

newsletter



18 and 19 April 2015

Third Sunday of Easter, 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



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| Saturday | 18 April | 6.00 pm | Sacred Heart Church | Bernadette Teresa Greene, RIP |
| Sunday | 19 April | 9.00 am | Sacred Heart Church | Special Intentions |
| | | 11.00 am | Sacred Heart Church | Private Intentions |
| | | 5.00 pm | Sacred Heart Church | Private Intentions – Latin Mass |
| Monday | 20 April | 9.30 am | Sacred Heart Church | Service of the Word and Communion |
| Tuesday | 21 April | 9.30 am | Sacred Heart Church | No Service |
| Wednesday | 22 April | 9.30 am | Sacred Heart Church | Service of the Word and Communion |
| Thursday | 23 April | 9.30 am | Sacred Heart Church | No Service |
| Friday | 24 April | 9.30 am | Sacred Heart Church | Service of the Word and Communion |

23 April – Feast of St George

Pictures of St George usually show him killing a dragon to rescue a beautiful lady. The dragon stands for wickedness; the lady stands for God's holy truth. St George was a brave martyr who was victorious over the devil.

He was a soldier in the army of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, and he was one of the emperor's favourites. Diocletian was a pagan and a bitter enemy to the Christians; he put to death every Christian he could find. George was a brave Christian, a real soldier of Christ. Without fear, he went to the emperor and scolded him for being so cruel. Then he gave up his position in the Roman army, for which he was tortured in many terrible ways and finally beheaded.



So boldly daring and so cheerful was St George in declaring his faith and in dying for it, that Christians felt courage when they heard about it. Many songs and poems were written about this martyr.

We all have some dragon we have to conquer. It might be pride, or anger, or laziness, or greed, or something else. Let us make sure we fight against these dragons with God's help. Then we can call ourselves real soldiers of Christ. .

Fr. Denis writes ...

David Cairns, a young British politician, who sadly died in 2011, was on a trip to Israel, and travelled to see the famous Sea of Galilee. Standing on the site of the Sermon on the Mount, David spread his arms out and recited the Beatitudes of Jesus.



David stood in the very place where Jesus stood, and said the very things that Jesus said. Like all followers of Jesus, David attempted to follow the example of his Lord. Back home in Britain, David tried to practise those Beatitudes in the busy world of national and international politics. Christian socialism was his life.

In the days of the early Church, internal troubles arose over matters of social equality. As the Church grew, the need for organisation and administration grew as well. When those who were poor were being neglected, complaints were made. A meeting was called, the complaints were voiced, and a resolution was found. The Gospel was put into practice.

Those first disciples of Jesus had been through their training. They followed a Lord who had told them not to be afraid. They remembered the time of the storm on the lake, when the Lord came to them. They had endured the cross, and now knew the



resurrection. External persecution, internal politics, were all the same to them. The Lord who preached the Beatitudes by the Sea of Galilee was with them. We today have

the same calling: preaching the Gospel to the world and practising justice within the Church remains the agenda.

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 11 and 12 April the total was £608.57; this is more than the amount needed 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.

There will be a second collection next weekend, 25 and 26 April. This collection is for the Priests' Training Fund. This money is to cover the costs of training new priests for our diocese. Gift Aid envelopes are available this week. People contributing to Together in Faith do not need to contribute to this collection. Please be as generous as you can.



MOTHERS' PRAYERS meet fortnightly and our next meeting is on Tuesday **28 April** 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.



21 April – Feast of St Anselm (1033–1109)

He was born in Aosta, in northern Italy, and became a monk of Bec in Normandy where he taught theology and devoted himself to the spiritual life. After some years as abbot, he succeeded his master, Lanfranc, as archbishop of Canterbury. His bitter disputes with the kings of England over the independence of the Church resulted in his twice being exiled. He died at Canterbury on 21 April 1109. He is remembered for his theological learning and writings, and for organising and reforming Church life in England.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Our next meeting is on **29 April** 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 **27 April** 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.



Next Sunday, 26 April we have our first group of children making their First Holy Communion. Please remember them in your prayers.

Children's Liturgy

There will be no children's liturgy in the Masses where First Holy Communion is being celebrated.

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, 18 and 19 April

| Mass | 6.00 pm | 9.00 am | 11.00 am |
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| 1 st Reader | Michael Burgess | Marion McClurg | Martin Brennan |
| 2 nd Reader | Suzanne Yates | Dee Brady | C./H. Davies |
| Eucharistic | Deacon Philip Pugh | Deacon Philip Pugh | Deacon Philip Pugh |
| Eucharistic | Helen Burgess | Carlos Rincon | Clare Bevan |
| Driver | | David Toland | |

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week 25 and 26 April

| Mass | 6.00 pm | 9.00 am | 11.00 am |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 st Reader | Judith Latham | Siobhan Campbell | Pauline Chambers |
| 2 nd Reader | Angela Bartlett | Darren Campbell | Dennis Horner |
| Eucharistic | John Flanagan | Deacon Philip Pugh | Deacon Philip Pugh |
| Eucharistic | Helen Wilson | Myriam Rincon | Tony Davis |
| Driver | | Kate Mansfield | |



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EASTER PILGRIMAGE



Parishioners, family and friends are invited to join the One Climate One World Easter pilgrimage, a series of five 10-mile countryside walks linking the parishes of our pastoral area on Saturdays in April and May.

Our next walk is number 2 – leg 1 has been completed.

2nd leg – 25 April Dunstable – Leighton Buzzard;

3rd leg – 2 May L. Buzzard – Flitwick (Sacred Heart);

4th Leg – 16 May Flitwick – Shefford;

5th leg – 23 May Shefford – Biggleswade.

Each stage will include a stop for refreshment and the option of a shorter walk. For information on how to register to walk, or to sponsor a pilgrim in aid of CAFOD's Hungry for Change initiative, contact the parish coordinator, Martin Brennan on m.brennan1956@btinternet.com

RED BOX HOLDERS

A big thank you to everyone who emptied their boxes during Lent.



We collected an impressive £1560.78. Well done everyone.

If you still need your box emptying or would like to have a red box, please contact Pat King on 01525 402 598.

Christian Aid Week 10–16 May 2015



Be the answer to Adi's prayer this Christian Aid Week.

This Christian Aid Week, you can help transform the lives of women like Adi.

From 10–16 May, churches the length and breadth of Britain and Ireland will come together to pray, campaign and raise money to improve the lives of people like Adi.

Every year, 100,000 volunteers demonstrate God's love for the poor by taking part in house-to-house collections for Christian Aid.

Adi was left with no cattle and just one sheep after her husband died. She and her children were eating just once a day, and very little even then. Between the produce from the cow and loans from a self-help group Adi now buys and sells food for a profit. Adi is building a shop and building a future.



Just £5.00 could give others like Adi a loan to start her own business buying and selling tea and coffee, freeing her from her desperate task and allowing her to spend more time caring for her family.

**WE NEED COLLECTORS FOR OUR AREA!
IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT
EAMONN DIVER ON 01525 721 257
YOU ONLY NEED TO DO YOUR OWN
STREET!**

Circle of Prayer for April – The Consecrated Life

Jesus Our Saviour, Incarnate Word, as You have entrusted Your own way of life to those whom You have called, continue to draw to Yourself men and women who will be, for the people of our time, dispensers of mercy, heralds of Your return, living signs of the Resurrection and of its treasures of virginity, poverty and obedience.

