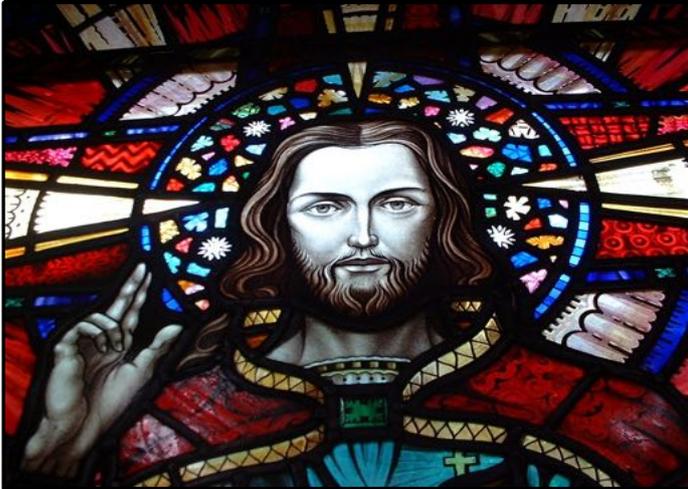


# newsletter



14 and 15 October 2017

28<sup>th</sup> 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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## The Sorrowful Mysteries – Thursday, 19 October, 7.30 pm

The Sorrowful Mysteries commemorate Jesus' ultimate act of Redemption and will be led by Suzanne Yates. Everyone is welcome to join us.



*Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13)*

Jesus is the Messiah, the promised one, who came to open the gates of heaven for all and make all who would keep his commandments children of God. He atoned for the sins of mankind by his crucifixion. Sin entered the world through Adam and Eve's sin, but life entered the world through Jesus' suffering.

*'And as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive' (1 Corinthians 15:22).*

The Sorrowful Mysteries recount all the sorrows of Jesus' Passion and death.

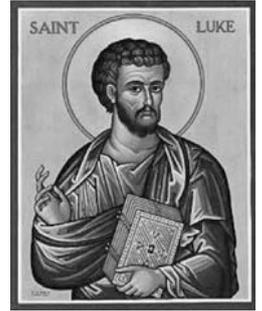
- The Agony in the Garden – The night before he dies, Jesus prays in the Garden of Olives. His agony is so great, his sweat becomes drops of blood.
- The Scourging at the Pillar – Jesus is scourged before he is crucified.
- Crowning with Thorns – The cruel Roman soldiers make a mockery of Jesus and crown him with a painful crown made of thorns.
- Carrying of the Cross – Jesus carries his cross through the streets to the place where he will be crucified.
- The Crucifixion – Jesus is crucified and dies for our sins.

Taken from <http://www.how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com/sorrowful-mysteries.html>

## FEAST OF ST LUKE, THE EVANGELIST – 18 OCTOBER

St Luke is believed to be the author of the Gospel that bears his name as well as of the Acts of the Apostles. According to Eusebius, he was probably born in Antioch, Syria of a prosperous Greek family and was trained as a physician.

His gospel is considered the most poetic and beautiful of all. He uses the best grammar and the most eloquent and correct Greek of the New Testament. He shows Jesus not as the Jewish Messiah, but as the world's Saviour and Lord. He was a man of prayer, for this gospel is preoccupied with the power of prayer. He had a high regard for the dignity of women for they played an important part of his writings.



He accompanied Paul on his second missionary journey and doubtless had the care of Paul's health. Luke was with Paul in his last days and final imprisonment in Rome.

After writing those famous words to Timothy, 'The time of my dissolution is at hand, I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course, I have kept the faith,' Paul goes on to say, 'Only Luke is with me'.

What happened to Luke after Paul's martyrdom, we have no certain knowledge, but according to a fairly early and widespread tradition, he wrote his Gospel in Greece at Boeotia, where he died aged 84.

Because the gospel which bears his name was believed to be an accurate account of the life of Christ and especially of Christ's birth, Luke was taken as one of the patrons of notaries. He is also the patron of the medical profession. He was reported to be a fine painter and is also patron of artists, painters, sculptors, craft workers and lacemakers. His symbol is the ox. This may account for his also being patron of butchers.

Adapted from <https://slparish.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 day 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 as a place in our hearts for those we love.

Use the slip, which is part of the leaflet available next weekend, 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. All the names will be dedicated to our prayers at the Mass of Commemoration of All Souls to be celebrated on Thursday **2 November** at 9.30 am.

### 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 £5.00 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.

## GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY

It's that time again, time to fill a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes need to be returned to the back of the church or to Clare Bevan by **6 November**. Leaflets advising what and what not to put in your box and decorated shoeboxes will be available **this weekend**. Thank you for your support.



## CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on **18 October**, 7.30 pm till 9.30 pm. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.



Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in proclaiming the gospel of peace in South Sudan and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided this weekend by Missio. Thank you.



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **23 October** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



Mothers' Prayers will meet on Monday, **23 October** 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.



## NIGHT OF LIGHT PARTY

**TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER FROM 6.00 PM TILL 8.00 PM**

A fun-filled alternative to Halloween, celebrating the eve of All Saints with fun and laughter, games and yummy food – all treats and NO tricks! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is £5 per family. For more information contact Kate on 01462 813 166.

**Recruiting Catholic Leaders:** Are you someone who could serve our children by teaching, working or volunteering in a Catholic school? We are looking for teachers, leaders and governors for the diocese. For details, talk to your parish priest or contact NORES on 01582 723312 or [main@nores.org.uk](mailto:main@nores.org.uk)

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



Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 7 and 8 October the total was £498.74. With thanks, Finance Committee.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE FOR NEW PARENTS

The next baptism preparation classes will be held on Saturdays **28 October and 4 November**, starting at 10.00 am for one hour in the St Francis Suite. We encourage all new parents asking for baptism of their child, to attend. We also welcome parents who may wish to renew their preparation for baptism as their families grow larger. Asking for baptism for your child is the start of your child's sacramental journey in the Church. The sessions look at your role in the development of your child's faith, what you ask of the Church and the promises you make on behalf of your child. We look forward to seeing you and your family. Godparents and grandparents are welcome to join us.



Thank you for your generous support to CAFOD's Harvest Fast last week. Our parish raised **£707.96** which will mean more farmers around the world will be able to support their families, now and into the future. Please continue to pray for them and for CAFOD's work with the most vulnerable communities across the world.



## CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR OCTOBER – FAIR TREATMENT FOR PRISONERS

O Lord, we pray for your protecting grace for our brothers and sisters in prison. We pray you will protect them from harassment, threats of violence and from the evil influence of fellow inmates. We pray for your protection of their bodies, minds, souls and spirits and that they are treated fairly while in prison.



## 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](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 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](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	14 October	6.00 pm	Special Intentions of Noreen Bavister
Sunday	15 October	9.00 am	Moira Burton, Recently Deceased, RIP
Monday	16 October	9.30 am	Special Intentions of Dennis Bavister
Tuesday	17 October		No Service
Wednesday	18 October	7.30 pm	Bill Connolly, Recently Deceased, RIP
Thursday	19 October	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Friday	20 October	9.30 am	Jack and Molly Dorney, Anniversary, RIP

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, 14 and 15 October

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Alison Braniff	Victoria Basterfield
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Siobhan Campbell	Bernadette Basterfield
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Ros Penn
Eucharistic Minister	Adrian Hamilton	Catherine Davies
Driver		William Doyle

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

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Mary Brown	Noelette Hanley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Noreen Weighell	Martin Brennan
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Martin Stynes
Eucharistic Minister	Don Perrett	Hilary Brennan
Driver		Ros Penn