

# newsletter



14 and 15 February 2015

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 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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## Times of Mass

Saturday	14 February	6.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
Sunday	15 February	9.00 am	Sacred Heart Church Marion Sokolovski, RIP
		11.00 am	Sacred Heart Church Paul Adams, RIP
		5.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions – Latin Mass
Monday	16 February	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Service of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	17 February	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church No Service
Wednesday	18 February	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
		7.30 pm	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
Thursday	19 February	3.15 pm	Sacred Heart Church No Service
Friday	20 February	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Service of the Word and Communion

## *Ash Wednesday*

In the Western church, Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the 40 days of fasting before Easter. On Ash Wednesday, ashes are blessed, mixed with either holy oil or water, and placed upon the head with the sign of the cross or sprinkled on the forehead. The ashes are made from burning palm branches blessed the previous year on Palm Sunday. When the priest imposes the ashes he says either 'remember man you are dust, and to dust you will return' (see Genesis 3:19), or 'turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel' (Mark 1:15).

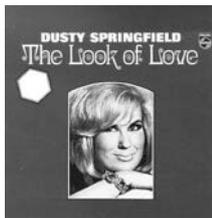
The ashes have two purposes. First, as the above words imply, we are reminded of our mortality and humanity as we begin the Lenten Fast. Second, the ashes are a

Biblical symbol of repentance, sorrow, and humility. There are many cases in the scriptures of wearing ashes as a sign of penitence, often while wearing sackcloth. In 2 Samuel 13:19, Tamar puts on ashes and tears her clothes as a sign of sadness and repentance. The prophet Jeremiah (6:26) urges his readers to 'gird on sackcloth and roll in ashes'.

Fasting is a major component of Ash Wednesday, and Ash Wednesday is an official fast day of the Church, along with Good Friday. The history of the Church is filled with stories of fasting and its spiritual value. However, Jesus warns us not to be obvious about our fasting, or only fasting to impress others.

*Fr. Denis writes ...*

Those of us who are old enough to remember Dusty Springfield's classic 1967 hit, 'The Look of Love', will realise that the song has the capacity to carry us back to the 1960s, an iconic decade of challenge and great change, a decade with a unique feel and character. Those of us who are a little younger may recall the ABC hit of the same name from 1981, and again be carried back by the lyrics and tune to a very different time and place.



For disciples of Jesus Christ, whether old or young, the phrase 'the look of love' can take them to a place of great contradiction; to a place of unimaginable pain and great cruelty, a place of injustice and wrong; but also to a place of enormous love, a place where good overcame evil, right overcame wrong, where death from sin was defeated for ever. Jesus' look of love carries believers to stand at the foot of the cross with Mary and the beloved disciple, and describes something of the gaze of Jesus who looks down on them, and on us, with infinite and unquenchable love.

As once more we prepare to stand before the cross of the Lord on Good Friday, we hear Jesus' words: 'When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He.' As we hear these words, let us allow ourselves to be captured by His look of love and pray that we may respond, with full heart and mind, by living lives worthy of His great sacrifice.



## INFORMATION

### CONFESSIONS

Confessions have been suspended for the present, please contact Deacon Philip for information on 07780 687 452.

### 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

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

We thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 7 and 8 February the total was £701.84; this is £151.84 more than the amount we need each week to meet the parish running costs, and will help us to build up a contingency fund.

With thanks, Fr. Denis.

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

### RED BOX ANNUAL COLLECTION

Pat King will be collecting the contents of the Red Boxes before each Mass starting this weekend **14 and 15 February** and again next weekend **21 and 22 February**.



Those with boxes should have received their envelopes but if not please phone 01525 402 598

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS** meet fortnightly and our next meeting is on Tuesday **24 February** at 7.30pm at 80



George St., Malden. Please ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186 for more information or just to ask for prayer for your intentions.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday **18 February** is Ash Wednesday and Masses will be held at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm.



### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We will not meeting till after Easter so that members of the group can go to the Exploring the Bible sessions. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654 for information.



### EXPLORING THE BIBLE Continues this Tuesday 17 February until 25 March (8 weeks)

Featuring the acclaimed Bible TimeLine programme in use in parishes across the country.

For details of the programme and enrolment please see the posters and leaflets in church.



**Tea and coffee at 7.30 pm**

The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **23 February** 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

#### Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week 14 and 15 February

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Michael Burgess	Christopher McMellon	Eamonn Diver
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Mary Brown	Stephen Russell	Anne Gadsden
Eucharistic	Noreen Weighell	John Flanagan	Tony Davis
Eucharistic	Helen Burgess	Hilary Brennan	Nicky Paterson
Driver			John Gallagher

#### Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 21 and 22 February

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Adrian Hamilton	Pat Crowe	Una McAlinden
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Angela Bartlett	Kate Mansford	Sue Barley
Eucharistic	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Helen Wilson	Carlos Rincon	Grace McKenna
Driver		Louis Chadwick	



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### 21 February – Feast of St Robert Southwell (1561-1595)

Robert Southwell was born in 1561. He was born in Norfolk and in due course went to the Catholic college at Douai, in 1580 joining the Society of Jesus. He was a poet and a scholar. His poetry had a profound influence on the moral climate of the age. He soon came to England as a Jesuit missionary, moving from one Catholic family to another, working as a priest. After six years of successful priestly work Southwell was arrested and imprisoned in the gatehouse of Holborn. Transferred to the gatehouse at Westminster, he was so abominably treated that his father petitioned Elizabeth that he might be brought to trial. He was then lodged in the Tower, but he was not brought to trial until February 1595. Much of his poetry was written while in prison. He wrote there: 'Not where I breathe, but where I love, I live; Not where I love, but where I am, I die'. On the 10th of February 1595 he was tried before the King's Bench on the charge of treason. On the following day he was dragged on a hurdle through the streets to Tyburn. There he was allowed briefly to address the people. 'I am come hither to play out the last act of this poor life.' He protested his innocence of any treason, and prayed for the salvation of the Queen and country. In the barbaric manner of the time he was due to be hanged, drawn and quartered, but the crowd made such a commotion that he was allowed to die before his body was butchered.



### Circle of Prayer for February – For Education

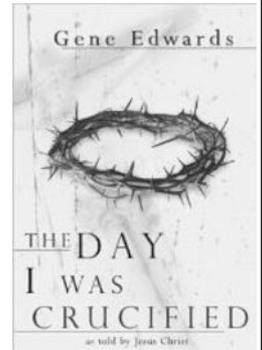
We pray for those in our community who work in education, whether in schools, in colleges or in the local education authority. When education feels like an uncertain and unpredictable place to be, we pray that they'll sense the presence of Jesus, stilling their doubts, stirring their faith and breathing fresh life into their work.



### BOOK CLUB DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday **5 March 2015** at 7.30 pm at Ros Penn's home (Refreshments served)

Our next book is *The Day I was Crucified as told by Jesus the Christ* by Gene Edwards



New Members are very welcome to this informal gathering to have a chat about the books we read, if you feel like joining us, please purchase the book in paperback or download to your Kindle or tablet. If you want any further information, please contact Ros at [rospenn@gmail.com](mailto:rospenn@gmail.com) or call her on 07545 705 543.

### SOUP FOR SUDAN RETURNS

Once again the SVP invite you to their Lenten Lunch on Tuesday **10 March** for a simple meal of soup and a bread roll. Put it in your diary and then come along between 12 midday and 1.30 pm – and bring a friend.



As always there is no charge but all donations will go to the SVP Sudan Baby Feeding Project, which still needs our support.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All are welcome to attend The Stations of the Cross led by the Charismatic Prayer group on **Thursday 18 February** at 7.30 pm.

