

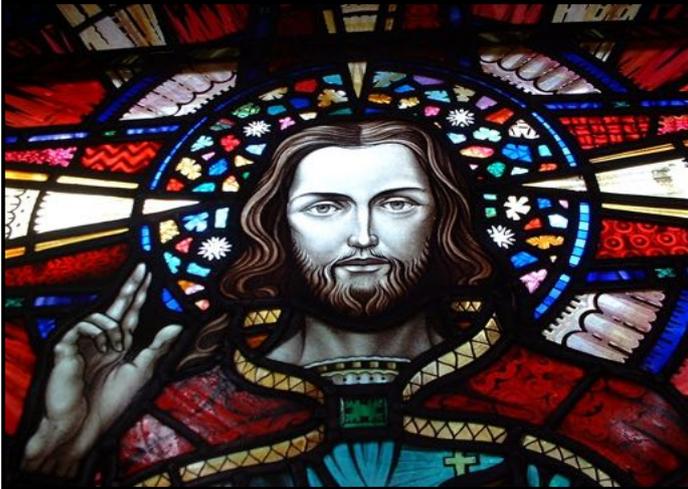


newsletter



19 and 20 November

Feast of Christ the King



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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The Feast of Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King is, as Catholic feasts go, a relatively recent one. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, to remind Catholics (and the world generally) that Jesus Christ is Lord of the Universe, both as God and as Man.

Pius XI announced the feast in his encyclical *Quas Primas*, which was delivered on 11 December 1925. At the end of the encyclical, he declared that he expected three blessings to flow from the celebration of the feast: first, that 'men will doubtless be reminded that the Church, founded by Christ as a perfect society, has a natural and inalienable right to perfect freedom and immunity from the power of the state'; second, that 'Nations will be reminded by the annual celebration of this feast that not only private individuals but also rulers and princes are bound to give public honour and obedience to Christ'; third, that 'The faithful, moreover, by meditating upon these truths, will gain much strength and courage, enabling them to form their lives after the true Christian ideal'.



In *Quas Primas*, Pius XI established the celebration of the feast on the last Sunday of the month of October – the Sunday, that is, which immediately precedes the Feast of All Saints. He tied it to All Saints Day because before celebrating the triumph of all the saints, we proclaim and extol the glory of him who triumphs in all the saints and in all the Elect. With the revision of the Church's liturgical calendar in 1969, however, Pope Paul VI moved the Feast of Christ the King to the final Sunday of the liturgical year, that is, the last Sunday before the First Sunday of Advent. As such, it is a moveable feast; the date changes every year.

<http://catholicism.about.com/>

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.

Deacon Philip will be happy to tell you more about how to request a Mass.

Sacred Heart Flitwick 100 CLUB

The latest draw took place on 13 November and the lucky winners were first, **Ros Penn** second **Maria Shaw** and third **Una McAlinden**.

We welcome Harry, son of Donna and Christopher Bailey, who will be baptised into the Catholic community this Sunday.

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



ASSISI PILGRIMAGE REUNION Saturday 3 December 2016

12.00 noon

St Francis Suite

We will have light refreshments and a presentation of our Pilgrimage journey together for you to enjoy...



What next...? Please let us know your interest for our next pilgrimage in 2018. This will help us to plan in more detail the level of interest in the places of pilgrimage that YOU would like to visit.

If you would like information on this or our previous pilgrimages or our next Pilgrimage in 2018 then please talk to Ros Penn on 01525 715936 or speak to Deacon Philip on 07711 953 926.

*Looking forward to meeting you all again!
Past Pilgrims of previous Parish Pilgrimages are most welcome to join the Assisi Pilgrims Reunion*



We congratulate Flitwick Methodist Church who is celebrating its 143rd anniversary this Sunday 20 November. Please remember all their parishioners in your prayers.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY ENDS

This Sunday we will celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This day also marks the conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in Rome, but we celebrated its conclusion last Sunday in our diocese.

How does anyone judge the success of a Jubilee Year? Certainly the Vatican can point to the several international pilgrimages Pope Francis made during this year. Literally millions of people have themselves made the pilgrimage to Rome to see and hear the Holy Father and walk through the Holy Door of St Peter Basilica. Untold millions have journeyed to Holy Doors of cathedrals, chapels and shrines in their own diocese.

But more importantly are the spiritual exercises known only to God conducted by Catholics and other Christians. These include the gift of plenary indulgences offered to the faithful who received Holy Communion, made a confession, and prayed for the Holy Father and his intentions.

How many souls were re-awakened to the challenges and joys of performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy?

We at Sacred Heart had an official pilgrimage to the Holy Door at our cathedral and many parishioners have visited a number of other Holy Doors. We had our wonderful pilgrimage to Assisi and a number of other activities for this year.

Now this Jubilee Year is over, may we revel in the superabundance of God's mercy. May the blessings and joy of God's ineffable mercy come to us because of our experiences of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.



JUBILEE
YEAR of Mercy

DECEMBER 8, 2015 - NOVEMBER 20, 2016

THE GIVING TREE

As usual, the first Sunday in Advent will see the appearance of the SVP Giving Tree in our church. The stickers that cover it bear the name of an item needed at the Prebend Day Centre in Bedford to support the homeless and rootless. If you can help, please take some of the stickers, purchase the items named and return them to the church by Monday 12 December.



The items we are seeking are toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, shaving foam and gel, disposable razors, shampoo and shower gel. We would also like men's pants and ladies' knickers, along with socks, scarves, hats and gloves. In the food line we would like some tins of corned beef, packets of biscuits and small bars of chocolate.

When buying items, please avoid expensive ones – value- and store-own brands are much better and are less likely to be stolen from the recipients; not a nice thought but a real one when we want to help those in need hang on to the few possessions they might have.

Thanks in advance for your generosity. Everything that you give will reach those in need in time for Christmas.

We thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 12 and 13 November the total was £466.92; this is £83.08 less than what is needed to meet the parish running costs. The second collection was £335.60. With thanks, Finance Committee.

22 November – Feast of St Cecilia

St Cecilia is the patron of musicians. It is written that as the musicians played at her wedding she 'sang in her heart to the Lord'. Her feast day is celebrated on 22 November 22. She is one of seven women, excluding the



Blessed Virgin, commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass.

While the details of her story appear to be fictional, her existence and martyrdom are considered a historical fact. She is said to have been beheaded with a sword. An early Roman Christian church, Santa Cecilia, was founded in the fourth century in the Trastevere section of Rome, reputedly on the site of the house in which she lived. A number of musical compositions are dedicated to her, and her feast day became the occasion for concerts and musical festivals.

On this day we pray for all our musicians and singers who enhance our celebration of the Mass.

Adapted from <https://en.wikipedia.org>

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on **7 December** 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 **28 November** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For more information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



MOTHERS' PRAYERS

will meet on **28 November**. New members will be made very welcome; ring Sue Barley for more information on 01525 634186. The meeting is held at 80 George Street, Maulden.



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



We welcome Fr. Michael Ajayi who will be staying in the presbytery until 3 December. Fr. Michael is the Vicar General of the Diocese of Ilorin, which is inland in the south west of Nigeria. Fr. Michael will say Mass every day while he is here. See newsletter for Mass times.

Don't forget the £1 in the bottle for St Francis Suite!



Circle of Prayer for November – The Victims of Conflict and War

God of compassion, look in mercy on all who suffer the terrors of war: the anguished, the frightened; the pained; all who are wounded, all who mourn; and all who have lost home or livelihood. May they know respite, relief, and hope.



INFORMATION

CONFESSION

Confession will be on Saturday evening at 5.30 pm and THIS Wednesday at 7.00 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

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 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 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.

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 November	6.00 pm	Deceased of the Brophy, Byrne and Doody families
Sunday	21 November	11.00 am	Deceased of the Attard family
Monday	21 November	9.30 am	Intentions of Eric Johnson who is ill
Tuesday	22 November	9.30 am	All the deceased remembered in our Holy Souls basket
Wednesday	23 November	7.30 pm	Deceased of the Dullaghan, McNamara and Taylor families
Thursday	24 November	9.30 am	All the deceased remembered in our Holy Souls basket
Friday	25 November	9.30 am	Deceased of the Rincon family

Newsletter copy deadline – Tuesday midday. Newsletter contact: Suzanne Yates; 01525 840 661; suz_yates@btinternet.com

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week, 19 and 20 November		
Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 st Reading	Noreen Weighell	Bernadette Basterfield
2 nd Reading	Suzanne Yates	Victoria Basterfield
Eucharistic Minister	Don Perrett	Martin Stynes
Eucharistic Minister	Jane Crow	Grace McKenna
Driver		Kate Mansford
Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 26 and 27 November		
Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 st Reader	Michael Burgess	Una McAlinden
2 nd Reader	Judith Latham	Kate Mansford
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Peter Hyde	Deacon Peter Hyde
Eucharistic Minister	Helen Burgess	Anne Gadsden
Driver		William Doyle