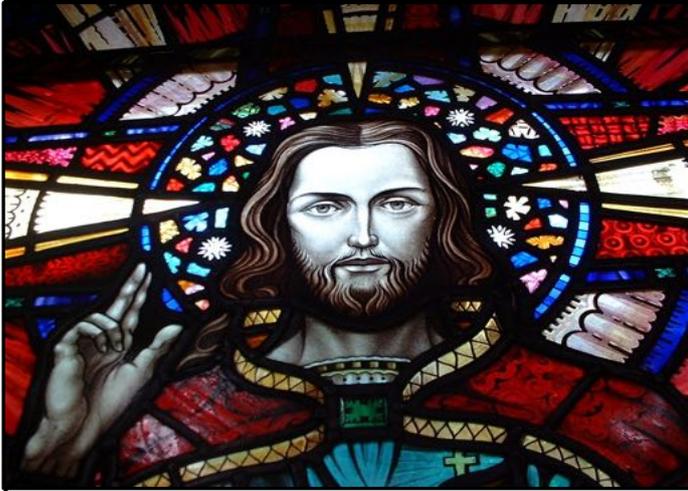


newsletter



11 and 12 November 2017

32nd 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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Feast of St Margaret of Scotland – 16 November

Daughter of the Anglo – Saxon Prince Edward Aetheling and Princess Agatha of Hungary and granddaughter of King Edmund Ironside of England, Margaret was raised at the Christian court of Hungary during Canute's Danish domination of England. In 1057, she returned to English soil when St Edward the Confessor sent for her father. However, the conquest of her country by the Normans in 1066 drove her family to seek refuge in Scotland, and there in 1070 Margaret was married to King Malcolm III, whose father, Duncan, had been murdered by Macbeth.

A model of Christian virtue, Margaret, by her personal example of holiness, tact, humility and prudence, was able to greatly influence Kings and nobles including her own husband, to raise the Scottish people to new heights of Christian culture, prosperity and humanity. She also participated actively in the councils so as to bring the Celtic Church into conformity with Roman practices. Numerous churches and monasteries owe their foundation to her generosity, while large numbers of Saxon slaves owed their freedom to this saintly woman who saw to it that justice was tempered with mercy her still semi-barbaric country.

Margaret spent long hours in prayer and in ministering to the needs of the poor and destitute. Of her eight children, two sons became monks and three others successively ruled the country wisely and beneficently, of whom David became a saint. Her daughter, St Matilda, married King Henry I of England and is known to history as Good Queen Maud.

Margaret died on 16 November 1093 and was canonised in 1250 by Pope Innocent IV, is the Patron of Scotland.



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.

Memorial Masses for the Dead

It is traditional in the Church for families to request a Mass for the deceased members of their families and for their deceased friends. Envelopes will be provided in church for you to include a list of their names and to place a Mass offering. The diocese suggests a gift of between £5 and £10, or as much as you can afford. These should be handed to Deacon Philip who will then arrange Mass for the Intentions listed.



Remembrance Sunday falls on the Sunday nearest Armistice Day, 11 November, which marks the end of the First World War. This year it is 12 November.

On this day we remember all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war and those who were left behind to grieve and mourn.



In England and Wales one Mass for the Dead may be celebrated on this Sunday.

Prayer

O God, merciful and strong,
who crush wars and cast down the proud,
be pleased to banish violence swiftly from
our midst
and to wipe away all tears,
so that we may all truly deserve to be
called your children.

Amphill – the service at Amphill war memorial begins just before 11.00 am. This service starts at St Andrew's church at 10.15 am.

Flitwick – the service in Flitwick starts at the war memorial at 2.15 pm.

The Advent Conversation

Our Baptismal Mission

Discovering what it means to be a Priest, Prophet and King or Queen.

Three Tuesdays in Advent

28 November

5 December and

12 December



Gather at 7.30 pm for a time of reflection and conversation about our baptismal mission as priests, prophets and kings or queens

BOOKING NOT ESSENTIAL

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BISHOP'S MAINTENANCE FUND NEXT WEEKEND 18 AND 19 NOVEMBER

This collection 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.



The Youth Alpha Programme will continue next Saturday 18 November with the question *Who is Jesus?* It starts at 4.30 pm and finishing in time for Mass. We start with doughnuts, followed by a film then chat and questions.

For more information contact Maggie or Helen on youcat@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk



MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday 2 December
9.30 am to 11.00 am**

Join us for the next men's breakfast event. Bacon sandwiches, conversation, a reflection and friendship.

(Suggested donation only £1.)

Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 4 and 5 November the total was £419.61. The second collection was £352.87. With thanks, Finance Committee.

Christmas cards, Advent calendars, etc. will be on sale after all Masses this weekend **11 and 12 November** and again on **18 and 19 November**.



THE GIVING TREE

As usual, the first Sunday in Advent will see the appearance of the SVP Giving Tree in our church. The stickers that cover it bear the name of an item needed at the Prebend Day Centre in Bedford to support the homeless and rootless. If you can help, please take some of the stickers, purchase the items named and return them to the church by Monday 18 December.



The items we are seeking are toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, shaving foam and gel, disposable razors, shampoo and shower gel. We would also like men's pants and ladies' knickers, along with socks, scarves, hats and gloves. In the food line we would like some tins of corned beef, packets of biscuits and small bars of chocolate.

When buying items, please avoid expensive ones – value and store own brand are much better and are less likely to be stolen from the recipients; not a nice thought but a real one when we want to help those in need hang on to the few possessions they might have.

Thanks in advance for your generosity. Everything that you give will reach those in need in time for Christmas.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

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



Mothers' Prayers will meet on Monday, **13 November** 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.



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



BOOK CLUB – Next Meeting is Thursday 18 January 2018 at 7.30 pm Ros's home (Tea/Coffee and Snacks)

The next book we have for you to read is: **THE GRACE OUTPOURING (BLESSING OTHERS THROUGH PRAYER)** by Roy Godwin and Dave Roberts



This book is the story of how the Ffald-y-Brenin retreat centre in rural Wales began and how it became the epicentre of God's blessing. When Roy and Daphne Goodwin became the new directors at Ffald-y-Brenin, Roy was, at first, reluctant and unwilling to embrace this apparent change of vocation. He describes his frustration at knowing his calling to be in the field of evangelism but, instead, finding himself in a Christian setting ministering primarily to believers. The first sentence in the book is, 'I was desperate'. He cries out to God and within hours there is the first of many knocks on the door, this time by a couple who feel 'compelled' to come up the drive and ask about the centre.

PARKING PERMITS

As you know, after Christmas we will have one Mass only at 9.00 am. We have parking available at Flitwick Lower School, only a short walk from the church. Parking permits are available for people who are unable to walk that distance, people who bring people who have special needs to church, families with very young children. We have about 30 permits available. If you require a parking permit please see Deacon Philip or Suzanne for an application form.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER – OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

God, our Father, we thank you for the gift of our children. We ask you to send your holy angels to protect and guide them each day so that they will walk the narrow path of purity, self-control and obedience as was taught to us by your own Son, Jesus Christ. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.



INFORMATION

CONFESSION

Confession will be on Saturday evening at 5.30 pm and 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 Fr. John or Fr. Nathaniel or another local priest to say a Mass.

Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Saturday	11 November	6.00 pm	Deceased members of the Crehan Family
Sunday	12 November	9.00 am	Deceased members of the Kerrigan Family
Monday	13 November	9.30 am	Wanda and Wladyslan Kapitan and Josef and Jozefa Slazak and F. Evans, RIP
Tuesday	14 November		No Service
Wednesday	15 November	7.30 pm	Deceased members of the Boyle and Devereux Families
Thursday	16 November	9.30 am	Lisa Ulla Read, RIP
Friday	17 November	9.30 am	Deceased members of the Mahony and Yates Families

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 November

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am
1 st Reading	Judith Latham	Victoria Basterfield
2 nd Reading	Maggie Dullaghan	Bernadette Basterfield
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Martin Stynes
Eucharistic Minister	Chris Till	Ros Penn
Driver		Louis Chadwick

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week 18 and 19 November

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am
1 st Reading	Michael Burgess	Noelette Hanley
2 nd Reading	Emma Burgess	Dennis Horner
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Hilary Brennan
Eucharistic Minister	Helen Burgess	Nicky Paterson
Driver		Kate Mansford