

newsletter



17 and 18 January 2015

2nd 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	17 January	6.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
Sunday	18 January	9.00 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
		11.00 am	Sacred Heart Church	Matthew Keenlside, RIP
		5.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions – Latin Mass
Monday	19 January	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Service of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	20 January	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
Wednesday	21 January	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	22 January	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
Friday	23 January	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Service of the Word and Communion

In God's Name – War or Peace?

In The Great War all the major powers more or less explicitly claimed to be doing what they did in the name of God. The blood of the innocent Christ was shed all over the world without bringing much healing to its fractured heart. Will we have a bigger, more Christ-like vision of a future in which war is simply unacceptable as a means of resolving conflict?

We need to show the world that alternatives to war exist. Since just after the end of the Second World War, the international Catholic peace movement, Pax Christi, has worked to build understanding across the divisions of our world, and to challenge the logic of the easy resort to war, from a Catholic and Christian perspective. Please remember them in prayer. Please consider making a donation to the work of Pax Christi this Peace Sunday. Please join them in their work.



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

Not Strangers but Friends

Many of us have been deeply moved in recent months by the commemorations of the beginning of the First World War. It's been a difficult balancing act. How to honour the bravery of the men who marched off to war, without losing sight of the critical questions that emerge: How could such carnage be tolerated over such a protracted period (four years, three months and a week)? Why, once the juggernaut of war had been unleashed, could no one stop it? How come a Second World War followed so swiftly? The poppies in the moat at the Tower of London, like every poppy, represent individual heartbreaks and a collective failure of the human spirit: an un-freedom, or, in other words, a form of slavery.



Slavery and its ending is the theme of this year's World Day of Prayer for Peace, kept in England and Wales on Sunday, 18 January 2015. Pope Francis chose the title,

'Slaves no more, but brothers and sisters'. At the Last Supper, Jesus told his disciples, 'I call you not servants but friends' (Jn 15.15).

and in the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks of a similar transformation for his Gentile readers: 'So you are no longer aliens or foreign visitors; you are fellow citizens with the holy people of God and part of God's household' (Eph 2.19-20).

Commencing on Tuesday 20 January, Fr. Denis will be saying Mass each Tuesday and Thursday.

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.

INFORMATION

CONFESSIONS

Fr. Denis will resume hearing confessions from Saturday 24 January, from 11.00 am to 11.30 am.

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 10 and 11 January the total was £637.34; this is £87. 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.

THE POST-COMMUNION GROUP

The post-Communion group runs generally every Sunday, excluding school holidays. Our next meeting is **25 January**. We meet in church after the 9.00 am Mass.



MOTHERS' PRAYERS meet fortnightly and our next meeting is on Tuesday **27 January** 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.



THE PRE-COMMUNION GROUP

The pre-Communion group runs generally every Sunday, excluding school holidays. We meet in church after the 9.00 am Mass from 9.45 am till 10.30 am. For more details visit the website <http://www.sacredheartflitwick.co.uk/child and youth.html>



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Our next meeting is on **21 January** 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.



EXPLORING THE BIBLE

Wednesdays from 4 February to 25 March (8 weeks)

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



Book the dates in your diary to join us in the fascinating and informative study of God's plan for salvation.

For details of the programme and enrolment please see the posters and leaflets in church. (Excludes Ash Wednesday: Tuesday 17 February instead.)



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **26 January** 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 17 and 18 January

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 st Reader	Michael Burgess	Eamonn Diver	Bernadette Basterfield
2 nd Reader	Pat Rees	Alison Braniff	Victoria Basterfield
Eucharistic	Noreen Weighell	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Helen Burgess	Jane Crow	Tony Davis
Driver		Marion McClurg	

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 24 and 25 January

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 st Reader	Angela Bartlett	Maggie Dullaghan	Pauline Chambers
2 nd Reader	John Flanagan	Dee Brady	Una McAlinden
Eucharistic	Adrian Hamilton	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Helen Wilson	Carlos Rincon	Nicky Paterson
Driver		David Toland	



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Did you know CAFOD works in Myanmar (Burma)? Come and find out more and learn about matched funding on:

Sat 24 January at St Augustine Church, Langcliffe Drive, Heelands, Milton Keynes MK13 7PL. Coffee/tea from 10.00 am, session from **10.30 am till 1.30 pm**. **Please Book:**

01844 274 723 or email: northampton@cafod.org.uk

SECOND COLLECTION

We try to limit second collections to one a month wherever possible.

There are times when we are approached for donations for good causes that we feel we ought to support and these are done from parish funds. However it would be helpful if, once a year we could hold a collection for the Sacred Heart Worthy Causes Reserve Fund. We will do this on **24/25 January** and we will publish a list of the donations every year.



POPE FRANCIS'S 10 NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

1. **Live and let live.** Everyone should be guided by this principle, he said, which has a similar expression in Rome with the saying, 'Move forward and let others do the same.'
2. **Be giving of yourself to others.** People need to be open and generous towards others, he said, because 'if you withdraw into yourself, you run the risk of becoming egocentric. And stagnant water becomes putrid.'
3. **Proceed calmly in life.** The Pope, who used to teach high school literature, used an image from an Argentine novel by Ricardo Güiraldes, in which the protagonist – gaucho Don Segundo Sombra – looks back on how he lived his life.

He says that in his youth he was a stream full of rocks that he carried with him; as an adult, a rushing river; and in old age he was still moving, but slowly, like a pool of water. He said he likes the latter image of a pool of water – to have the ability to move with kindness and humility, a calmness in life.

To be continued next week.

Men's Breakfast

24 January 2015 (9.30 am to 11.00 am)

Gentlemen! Why not join us for the next Men's Breakfast to start the New Year with conversation, fellowship and a bacon sandwich!

Donation of £1.00

BOOK CLUB

Date of next meeting is 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, *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey (refreshments will be served).

QUIET DAY

Saturday 31 January 2015

10.30 am till 3.00 pm

Finding Peace and Praying for Peace

After our successful new venture last year we will be offering another opportunity to spend some time in quiet contemplation. All you need to do is to set aside an hour or so to explore a series of prayer spaces and bases in the church. Tea and coffee available all day, with a listening ear on hand.



Circle of Prayer for January – For Peace

Dear Lord, as we begin a new year, we pray for an increase of Your peace in the world. For ourselves, that we would have Your peace in our hearts and live lives of peace. We pray especially for those who do not know peace, and for those who live in areas of conflict, that Your peace and presence would break through into their hearts. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

