

# newsletter



15 and 16 November 2014

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 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	15 November	6.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Eileen Halton, RIP
Sunday	16 November	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	17 November	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Service of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	18 November	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	No Service
Wednesday	19 November	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	20 November	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	No Service
Friday	21 November	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Service of the Word and Communion

## THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL!

Pope Francis published his letter on the meaning of the gospels for us in the world today, in late 2013. Our Advent study programme will help us to reflect on his words and ponder how to bring his love and joy of the Word of God alive in our lives, and the life of the parish.

**Join us for the four Tuesday evening reflections!**

We plan to explore the document by focusing on the main 'chapters'. We aim to cover :-

**18 November – The Introduction and Missionary Transformation**

**25 November – Communal Commitment**

**2 December – Social Dimension**

**9 December – Evangelisation and Spirit-Filled Evangelisers**

There will be a short presentation on each evening followed by a time of reflection and conversation to consider the implications of this momentous document in the life of the Church today.

Sessions will begin at 7.45 pm (tea and coffee from 7.30 pm) and finish by 9.45 pm in the parish room at the church.



*Fr. Denis writes ...*

The 1968 film, *Planet of the Apes* has a shocking finale. As its hero, Taylor, played by Charlton Heston, rides along the shoreline, he sees something ahead of him. He dismounts and falls on his knees, shouting in shock and anger. Then the camera reveals what is in front of him. Charred and half-buried in the sand, its torch still held aloft, is the Statue of Liberty. Taylor at last realises that this mysterious planet is his home planet, the Earth. If anything conveys the destruction of a civilisation, it is that scene.



Nebuchadnezzar's dream is also shocking. It had shaken the king profoundly, and only Daniel can give an interpretation. The statue of different metals and feet of clay symbolises the sequence of powers in the



ancient Middle East. The last of these is the empire of the Greek king, Antiochus Epiphanes, the cruel persecutor of the Jewish people. Despite appearances, this empire is the weakest of them all and will be destroyed. Again we have a message of

hope and encouragement for the Jewish people of the second century before Christ. Pagan domination will end, and the Lord will give His people a kingdom that will endure forever.

We find it difficult to imagine an end to the societies that we live in, as did people in the past. But all earthly power is transient, so why should it be different for us? Whatever the future holds for humankind, there is a kingdom that will endure until the end of time. We have Christ's promise on that; and we have His invitation to seek that kingdom above all else.

## 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. Last week the total was £733.04; this is £183.04 more than the amount we need each week to meet the parish running costs and will help us to build up a contingency.

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.

There will be a second collection this weekend, **15 and 16 November** for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund. This is for the maintenance of Bishop's House, finance, HR and safeguarding.



Gift Aid envelopes will be available at the back of the church so that if you wish, you can make your donation go further.

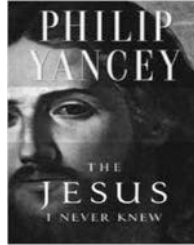
**MOTHERS' PRAYERS** meet fortnightly and our next meeting is on Tuesday **18 November** at 7.30pm at 80 George St., Maulden. Please ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186 for more information or just to ask for prayer for your intentions.



**BOOK CLUB**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday **22 January 2015** at 7.30 pm, at Ros Penn's home. New members made very welcome and we will chat about this book. (Refreshments will be served)



**The Jesus I Never Knew** by Philip Yancey

'There is no writer in the evangelical world that I admire and appreciate more', said Billy Graham. Philip Yancey helps reveal what two thousand years of history covered up. What happens when a respected Christian journalist decides to put his preconceptions aside and take a long look at the Jesus described in the Gospels? How does the Jesus of the New Testament compare with the new, rediscovered Jesus – or even the Jesus we think we know so well? Philip Yancey offers a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and His work, His teachings, His miracles, His death and resurrection and ultimately, who He was and why He came.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

Come along for a time of informal praise and worship, intercession and prayer ministry. Our next meeting is on **19 November**, 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 November** 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](mailto:suz_yates@btinternet.com)

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week 15 and 16 November.

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Judith Latham	Siobhan Campbell	Bernadette Basterfield
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Pat Rees	Noelette Hanley	Victoria Basterfield
Eucharistic	Pat King	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Chris Till	Martin Stynes	Grace McKenna
Driver		David Toland	

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 22 and 23 November

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Michael Burgess	Dermott Whelan	Un McAlinden
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Noreen Weighell	Stephen Russell	Anne Gadsden
Eucharistic	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Helen Burgess	Jane Crow	Catherine Davies
Driver		William Doyle	



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## 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.



By recalling their memory we build a personal shrine – not as a table in a corner – but a place in our hearts for those we love.

Use the slip which is part of the leaflet available at the front of the church to record the names of your family, friends and acquaintances you wish to be remembered in prayer throughout November.

Place the slip in the basket provided on the sanctuary, where it will remain throughout the month.

## ADVENT HOLY HOUR

There will be a holy 'hour' on Wednesday **10 December** starting at 7.00 pm and ending with benediction at 8.45 pm. The theme of the evening will be praying for peace between and within peoples all over the world. The evening will begin with a short service of prayer and then there will be silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.45 pm.

Please put this date in your diary and come along, even if you can only for a few minutes.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the **MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION**.

We collected £362.69. This is a superb effort, and more to come with the Gift Aid money.

Well done everyone.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Flitwick Singers will have a concert at Sacred Heart on **19 December** at 7.30 pm in aid of in aid of Chums, a local charity which supports children who experience bereavement.

## The Return of the SVP Giving Tree



The Giving Tree is back. Once again the SVP is looking for support for the Day Centre in Bedford for the Homeless and Rootless (BeCHaR). On the first two Sundays in Advent the giving tree will appear again.

We are asking you once again to take as many of the stickers from the tree as you can afford, and then donate the named articles. There is no need to wrap them, simply put them in the box in the church porch.

As usual, we require men's pants, woolly hats, socks, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, disposable razors, shower gel, shampoo, tins of tuna and corned beef, biscuits and teabags and coffee. They do not have to be top of the range – basic items are really good.

It would be helpful if all donations could be handed in by **13 and 14 December** in good time to be delivered for the Christmas Festivities at BeChar.

Over the past few years your support has been wonderful – so many thanks in advance.

## PRE-COMMUNION GROUP – FOR YEAR 1 ONWARDS



The pre-communion group is a requirement for all children who will be making their first Holy Communion in 2015.

The pre-communion group runs generally each Sunday from today until the beginning of April, excluding school holidays. We meet in church after the 9.00 am Mass from 9.45 am till 10.30 am.

Details on the website:

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

## Circle of Prayer for November – Prisoners

Lord we pray for all those in prison - let them find You wherever they are. Please comfort, support and protect their families during the period of separation. Let them be reconciled to each other and to You.

