

# newsletter



19 and 20 August 2017

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time – 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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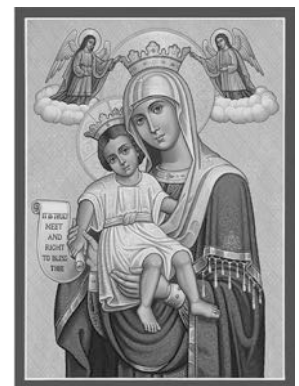


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## Feast of the Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary – 22 August

The feast of Mary's Queenship falls one week after the feast of her Assumption. On 15 August we celebrated the fourth glorious mystery of the rosary, and today we celebrate the fifth (Mary being crowned as the Queen of heaven and earth). These two feasts of Mary are connected, and teach us about who Mary our Mother is.

Mary being assumed, body and soul, into heaven is really nothing other than her share in the Resurrection of Jesus: her body and soul sharing in the glory of her Son's Resurrection. This is something that we all look forward to sharing at the end of time. Mary has received the fullness of everything that Jesus promises. The humble handmaiden has been made radiant; Mary is the queen standing at Christ's right hand, clothed in gold, as one of the Psalms says. All of Mary's limits have been removed. All her weaknesses have been cured. We speak to Mary with the honour due to a queen, because she is the first of the disciples to pass body and soul into the palace of the king.



St John writes in his First Epistle that we do not know what we will look like in heaven, because we will become like Jesus in his Resurrection: almost glowing. Mary has already undergone that change. She looks on the beauty of God's face not just through her soul, as all the saints do, but with her own eyes. This is what we mean by her queenship: she is the Queen Mother of all the faithful, because she was perfectly faithful, and the first who will be admitted body and soul into heaven.

Adapted from <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org>

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

Sunday Mass time will change to 9.00 am from 3 September.

# Questions about the Future of the Parish

## With only one Mass on a Sunday in the future, where will I park?

You are right to be concerned about the capacity of our parking space. We are not permitted to use the space around the church to expand our parking capacity – due to planning and traffic restrictions. **HOWEVER**, with some creative thinking and the cooperation of the Flitwick Lower School we will be providing additional car parking, within 5 minutes walk from the church. We would encourage all those able to take advantage of this additional space.

To ensure that the car parking is used in the most appropriate way we will need to make the onsite parking for **Visitors and Permit Holders Only**. These permits will give priority to the disabled, frail, elderly and those with other needs. Apart from visitors ALL of the remainder of the parish community will be encouraged to use the school car park or elsewhere, walk to church and find other ways to limit their need to park in the vicinity of the church. We know this is inconvenient. If you have particular needs, or you have any ideas on practical ways to improve parking, please get in touch with Deacon Philip.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Macmillan Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart Church Friday **29 September** immediately after 9.30 am Mass.



### Sacred Heart Flitwick 100 CLUB

The latest draw took place on 13 August. The winners were

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Leatherland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> David Keenliside
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Anne McCann

### BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE FOR NEW PARENTS

The next baptism preparation classes will be held on Saturdays **26 August and 2 September**, starting at 10.00 am for one hour in the St Francis Suite. 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.



### THE ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT

#### *Celtic Journeys*

Exploring with St Brendan and the Celtic saints  
**Saturday 16 September**  
**9.30 am to 3.30 pm**  
**at Buckden Towers**



Reserve the date in your diary and registration leaflets are now available.

Space on the retreat is limited to 20 people. Donation for the day £10.00 – pay on the day – bring a shared lunch.

### SUMMER PARISH BRUNCH

We are holding a late-summer barbeque and family day on Sunday **10 September** after 9.00 am Mass. Tickets are £5.00 per person and £12.00 per family. These will be available after all Masses.



**BOOK CLUB – NEXT MEETING**  
**Thursday 21 September at 7.30 pm**  
(in Ros Penn's home)

New members made very welcome and we will chat about this next book. Tea and coffee and snacks will be available. The next book is *Impressions of Jesus* by Denis McBride



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

We are looking forward to starting our Sacramental programme soon.

If your child is in Year 2 she/he is ready to start Reconciliation on 12 November.

If your child is in Year 3 and completed the Reconciliation program, the Communion program will start on 25 February 2018. Both programs will run every week after the Sunday Mass.

Post-Communion will run alongside both classes fortnightly.

It is **vital** to register for these programmes, please email [sacrament@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk](mailto:sacrament@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk) to receive enrolment paperwork. Please make sure you include your child's Year in September 2017.



## CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

This group will be meet again on **6 September**.

Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **11 September**

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



## MOTHERS' PRAYERS

will meet again in September. New members are welcome to join us in September to prayer for their families.



## PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, 26 AND 27 AUGUST, FOR PETER'S PENCE.

Through the Peter's Pence Collection, we unite with the Holy Father as he reaches out to our brothers and sisters suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. We stand in solidarity with Catholics all over the world to support the charitable works and outreach of the Holy See.



In Pope Francis, we have a joyful witness of charity. By supporting this collection, we can experience more fully how 'mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope' (MV, no. 10).

The Peter's Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth-century England, King Alfred the Great collected money, a 'penny', from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease.

Adapted from <http://www.saintpats.org>

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



We welcome Chloe, daughter of Neshiel and Paul Jepps, who will be baptised into the Catholic community on Saturday.



We ask the parish to pray for her and her family on this special day, and wish her and her family all God's blessings on their journey of faith.

Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 12 and 13 August the total was £357.18. With thanks, Finance Committee.

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR AUGUST – PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

We pray for all those who suffer persecution. Almighty God, who has taught us through your Son, Jesus Christ, that those who follow him may be persecuted: strengthen, comfort and encourage all those who suffer harassment, violence, imprisonment and even death for being followers of Jesus. Amen



## INFORMATION

### CONFESSION

Confession will be on Saturday evening at 5.30 pm and THIS Wednesday at 7.15 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](mailto: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 like to join us or want 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](mailto: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	19 August	6.00 pm	Private Intentions
Sunday	20 August	11.00 am	Derek and Gentile Rathbone, Anniversary, RIP
Monday	21 August	9.30 am	Intentions of Ciara and Aaron Gallagher
Tuesday	22 August	9.30 am	Fr. Nathaniel's day off
Wednesday	23 August	7.30 pm	Margaret Calanan, Recently Deceased, RIP
Thursday	24 August	9.30 am	Mary Millin, Recently Deceased, RIP
Friday	25 August	9.30 am	Intentions of the Penn Family

**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, 19 and 20 August

Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Judith Latham	Kate Mansford
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Alison Braniff	Ann Leatherland
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	Jane Crow	Anne Gadsden
Driver		Louis Chadwick

### Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 26 and 27 August

Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Siobhan Campbell	Pat Rees
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Maggie Dullaghan	Una McAlinden
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	Helen Wilson	Catherine Davies
Driver		Kate Mansford