

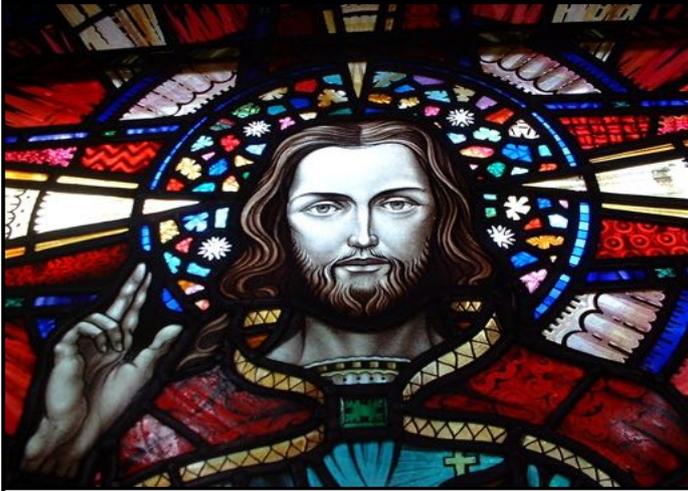


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15 and 16 October 2016

29th 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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Third Corporal Works of Mercy – Clothe the Naked

The imperative to clothe the naked is spoken of in both the Old and New Testament. The prophet Isaiah exhorts us: 'When you see the naked, clothe them' (Is 58:7). In the Letter of St James we read: 'What good is it if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead' (James 2:14-16).

Clothing provides for two basic human needs: protection and dignity. We probably do not see people very often who are literally shivering in the cold, but many poor and homeless people rely on charitable organisations for their clothing. One very direct way to carry out this work of mercy is to go through our own cupboards a couple of times a year, and donate some of our clothes.

There is a social dimension to this work, too: often our bargains are paid for by the sweat of people labouring in inhuman conditions here and abroad. We have a moral responsibility to take a look behind the stylish

logo of popular clothing and shoes and if we find that the item has been produced at the cost of the human dignity of those who made it, we should boycott that product and let the manufacturer know why.

Clothing is not only necessary for protection, we need it to maintain our human dignity. Contrast two scenes in the Gospel: when the prodigal son returns home, the father gives him his best robe, shoes on his feet, and a ring. By contrast, in the Stations of the Cross we meditate on the stripping of Jesus; this act of humiliation was inflicted on him several times during his Passion. To take away his clothing was to steal from him any standing in the human community, and to humiliate him profoundly.

In the first book of the Bible, God made garments to clothe Adam and Eve (Gen 3:21). In the last book of the Bible we are given a vision of the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband (Rev 21:2). When the moment of glory comes, may we be among those who saw the Lord in our sisters and brothers, and clothed him (Matt 25:38).

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

The Sorrowful Mysteries – Thursday 20 October, 7.30 pm

The Sorrowful Mysteries commemorate Jesus' ultimate act of Redemption and will be led by the Mothers' Prayers group.

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

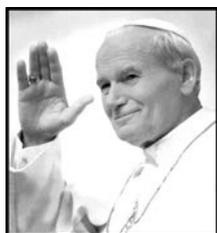
The Sorrowful Mysteries recount all the sorrows of Jesus' Passion and death.

- 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>

22 October – Feast of St John Paul II

Saint John Paul II, originally named Karol Józef Wojtyła was born 18 May 1920 in Wadowice, Poland and died 2 April 2005 in the Vatican City. He was beatified 1 May 2011 and canonised 27 April 2014. His feast day is 22 October. He was the bishop of Rome and head of the Roman Catholic Church from 1978 to 2005. He was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years and the first from a Slavic country. His pontificate of more than 26 years was the third longest. As part of his



effort to promote greater understanding among nations and religions, he took numerous trips abroad, travelling a greater distance than all other Popes combined. He extended his influence beyond the Church by campaigning against political oppression and criticising the materialism of the West. He also issued several unprecedented apologies to groups that historically had been wronged by Catholics, most notably Jews and Muslims. His unabashed Polish nationalism and his emphasis on non-violent political activism aided

the Solidarity movement in communist Poland in the 1980s, and contributed to the peaceful dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. More generally, John Paul used his influence among Catholics and throughout the world to advance the recognition of human dignity and to deter the use of violence. His centralised style of church governance, however, dismayed some members of the clergy, who found it autocratic and stifling. He failed to reverse an overall decline in the number of priests and nuns, and his traditional interpretations of church teachings on personal and sexual morality alienated some of the laity.

<http://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-John-Paul-II>

FOODBANK

As you know we are part of the NEED Project which operates a Foodbank for people in Flitwick and Ampthill. We are now starting to prepare for Christmas and need custard in tins or instant packets, and stuffing. We are happy to take what ever else you are able to give.



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**. Thanking you once again for your support.



BOOK CLUB – THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.30 PM

at the home of Ros Penn

Contact: rospenn@gmail.com or Deacon Philip. New members are made very welcome and we will chat about this book. The next book we have is *Shadows* by Fr. Jimmy Collins.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR OF MERCY IN NORTHAMPTON
Wednesday 26 October 2016**

As part of our continuing celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are holding a pilgrimage to the Holy Door at Northampton Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate and St Thomas of Canterbury.

We are blessed as Bishop Peter will say Mass for us on the occasion of our visit.

We hope that as the pilgrimage has been arranged during half-term, it will allow all the parishioners, young and not so young, to participate in this journey together as a parish.

Please sign up on the poster at the back of church if you wish to join the pilgrimage. Please indicate on the form if you can offer lifts to the cathedral.

On our return from the pilgrimage we will carry back to the parish one of the Lampedusa crosses which is currently in our diocese. We will hold a special evening of prayer on **2 November at 7.30 pm** to remember that all migrants and refugees are our brother and sisters.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on **19 October** 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 **24**

October from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For more information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



MOTHERS' PRAYERS

will meet on **24 October**. New members welcome; ring Sue Barley for more information on 01525 634186. This meeting will be held at 5 Elm Drive, Silsoe, MK45 4EU.



There will be a second collection next weekend, **22 and 23 October** for our celebration of Mission Sunday. This special day is an opportunity for Catholics worldwide to join together to pray for the missionary work of our Church and to give what we can to missionaries and churches overseas that need our help.



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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For enrolment and information please email sacramentalpreparation@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk



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

Our **Parish dinner** will take place at the Dog and Badger, Maulden on Thursday **24 November**, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Full details and menu to follow.



Traditional Christmas

cards, Advent calendars, etc. will be on sale after Mass on Sunday **23 October**, at both Masses on **30 and 31 October** and after all Masses through **all of November**.



We thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 8 and 9 October the total was £457.98; this is £92.02 less than what is needed to meet the parish running costs. With thanks, Finance Committee.

A Latin Mass in the Traditional Rite will be celebrated at St Francis's Shefford on **Friday 21 October** at 7.30 pm

Circle of Prayer for October – The Harvest and the Fruits of Human Work

O Lord, good Father, who in your providence has entrusted the earth to the human race, grant, we pray, that with the fruits harvested from it we may be able to sustain life and, with your help, always use them wisely.



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

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.

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	15 October	6.00 pm	Tom Keenan, Recently Deceased, RIP
Sunday	16 October	11.00 am	Sean Mullody, Recently Deceased, RIP
Monday	17 October	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	18 October		No Service
Wednesday	19 October	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	20 October		No Service
Friday	21 October	9.30 am	Sick of the Parish

Newsletter copy deadline – Tuesday midday. Newsletter contact: Suzanne Yates; 01525 840 661; suz_yates@btinternet.com

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week, 15 and 16 October		
Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 pm
1 st Reading	Noelette Hanley	Ann Leatherland
2 nd Reading	Michael Burgess	Pat Rees
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	Helen Burgess	Ros Penn
Driver		William Doyle
Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 22 and 23 October		
Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 pm
1 st Reader	Judith Latham	Kate Mansford
2 nd Reader	Dee Brady	Grace McAlinden
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	Don Perrett	Hilary Brennan
Driver		David Toland