the area between the marked spaces, once they are full.
- Keep the access route from the road to the church door clear, for emergency vehicle access.
- **Respect the property of our neighbours, do not park across their driveways or walk over their gardens.**
- Leave the spaces near the front door till last, as they may be needed for the less able.
- Remember, if you are staying on after a service, to move your car if it is blocking others,
- If parking in nearby roads, do so in a way that respects our neighbours.

These are guidelines rather than rules as, for instance, vehicle size may influence where it is practical to park. They are offered for you to consider each time you come to Sacred Heart in a car.

14 February – Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius

In 862, missionary brothers Cyril and Methodius were sent by the Byzantine emperor, at the behest of a Moravian prince, to explain to the Moravians the truths of the Christian religion in their native tongue. In 869, upon witnessing the success of the brothers in spreading the Gospel, Pope Adrian II sanctioned their mission and approved the use of the Slavonic language in the Holy Liturgy. Cyril is credited with translating Holy Scripture into the Slavic tongue, and the Cyrillic alphabet generally attributed to him is more likely the outcome of his work on the Golgolithic alphabet, upon which the current Cyrillic alphabet is based.



Saints Cyril and Methodius are honoured by the Church's official title, Equals to the Apostles. In 1880 Pope Leo XIII extended the veneration of Cyril and Methodius to the entire Catholic Church. In 1980 Pope St John Paul II, himself of Slavic descent, proclaimed Cyril and Methodius 'Co-patrons of Europe'.

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

FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL – MATTHEW 5: 17-37

The first part of the Sermon on the Mount after the Beatitudes, compares and contrasts the virtue expected of the Christian community over and against that of the Pharisees and Scribes. This comparison is shown in six antitheses in chapter 5 (four this week and two next week), where the Law is looked at on the deeper level of motive.

By way of introduction, Matthew makes it clear that Jesus has not come to change the Law but to fulfil it. This means attending to the motive and not just obeying the Law blindly.

First of all, the Law says that you must not kill but, mindful that a major motive behind the taking of another's life is anger, Jesus forbids anger also and commends continual reconciliation.



Regarding the question of adultery, again an offence or the Law, the whole motive or lustful sexual desire or thought is considered in the same light.

On the question of divorce, the Law said that it was allowable with a writ of dismissal, but now there is no divorce allowed except for adultery. (It is a clause which the Church does not consider to be the words of Jesus but an exception in Matthew's Jewish-Christian community, following the strict interpretation of the Law at that time).

Finally, not only must you keep your oath but it is better also not to swear oaths in the first place. As followers of Christ it should be enough to say 'Yes' or 'No' and keep your word.

Taken from *The Word of God, Year A Luke's Gospel* by Robin Cooper

As the world celebrates love on St Valentine's Day, come and celebrate God's love for us on **this Sunday 12 February**. Enjoy a family **Sunday lunch** in the Canon Denis room after 11.00 am Mass. Tickets £5.00 per family. Due to limited space it will be first come, first served.

FOODBANK

As you know we are part of the NEED Project which operates a Foodbank for people in Flitwick and Ampthill. One hundred and ten Christmas hampers were delivered in our area at Christmas. **Thank you very much.** We have been asked to tell you that the NEED project does not need any more baked beans at the moment and no very big bags of sugar but they are short on gravy granules.

**COLLECTION FOR THE WHITE FLOWER APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND
18 AND 19 FEBRUARY 2017**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)



will be holding its appeal next weekend. SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals.



Please give generously to this worthy cause.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on **15 February** 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 **13 February** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS will meet on **20 February**. We meet from 7.30 pm till 9.30 pm.



Meetings are at 80 George St, Maulden. Contact Sue Barley on 01525 634 186.

DAFFODIL DAY – MONDAY 6 MARCH



This is an annual event supporting the Marie Curie Cancer Care Charity held at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster in London from **2.00 pm to 4.00 pm**. There is uplifting community hymn singing as well as speakers and entertainment.

A coach has been organised and the fare is **£13.00** per person.

Local pick-up points are **Amphill Cottage Bakery** (Dunstable St) **9.15 am** and **Flitwick High St** (Bollywood Lounge) **9.30 am**.

Please contact Ann Blair (01525 714 847) or Linda Potts (01525 714 060) by **Friday 17 February** to book a seat.

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



BOOK CLUB

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY 9 MARCH AT 7.30 PM**

In the Home of Ros Penn

New members made very welcome and we will chat about this book, *The Fisherman: A Novel* by Larry Huntsperger.

REFLECTION MORNING

Saturday 11 March – 10.00 am to 1.00 pm
St Peter's Church, Higham Road, Rushden, NN10 6AG
with Brian Purfield from CAFOD

It will include Prayer of Stillness and time at prayer stations from *Do you love me?* (Our Bishops' practical Guide for Catholic Spirituality)

All are very welcome. Please email: admin@nores.org.uk
or telephone: 01582 723312 extn.6 to say you are attending.

Sacred Heart - 100 CLUB

End of year one, you have raised the sum of £814 for the parish. Well done and many thanks. Our new year started on **1 February** when subscriptions are due for renewal. Those who paid by standing order should be automatically renewed, and those who paid by cheque or cash should let Peter Leatherland have their subscription.

Full details will be sent to all concerned.

Circle of Prayer for February – All who are sick and those who care for them

Accept the prayers we offer for our brothers and sisters who are ill, that they may be restored to fullness of health. We pray for doctors, nurses and all who care for the sick and the dying that they may bring Christ's love and compassion to all whom they care for. Amen



INFORMATION

CONFESSION

Confession will be on Saturday evening at 5.30 pm and NEXT 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 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	11 February	6.00 pm	Hannie Hanley, Recently Deceased, RIP
Sunday	12 February	11.00 am	Donna Spillane, RIP
Monday	13 February	9.30 am	The People of the Parish
Tuesday	14 February		No Service
Wednesday	15 February	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	16 February		No Service
Friday	17 February	9.30 am	Intentions of the Johnson family

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

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week, 11 and 12 February		
Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 st Reading	Dee Brady	Kate Mansford
2 nd Reading	Siobhan Campbell	Una McAlinden
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Peter Hyde	Deacon Peter Hyde
Eucharistic Minister	Helen Wilson	Clare Bevan
Driver		William Doyle
Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week, 18 and 19 February		
Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 st Reading	Alison Braniff	Brendan Spillane
2 nd Reading	Pat Crowe	Pat Rees
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	Adrian Hamilton	Grace McKenna
Driver		Ros Penn