

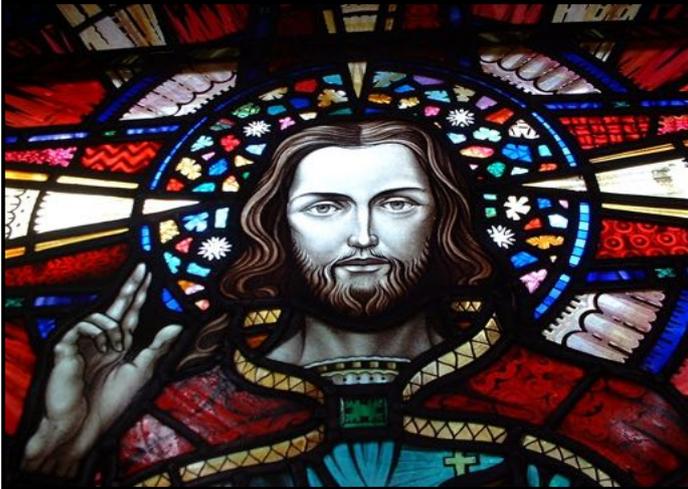


# newsletter



12 and 13 November 2016

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C



## 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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## Seventh Corporal Work of Mercy – Bury the Dead

'Give graciously to all the living, and withhold not kindness from the dead' (Sir 7:33). The other six corporal works of mercy are taken from the famous parable of the Last Judgement, in which people are saved or condemned because of how they treated the hungry, the thirsty, the imprisoned, and so on (Mt 25:21-46). This work is inspired by the Old Testament figure Tobit, who buried the dead at the risk of his own life.

In one sense, this is a work of mercy we perform without thinking; when someone we know dies, we want to pay our respects by attending his or her funeral. We even go to funerals of people we do not know well, if they happen to be close to people who are dear to us. If we know the person, the funeral is a time to express our own sorrow and share memories with others. Such actions are a part of every culture and religious tradition.

But this work of mercy also challenges us to reflect on the Christian understanding of death, and thus how we bury the dead. In the Creed we profess that we believe in the resurrection of the body, and that fundamental truth shapes our rich Catholic tradition of funeral rites. We read in the Catechism: 'The bodies of the dead

must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy; it honours the children of God, who are temples of the Holy Spirit' (CCC 2300).

How powerful and consoling are our Catholic funeral rites! They speak eloquently of the pain of loss, faith in the Resurrection, the hope of eternal life mingled with prayers to assist the departed on their final journey, and the sacramental life which plunges us, body and soul, into the death and resurrection of Christ.

One problem is that we do not know much about these rites unless we experience them first hand at the death of a loved one. At such a time of strong emotions, the Church's ritual touches us on a very deep level, but we may not be aware of what is going on. One simple suggestion for carrying out this work of mercy is to take a little time to read over the Church's funeral liturgy, and meditate on the beauty of the truth of our faith enshrined there.

There are practical ways of carrying out this particular work. We can arrange to have Masses celebrated for the repose of the souls of those who have died.

from <http://jubileeofmercy-eb.org>

## 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. This is why the Church begins November with the feast days of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls.



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 all Masses, 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 in the sanctuary, where it will remain throughout the month.

## 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 are 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 £5.00 and £10.00, or as much as you can afford. These should be handed to Deacon Philip who will then arrange Mass for the Intentions listed, and for those requesting the memorial Mass.

Deacon Philip will be happy to tell you more about how to request a Mass.

## RETIRING COLLECTION FOR NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN PRIESTS' FUND (FORMERLY THE COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY)

**12 AND 13 NOVEMBER**

We are grateful to all who have supported Together in Faith which has made a very significant contribution to the cost of providing for our sick and retired clergy. But while this has bought us several years grace the need for supporting our clergy in the future remains which is why we continue to ask for support. In addition, as 60% of the parish did not subscribe to Together in Faith and as there have been many new people join the parish since the campaign, it is only fair that we give these people a chance to contribute.



## 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 12 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.



## 16 November – Feast of St Margaret of Scotland (1046-1093)

She was born in Hungary of Anglo-Saxon and Hungarian parents. When William of Normandy conquered England she found refuge with King Malcolm III of Scotland, they were married in 1070 and had eight children. She reformed the royal court, founded monasteries, and supported major reforms of Church life. She died in Edinburgh on 16 November 1093. She is remembered for the happiness of her marriage, for her devotion to prayer and learning, and especially for her generosity to the poor.



## CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on **16 November** 7.30 pm till 9.30 pm. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654 for information.



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **14 November** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For more information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



**Remembrance Sunday** falls on the Sunday nearest Armistice Day, 11 November, which marks the end of the First World War. This year it is 13 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.

**Ampt Hill** – the service at Ampt Hill 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.

## MOTHERS' PRAYERS

will meet on **21 November**. New members will be made very welcome; ring Sue Barley for more information on 01525 634186. The meeting is held at 80 George Street, Maulden.



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



We thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 5 and 6 November the total was £545.12; this is £4.88 less than what is needed to meet the parish running costs. With thanks, Finance Committee.

Don't forget the £1 in the bottle for St Francis Suite!



Classes for pre-communion, for Year 1 children, and post-communion, for Years 4 to 7 children, begin this Sunday **6 November** at 10.00 am prior to the 11.00 am Mass. An email has been sent to all contacts we have, otherwise please register at: [sacraments@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk](mailto:sacraments@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk)

A Latin Mass in the Traditional Rite will be celebrated at St Francis's Shefford on **Friday 18 November** at 7.30 pm

## Circle of Prayer for November – The Victims of Conflict and War

God of compassion, look in mercy on all who suffer the terrors of war: the anguished, the frightened; the pained; all who are wounded, all who mourn; and all who have lost home or livelihood. May they know respite, relief, and hope.



## 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](mailto: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 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 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](mailto: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	12 November	6.00 pm	Deceased of the Perrett and Spilleri families
Sunday	13 November	11.00 am	Deceased of the Gallagher family
Monday	14 November	9.30 am	Deceased of the O'Neill and Murray families
Tuesday	15 November		No Service
Wednesday	16 November	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	17 November		No Service
Friday	18 November	9.30 am	Deceased of the Rees and Orchard family and friends

**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, 12 and 13 November

Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Pat Crowe	Pauline Chambers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Siobhan Campbell	Ann Leatherland
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	John Flanagan	Grace McKenna
Driver		Louis Chadwick

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 19 and 20 November

Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Noreen Weighell	Bernadette Basterfield
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Suzanne Yates	Victoria Basterfield
Eucharistic Minister	Don Perrett	Martin Stynes
Eucharistic Minister	Jane Crow	Clare Bevan
Driver		Kate Mansford