

# newsletter



20 and 21 September 2014

25<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	20 September	6.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
Sunday	21 September	9.00 am	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
		11.00 am	Sacred Heart Church Deceased Members of Fabi family
		5.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions – Latin Mass
Monday	22 September	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
Tuesday	23 September	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
Wednesday	24 September	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	25 September	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
		7.30 pm	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions – Latin Mass
Friday	26 September	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions

## *A Reflection by Fr. Denis*

Envy and greed are self-centred. They lead us to want as much as possible for ourselves, and to think that what another has is something I should have. It is true that such a world view often emerges from our own sense of emptiness. Not having any sense of our fulfilment, we look elsewhere to fill the gap, but the gap is never filled. Instead we can look to the Lord and His teachings, for His grace and His guidance

reveal a way forward in the labyrinth. The move to a greater generosity of spirit and a delight in what others achieve and have is a major step forward in human and spiritual growth. If we can do that, we can break the vicious circle of envy and become fully alive in the kingdom of God.



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

*Fr. Denis writes ...*

St Francis of Assisi and his devoted follower, Masseo, were at a crossroads. Which way did God want them to go in order to preach the gospel? One road led to Siena and the other to Arezzo, but which road did God want them to follow? Francis told Masseo to spin around 'like a top'



until he fell. Francis instructed him to stand up and repeat the process. Dizzy and feeling thoroughly sick, this time Masseo dropped to the ground, his head pointed in the direction of Siena. They set off in that direction.

Jesus told a man to follow Him and, presumably, set off in a certain direction. The details of his following might have been complicated: we are told of one prospective follower who wanted to say goodbye to his family and of another who wanted to bury his father. These

seem perfectly good and justifiable reasons. What Jesus was trying to tell people was that there can be no half-hearted measures in following Him. Reaching the kingdom of God requires wholehearted commitment.



Discernment is not always easy and straightforward. Many people tussle with genuine difficulties as they attempt to discover the way in which God is calling them. They have given themselves heart and soul to God, but strive to find their vocation within their primary Christian vocation. St Francis' method was unorthodox but it led to restoring peace in troubled Siena. What is God asking of me? Is my road sometimes unclear? How could I gain a better sense of direction?

## 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>

The offertory collection for 13 and 14 September was £449.43.  
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.

**BOOK CLUB NOTICE – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This will be on Thursday **9 October** at 7.30 pm  
Our next book is *Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom*, by John O'Donohue

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS** meet fortnightly and our next meeting is on Tuesday, **23 September** 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 BBQ last Sunday, 14 September was a great success with over 70 people attending. Thank you to all who help to make this event so enjoyable.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

If you have a child in school years 1 to 5 there will be a short explanation after all Masses THIS weekend **20 and 21 September** detailing the 3 groups that lead to them receiving the sacraments of reconciliation and Holy Communion. If your child has not yet started the 3-year programme, please register by emailing [firstholycommunion@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk](mailto:firstholycommunion@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk). If you have any questions please contact Deacon Philip or Debbie Lewis.



**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

Our next meeting is on **1 October** 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.



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **22 September** 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 20 and 21 September.**

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Judith Latham	Siobhan Campbell	Victoria Basterfield
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	John Flanagan	Pat Crowe	Bernadette Basterfield
Eucharistic	Pat King	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Don Perrett	Martin Stynes	Tony Davis
Driver		Kate Mansford	

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 27 and 28 September**

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Angela Bartlett	Dermott Whelan	Martin Paterson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Pat Rees	Kate Mansford	Martin Brennan
Eucharistic	Noreen Weighell	Jane Crow	Nicky Paterson
Eucharistic	Helen Wilson	Anne Gadsden	Hilary Brennan
Driver		Louis Chadwick	





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### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Macmillan Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart Church Friday **26 September** immediately after 9.30 am Mass.

### PLEASE COME ALONG

If would you like to donate a raffle prize or volunteer to bake a cake, please contact Anne Gadsden on 07432 595 057.



Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend **20 and 21 September** for those unable to attend on the day to contribute to this good cause.

### Santiago de Compostela Pilgrims Reunion

Sunday 5 October 2014

2.30 pm

Sacred Heart Parish Hall

We will have 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 2016.

To help us to plan in more detail we need to know the level of interest in the places of pilgrimage that YOU would like to visit.

### Any questions?

If you would like more information on this last pilgrimage or our next pilgrimage in 2016 then please talk to Ros Penn on 01525 715 936 or email [rospenn@googlemail.com](mailto:rospenn@googlemail.com) or speak to Deacon Philip on 07780 687 452.

Looking forward to meeting you all again!



### HOME MISSION SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2014

*Supporting outreach to non-churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics*

This year's theme:  
Evangelisation 'in the heart of the family'

Many children and young people will never see their parents receive the sacraments. Every Catholic who goes to Mass knows someone who currently is distant from the family of the faith – the parish community. On **21 September 2014** the Catholic bishops of England and Wales ask that Home Mission Sunday is celebrated in every parish to invite prayer and support for the work of evangelisation. Please pray for and help the bishops to develop new ways to reach out to non-churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics by supporting the second collection. For more information, free resources and to donate online: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms14](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms14) #hms14 Thank you for your support and do pick up a free prayer and information card about Home Mission Sunday as you leave church on **21 September**.

### SVP CONFERENCE MASS is on Friday 26 September at 9.30

am. Please join us if you can in this celebration of thanksgiving for the past year's work. Join us afterwards at the *Macmillan Coffee Morning* which we are supporting.



### Circle of Prayer for September – Home mission

Lord Jesus, increase in us a desire to live the good news of the gospel in our homes our workplace our communities. May others come to know Your unending love and mercy through the actions of our lives. May Your love be upon us O Lord as we place all our trust in You.

