

# newsletter



11 and 12 October 2014

28<sup>th</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  | 11 October | 6.00 pm  | Sacred Heart Church | Florence Dolan, RIP               |
| Sunday    | 12 October | 9.00 am  | Sacred Heart Church | Tom and Hilda Cassidy, RIP        |
|           |            | 11.00 am | Sacred Heart Church | Special Intentions                |
|           |            | 5.00 pm  | Sacred Heart Church | Private Intentions – Latin Mass   |
| Monday    | 13 October | 9.30 am  | Sacred Heart Church | Special Intentions                |
| Tuesday   | 14 October | 9.30 am  | Sacred Heart Church | Private Intentions                |
| Wednesday | 15 October | 9.30 am  | Sacred Heart Church | Service of the Word and Communion |
| Thursday  | 16 October | 9.30 am  | Sacred Heart Church | Private Intentions                |
| Friday    | 17 October | 9.30 am  | Sacred Heart Church | Private Intentions                |

## *A Reflection by Fr. Denis*

The gospel story we have just heard also talks of a feast. Feasts of one sort or another are often featured in the gospels. At a wedding feast Jesus worked His first miracle, and changed the water into wine to save the young couple from embarrassment. There were Jesus, His mother and His disciples, celebrating with the neighbours. Later on, when His public life had caught the attention of those in power, Jesus dined at the house of a local dignitary and taught the guests humility, because they were jostling for position. The Pharisees reproached Jesus for eating with sinners, which gave Him the chance to say that He had come for the sinners' sake, not that of the virtuous. It was at the Last Supper that Jesus did those stupendous things which still affect us deeply: transforming the bread and wine into His body and blood, and washing the feet of the disciples. And at a first-century version of a barbeque on the beach, Jesus gave Simon Peter the task of feeding His lambs and His sheep. Eating and drinking in company were an important ingredient of the Good News: accepting and giving hospitality, with a generous heart.



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

*Fr. Denis writes ...*

The American financier Bernard Baruch said, 'I will never be an old man. To me old age is always fifteen years older than I am.' Many people act out his claim. They deny that they are getting old by insisting that they are still younger than some who are older. Old age is not



accepted.

There is no such denial in Ecclesiastes. Again wisdom tells it as it is. We are given a moving yet chilling allegory of growing old. Gradually the parts of the

body, like eyes and teeth, weaken.

Finally death comes as the 'silver cord' snaps and the 'golden lamp' is broken. And what



wise advice does our author give? Make the most of your time before that day comes. Once again we turn to the gospel for a deeper and kinder wisdom. There we see that God's Son is willing to take on the suffering of a cruel death in order to save us. Death is accepted but transformed.

In a society that has increasing numbers of old people, with all the challenges of caring for them, we can join the realism of Ecclesiastes to the compassion of



Christ. Our faith affirms that we are made in the image of God and now to that dignity is added the presence of Christ, as He tells us, in the least of His brothers and sisters. This wonderful news is motivation for caring for those who are sick and infirm with Christ's own charity.

## 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

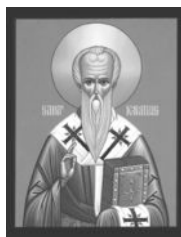
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The offertory collection for 4 and 5  
October was £428.79.  
With thanks, Fr. Denis.

**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.*

### 17 October – Feast of St Ignatius of Antioch (?-107)

He was the second bishop of Antioch after St Peter (the first being Evodius). He was arrested (some writers believe that he must have been denounced by a fellow-Christian), condemned to death, and transported to Rome to be thrown to the wild beasts in the arena. In one of his letters he describes the soldiers who were escorting him as being like 'ten leopards, who when they are kindly treated only behave worse'.



In the course of his journey he wrote seven letters to various churches, in which he dealt wisely and deeply with Christ, the organisation of the Church, and the Christian life. They are important documents for the early history of the Church, and they also reveal a deeply holy man who accepts his fate and begs the Christians in Rome not to try to deprive him of the crown of martyrdom.

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS** meet fortnightly and our next meeting is on Tuesday **21 October** 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.



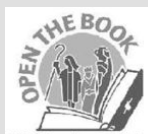
### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Come along for a time of informal praise and worship, intercession and prayer ministry. Our next meeting is on **15 October**, 7.30 pm till 9.30 pm. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654 for information.



### OPEN THE BOOK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Lots of our local lower schools have Open the Book storytellers who regularly visit school assemblies. This is now a national initiative that started in Bedfordshire and is a really positive sharing of the Bible in lower schools. No experience is needed just an enthusiasm to volunteer in a small team and share the Bible with children in a school assembly. If you are interested to know more and particularly can help in Ampthill, please contact Chris Garraway on 01525 404 307. If you want to learn more about Open the Book try [www.openthebook.net/home.php](http://www.openthebook.net/home.php)



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **13 October** 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](mailto:suz_yates@btinternet.com)

### Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week 11 and 12 October.

| Mass                   | 6.00 pm           | 9.00 am              | 11.00 am         |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader | Mary Brown        | Stephen Russell      | Dennis Horner    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader | Christine Jackson | Maggie Dullaghan     | Pauline Chambers |
| Eucharistic            | Don Perrett       | Christopher McMellon | Sue Barley       |
| Eucharistic            | Chris Till        | Martin Stynes        | Clare Bevan      |
| Driver                 |                   | William Doyle        |                  |

### Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 18 and 19 October

| Mass                   | 6.00 pm            | 9.00 am            | 11.00 am               |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader | Pat Rees           | Pat Crowe          | Victoria Basterfield   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader | Suzanne Yates      | Siobhan Campbell   | Bernadette Basterfield |
| Eucharistic            | Deacon Philip Pugh | Deacon Philip Pugh | Deacon Philip Pugh     |
| Eucharistic            | Pat King           | Jane Crow          | Tony Davis             |
| Driver                 |                    |                    | John Gallagher         |



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### Good News, Great Joy

It's that time again, time to fill a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child.

Shoebboxes need to be returned to the back of the church or to Clare Bevan by **2 November**. Leaflets advising what and what not to put in your box are available in the church porch. Thanking you once again for your support.



### 12 October – Feast of St Wilfrid (634-709)

Wilfrid was born in Northumbria in 634 and was educated at Lindisfarne and Rome. On his return to Northumbria he took part in the Synod of Whitby (664), where he promoted Rome's way of calculating the date of Easter, and the Roman form of Christian worship. Two years after the Synod at Whitby, he was appointed bishop of York. However, because of a row with the Celtic bishops, he was immediately replaced by Chad, though three years later he was restored to his see at York. There followed a decade of hard work in which he preached widely, built many churches (for example the two great churches in Hexham and in Ripon), introduced the Benedictine rule into Northumbria, and strengthened the place of Christianity in the community at large.



Over the next 25 or so years he was imprisoned, and exiled. During his period of exile he worked in the south of the country among the Saxons in Sussex who had never heard the Christian message. In due course he returned to York as bishop for a dozen or so years; he was again driven out by the king, reinstated by Rome, resigned from the see, then accepted the bishopric of the newly established see of Hexham, and all the while kept in touch with Ripon, which his biographer says he 'loved better than any other place'. He died in Oundle, in October 709 but was later buried in the church he had built in Ripon, in what is the oldest crypt in Europe north of the Alps.

### CAN YOU MAKE TIME TO PRAY FOR MY SCHOOL?

If so, please join us on Monday **3 November** at Bromham Baptist Church, 7.15 pm\* till 9.00 pm.

*Coffee, cake, worship, updates, and a focussed 30-minute prayer time*

This is open to anyone – particularly parents – so that you can find out what our workers are doing in your child's school, and be part of the prayer adventure!



If 48 people turn up to pray for half an hour, that is a total of 24 hours of prayer! Can you help make it happen?

\*Short of time? Come at 8.00 pm and you will not miss the prayer!



Christmas cards, Advent calendars, etc. will be on sale after all Masses the weekend of **1 and 2 November** and **8 and 9 November**.



2015 diaries are available on top of the

Wilfrid's life was tempestuous (in tune with the times). He said what he meant without fear or favour, whether to king or archbishop, and at whatever personal risk. His was a life full of incident – undoubtedly he was at times unjustly treated. He was missionary, evangelist, monk, bishop and (despite his evident shortcomings), saint.

### Circle of Prayer for October – Young People

Dear Lord, many of our children and young people have never heard the truth that they are made in God's image. We pray for protection for the most vulnerable: for those who struggle with eating disorders, who become addicted to drugs, alcohol and immorality, may they come to know You as their Lord and Saviour.

