

# newsletter



18 and 19 October 2014

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of 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	18 October	6.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
Sunday	19 October	9.00 am	Sacred Heart Church	Alan Russell, RIP
		11.00 am	Sacred Heart Church	Anna Sweeney, RIP
		5.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions – Latin Mass
Monday	20 October	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Special Intentions
Tuesday	21 October	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
Wednesday	22 October	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	23 October	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
Friday	24 October	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions

## *A Reflection by Fr. Denis*

In the gospel we are told that Jesus' enemies want to trap Him. The Pharisees and the Herodians test Him with a trick question: 'Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' If Jesus forbids paying taxes to Rome, then He will be charged with sedition; but if He supports such pagan taxation, He will antagonise the people who want to be free of the Roman yoke. Notice that Jesus is not being asked to give some detailed analysis of church–state relations. So how does He react? He asks them for a coin with which the tax is paid. They give Him a denarius, which has the image of Caesar on it. Jesus Himself has no such coin, but they do and we presume they would have used it to pay tax. So Jesus silences them by telling them to give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar. And then He states the more important principle: give back to God what belongs to God – which is everything. Jesus recognises there are some areas the state can deal with but only as long as they do not contradict God's law.



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

*Fr. Denis writes ...*

The attraction of capital cities has never been higher, especially in the developing world. Year by year their populations increase as ambitious young people seek the satisfaction, wealth and prosperity that elude them in remote rural settings. But often they are disappointed, failing to find employment, or falling in to hardship.

Jerusalem was the major city of the Holy Land in the time of

Jesus. It had been founded by King David; and the

Temple, where God's dwelling was believed to be, dominated it. Luke

began and ended the story of his gospel in Jerusalem, and a major part of his gospel is centred on Jesus' journey to the city.

Tradition spoke of Wisdom making her home there. It was the scene of much prophetic activity. But Jesus was under no illusions of what He would find on His arrival. He knew that the city had rejected the prophets who had been sent to it. And this was tragic; He pictured Himself as a mother bird with her chicks. But this bird would perish and the city would be left desolated when in AD 70 Roman armies destroyed it, as Jesus warned the daughters of Jerusalem as He carried His cross to Calvary.



The lament of Jesus over Jerusalem demonstrates His awareness of, and

sympathy with, human failure and sadness. But this did not dampen His determination to continue His mission: 'today, tomorrow and the next day I must go on.' He offers an example of perseverance and commitment, for us not only to admire but also to imitate.

## INFORMATION

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday mornings from 11.00 am to 11.30 am, please see newsletter for changes.

### 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 like 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 £587.15; which exceeded the amount needed to meet the parish running costs.

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, **18 and 19 October** for our celebration of Mission Sunday. Our prayers



and our donations mean that we share in the mission of Jesus by supporting the thousands of missionaries who put their lives at the service of God's people. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using the envelopes at the back of the church.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE FOR NEW PARENTS



The next baptism preparation classes will be held on Saturdays **1 and 8 November**, starting at 10.00 am for one hour in the hall at the back of the church.

The parish encourages 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.

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



### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Come along for a time of informal praise and worship, intercession and prayer ministry. Our next meeting is on **5 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 **27 October** 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 18 and 19 October.

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Pat Rees	Pat Crowe	Victoria Basterfield
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Suzanne Yates	Siobhan Campbell	Bernadette Basterfield
Eucharistic	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Pat King	Jane Crow	Tony Davis
Driver			John Gallagher

#### Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 25 and 26 October

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Noreen Weighell	Marion McClurg	Una McAlinden
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Judith Latham	Dermott Whelan	C./H. Davies
Eucharistic	Helen Burgess	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Helen Wilson	Carlos Rincon	Anne Gadsden
Driver		Marion McClurg	





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### Good News, Great Joy

It's that time again, time to fill a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child.

Shoebboxes need to be returned to the back of the church or to Clare Bevan by **2 November**. Leaflets advising what and what not to put in your box are available in the church porch. Thanking you once again for your support.



### CAN YOU MAKE TIME TO PRAY FOR MY SCHOOL?

If so, please join us on Monday **3 November** at Bromham Baptist Church, 7.15 pm\* till 9.00 pm.

*Coffee, cake, worship, updates, and a focussed 30-minute prayer time.*

This is open to anyone – particularly parents – so that you can find out what our workers are doing in your child's school and be part of the prayer adventure!

If 48 people turn up to pray for half an hour, that is a total of 24 hours of prayer! Can you help make it happen?

\*Short of time? Come at 8.00 pm and you will not miss the



Christmas cards, Advent calendars, etc. will be on sale after all Masses the weekends of **1 and 2 November** and **8 and 9 November**.

Diaries for 2015 are available on top of the repository cupboard.



### Circle of Prayer for October – Young People

Dear Lord, many of our children and young people have never heard the truth that they are made in God's image. We pray for protection for the most vulnerable: for those who struggle with eating disorders, who become addicted to drugs, alcohol and immorality, may they come to know You as their Lord and Saviour.



### RECHECKING DBS/CRB CLEARANCES

We have a lot of people who assist the parish in so many ways and many of them require a check to ensure that all children and any adult in a vulnerable situation are never at risk. These checks need to be updated regularly, and following a period of procedural change it is now possible to resume our programme of rechecks.

So calling all those people whose CRB checks date from 2009, 2010 and 2011 – your time has come. I have a complete list of all the people who need to be checked so if you have forgotten the date of your last check or (perish the thought) have mislaid your certificate, just give me a ring on 01525 406 810.

For a recheck, you will need to complete three forms, the new DBS application form (DBS is the new CRB), a self-declaration form and a form to support your proof of identity. I will also need to see and photocopy three pieces of evidence to confirm your identity, e.g. passport, driving licence, birth certificate. A much longer list can be made available.

I will be available after the 6.00pm, 9.00am and 11.00 am Masses on the weekend of **8 and 9 November** to help with this process and complete the forms with you.

If you have any questions to ask, please get in touch. If you are no longer carrying out the work for which you were cleared and do not need to be rechecked, I would very much appreciate a call so I don't have to chase you. If you won't be at Mass that weekend, again get in touch, please. There are 24 people who come into the category of requiring rechecks on this occasion so letting me know about things is vital.

Finally, I will have the forms ready very soon so if you want to make a start before the set weekend, get in touch – I know who you are.

Many thanks in advance,

John Flanagan.