

# newsletter



13 and 14 September 2014

Triumph of the Cross 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	13 September	6.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
Sunday	14 September	9.00 am	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
		11.00 am	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
		5.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions – Latin Mass
Monday	15 September	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Maureen Dullaghan, RIP
Tuesday	16 September	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
Wednesday	17 September	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	18 September	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
Friday	19 September	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions

## *A Reflection by Fr. Denis*

The story of the Passion is not just a description; it is an invitation too. The Passion of Christ is not over at all. It is meant to be reproduced every day in our lives. St Paul understood that very well when he said to the Philippians: 'That I may come to know Him and the power of His resurrection, and partake of His sufferings by being moulded to the pattern of His death' (3:10-12). St Paul was not inventing that for himself. What he was doing was echoing Christ: 'If anyone wants to be a follower of Mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow Me. Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for My sake will find it' (Mt 16:25).



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

Fr. Denis writes ...

Signs and symbols are important. Throughout the world the powerful image of the Cross of Jesus Christ stands as the instantly recognisable symbol of Christianity. It stands on cathedral spires and above high altars. It is attached to prayer beads and even ladies' necklaces. *Stat crux*



*dum volvitur orbis*: The Cross stands while the world turns.

The crucifixion of Jesus, in itself a common and cruel form of execution for non-citizens in the Roman world, has become the 'defining moment' in the story of Jesus, and in the story of the world. What looks like the end has now become a glorious new beginning. As the Easter liturgy describes it, 'Life and death contended, combat strangely ended. Life's own champion slain, yet lives to reign'. Jesus, Himself, had described this moment of His death when He said, 'When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to Myself.' But make no mistake about the price that Jesus would pay as He endured the Passion. He would go down to the depths, in suffering and in near despair, crying out, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted Me?' But He entrusted Himself to His Father in His dying breath, just as He had throughout His life: 'Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.' The hands of God held Him and healed Him and restored Him to a risen life. He was seen by many, and He gave them power to go out and preach the good news to all creation.



'We adore You, O Christ and we praise You, because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.'

## 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 like 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

<http://www.sacredheartflitwick.co.uk>

The offertory collection for 6 and 7 September was £472.52.  
With thanks, Fr. Denis.

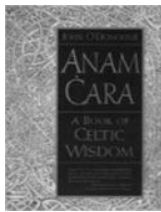
**Sunday Latin Mass:** Fr. Denis celebrates the Latin Mass at 5.00 pm on Sundays. The Mass is from the missal of 1962 and fulfils the Sunday obligation.

**BOOK CLUB NOTICE – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This will be on Thursday **9 October** at 7.30 pm at Suzanne Yates's house. New members made very welcome and we will chat about this book.

(Refreshments will be served)

Our next book is *Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom*, by John O'Donohue



**MOTHERS' PRAYERS** meet fortnightly and our next meeting is on Tuesday, **23 September** at 7.30pm at 80 George St., Maulden. Please come and join our friendly and supportive group to pray for your children, grandchildren and friends. We have had some wonderful answers to our prayers in the 13 years in which we have been meeting. Newcomers will be made very welcome. Please ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186 for more information or just to ask for prayer for your intentions.



**S.V.P. ANNUAL APPEAL 2014**

This will take place this weekend **13 and 14 September** at all Masses, when we will provide a report of the work the members of the Sacred



Heart Conference have done in their year 2013-2014. There will be a retiring collection to support our work. Anyone who might be interested in joining,

please to talk to a SVP member. Envelopes will be available for those who wish to Gift Aid their contribution.

The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **22 September** 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.



**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

Our next meeting is on **17 September** 7.30 pm till 9.30 pm as we will not be meeting in August. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654 for information.



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 13 and 14 September.

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Christine Jackson	Maggie Dullaghan	Pauline Chambers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Mary Brown	Marion McClurg	Una McAlinden
Eucharistic	Chris Till	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Sue Barley	Christopher McMellon	Clare Bevan
Driver		Marion McClurg	

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 20 and 21 September

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Judith Latham	Siobhan Campbell	Victoria Basterfield
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	John Flanagan	Pat Crowe	Bernadette Basterfield
Eucharistic	Pat King	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Don Perrett	Martin Stynes	Tony Davis
Driver		Kate Mansford	



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### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Macmillan Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart Church Friday **26 September** immediately after 9.30 am Mass.

### PLEASE COME ALONG

If would you like to donate a raffle prize or volunteer to bake a cake, please contact Anne Gadsden on 07432 595 057.



Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses on **20 and 21 September** for those unable to attend on the day to contribute to this good cause.

## Santiago de Compostela Pilgrims Reunion

Sunday 5 October 2014

2.30 pm

Sacred Heart Parish Hall

We will have refreshments and a presentation of our pilgrimage journey together for you to enjoy.



### What next?

Please let us know your interest for our next pilgrimage in 2016.

To help us to plan in more detail we need to know the level of interest in the places of pilgrimage that YOU would like to visit.

### Any questions?

If you would like more information on this last pilgrimage or our next pilgrimage in 2016 then please talk to Ros Penn on 01525 715 936 or email [rospenn@googlemail.com](mailto:rospenn@googlemail.com) or speak to Deacon Philip on 07780 687 452.

Looking forward to meeting you all again!



### HOME MISSION SUNDAY

**21 SEPTEMBER 2014**

*Supporting outreach to non-churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics*

This year's theme:  
Evangelisation 'in the heart of the family'

Many children and young people will never see their parents receive the sacraments. Every Catholic who goes to Mass knows someone who currently is distant from the family of the faith – the parish community. On **21 September 2014** the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales ask that Home Mission Sunday is celebrated in every parish to invite prayer and support for the work of evangelisation. Please pray for and help the bishops to develop new ways to reach out to non-churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics by supporting the second collection. For more information, free resources and to donate online: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms14](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms14) #hms14 Thank you for your support and do pick up a free prayer and information card about Home Mission Sunday as you leave church on **21 September**.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

If you have a child in school years 1 to 5 there will be a short explanation after all Masses NEXT weekend **20 and 21 September** detailing the 3 groups that lead to them receiving the sacraments of reconciliation and Holy Communion. If your child has not yet started the 3-year programme, please register by emailing [firstholycommunion@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk](mailto:firstholycommunion@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk). If you have any questions please contact Deacon Philip or Debbie Lewis.

### Circle of Prayer for September – Home mission

Lord Jesus, increase in us a desire to live the good news of the gospel in our homes our workplace our communities. May others come to know Your unending love and mercy through the actions of our lives. May Your love be upon us O Lord as we place all our trust in You.

