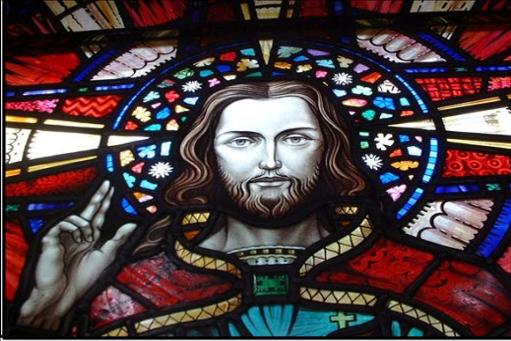


newsletter



14 January 2018

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B



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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Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 7 January the total was £589.60.
 With thanks, Finance Committee.

The Feast of St Antony, Abbot (251-356) – 17 January

St Antony is the originator of the monastic life. Born in Egypt, when his parents died he listened to the words of the Gospel and gave all his belongings to the poor. He went out into the wilderness to begin a life of penitence, living in absolute poverty, praying, meditating, and supporting himself by manual work. He suffered many temptations, both physical and spiritual, but he overcame them. Disciples gathered round him, attracted by his wisdom, moderation, and holiness. He gave support to the victims of the persecutions of Diocletian, and helping St Athanasius in his fight against the Arians. He lived to be over a hundred years old, and died in 356.



The Gospels are full of wise sayings of Jesus that seem to be ignored, and one of the most poignant of these was in his meeting with that young man who asked over and over again, 'What must I do to have eternal life?' When, in the end, Jesus told him that if he wanted to be *perfect* he would have to sell all that he had and give the money to the poor, the young man went away, in sorrow. What could be more of a waste than that? You tell someone what to do, and he is afraid to do it. And yet 250 years later St Antony hears the story, and does give away all that he has and becomes the founder of monasticism. And then again, over 1,000 years later, St Francis of Assisi hears the story, and gives away his possessions (and some of his father's) and revolutionises Christianity.

Not all the words that we speak are forgotten, even though we cannot see their effects ourselves. Let us pray that those unknown effects may always be good ones.

Adapted from Catholic Calendar app by Universalis Publishing

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for		
Mass	This Sunday, 14 January	Next Sunday, 21 January
1 st Reading	Noelette Hanley	Siobhan Campbell
2 nd Reading	Brendan Spillane	Alison Braniff
Eucharistic	Anne Gadsden	Chris Till
Eucharistic	Clare Bevan	Helen Wilson
Driver	Ros Penn	William Doyle

Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	14 January	9.00 am	Matthew Keenlside, Anniversary, RIP
Tuesday	16 January	9.30 am	Intentions of Thal Mooney, who is very ill
Wednesday	17 January	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Exposition
Friday	19 January	10.00 am	Iris Larby, Recently Deceased, RIP

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 51ST WORLD DAY OF PEACE 14 JANUARY 2018



Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace

Among these whom I constantly keep in my thoughts and prayers, I would once again mention the over 250 million migrants worldwide, of whom 22.5 million are refugees. Pope Benedict XVI, my beloved predecessor, spoke of them as 'men and women, children, young and elderly people, who are searching for somewhere to live in peace.' In order to find that peace, they are willing to risk their lives on a journey that is often long and perilous, to endure hardships and suffering, and to encounter fences and walls built to keep them far from their goal.

In a spirit of compassion, let us embrace all those fleeing from war and hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation to leave their homelands.

Offering asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and victims of human trafficking an opportunity to find the peace they seek requires a strategy combining four actions: welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating.

Read the entire message at http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20171113_messaggio-51giornatamondiale-pace2018.html

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR JANUARY CHRISTIAN UNITY

Lord Jesus Christ, at your Last Supper you prayed to the Father that all should be one. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who bear your name and seek to serve you. Strengthen our faith in you, and lead us to love one another in humility. May we who have been reborn in one baptism be united in one faith under one shepherd. Amen.

ANNUAL QUIET DAY

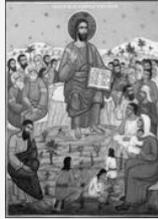
Saturday 27 January
11.00 1m till 3.00 pm

As you know Bishop Peter has declared a year of prayer and vocation our diocese and we shall have an event each month to highlight this special year. Our annual quiet day is held in January, our first event.

What is a Quiet Day?

A quiet day is a one-day retreat, during which we can enjoy an extended period of prayer and reflection. This day is an opportunity to have a time away from the bustle of everyday life without having to travel too far. It provides an opportunity for us to regain some balance between doing and being. In the familiar setting of our church, you can make this personal time of an hour or more, to recharge your spiritual batteries in the depth of the winter.

A number of 'bases' around the church will guide you through reflections on the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount.



The bases are arranged around the church. You are encouraged to visit the bases in the order that will be set out on the day.

It will be a quiet and reflective time in the church and we hope you enjoy the spaces as a pilgrim during your visit.

**BOOK CLUB – Next Meeting Thursday
18 January 2018 at 7.30 pm**
(Tea/Coffee and Snacks)

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

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

The response has been overwhelming ... we have 50 pilgrims signed up on this parish pilgrimage a pilgrimage record! As a result there are no spaces left and the deadline is now closed! Thank you so much to everyone who has committed to this trip and supporting this event.

Please keep this date in your diaries
SATURDAY 16 JUNE AT 2.00 PM
at the Sacred Heart Church, Flitwick for a pre-pilgrimage get together.

Thank you, Ros Penn

Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday.
Newsletter contact: Suzanne Yates; 01525 840 661;
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PARKING PROTOCOL

Due to the size of our car park, parking here at Sacred Heart is always difficult. As we move to having only one Mass on Sunday the car park will be ultimately be available only to visitors and those with parking permits.

- There is car parking available in the grounds of Flitwick Lower School, which is an easy five minutes walk away
- If you live near church and are in good health, consider walking instead of driving to church.
- If you have to drive, consider offering to car share.
- Keep the access route from the road to the church door clear for emergency vehicle access.
- Please respect our neighbours in Pope Close and do not park in front of these houses.
- If parking in nearby roads, do so in a way that follows the road rules and respects our neighbours.
- If you think you require a parking permit, please see Deacon Philip

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.

We welcome Emily and Evan, the children of Nicola and Christopher Jackson, who were baptised into the Catholic community on Saturday.



We ask the parish to pray for them and their family, and we ask for all God's blessings on their journey of faith.

DO NOT FORGET OUR PRAYERS BAGS.

Each bag has a different Bible character or story; a set of wooden figures that can be used to help explore the story. No deep knowledge of the Bible or church teaching is needed; everything is provided to develop your children's understanding of the foundational stories of their faith. The prayer bags are ideally suited for children up to and including Year 1.

Youth Alpha Programme will continue on Saturday 27 January with the question *Why and how do we pray?*

It starts at 4.30 pm will finish by 6.00 pm.

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



Information

CONFESSION

Confession will be at 8.40 am on Sunday and at 9.45 am on Friday.

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

<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 10.30 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 another local priest to say a Mass.

Tea and coffee will be available after Mass on Sunday. All welcome.



Mothers' Prayers will meet on Monday, **15 January** 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.



The sewing group will start again after Easter. For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

This group will be meet on **17 January**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

