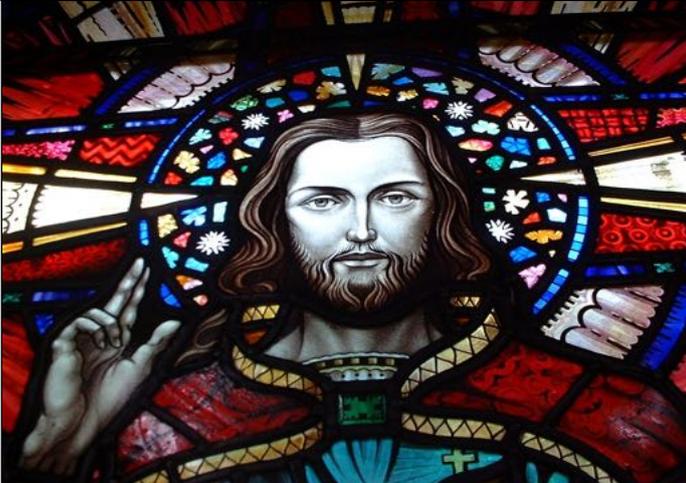


newsletter



21 and 22 February 2015

1st Sunday of Lent, 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



Saturday	21 February	6.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church Bernadette Corrigan, RIP
Sunday	22 February	9.00 am	Sacred Heart Church Jane Keefe, RIP
		11.00 am	Sacred Heart Church Natasha Watson, RIP
		5.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions – Latin Mass
Monday	23 February	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Service of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	24 February	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church No Service
Wednesday	25 February	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	26 February	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church No Service
Friday	27 February	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Service of the Word and Communion

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Friday 27 February is this year's CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Storms, droughts and floods are having a devastating impact on our poorest brothers and sisters around the world right now.

CAFOD works with local expert organisations to ensure affected people are not only able to survive, but to thrive.

CAFOD
Just one world



Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week, and don't forget to hold your fast on Lent Fast Day!

There is good news: the UK Government has promised to match every pound and penny you give this Lent, up to the value of £3.5m.

Please give as much as you can in next week's collection, so that long-term, deep-rooted devastation from extreme weather doesn't become a fact of life.

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

Fr. Denis writes ...

On 23 February 1976, the English painter, L.S. Lowry, died. He painted scenes of mills and houses in the industrial towns of Manchester and Salford, painting in a simple, almost child-like way. He portrayed enormous factories and smoking chimneys that surrounded people whom he showed as small, stick-like figures. Lowry said of himself: 'I'm a simple man, and I use simple materials.' A song was written about Lowry and his paintings, called 'Matchstalk Men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs'.



Thinking of the 'little people' whom Lowry painted, we are reminded that if others saw anyone in the gospels as 'small' or 'insignificant', Jesus made them 'walk tall'.

Zacchaeus lived in Jericho. He was a small man who wanted others to look up to him, and he hoped to gain importance as a tax collector. As Jesus walked along the road,



crowds stood around Him, and the small Zacchaeus could not see. He ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to make himself look bigger. As Jesus moved along, He not only looked at Zacchaeus, but

also called him by his name. Jesus arranged to eat in his house that night, showing the crowd that, whilst *they* had an attitude of rejecting Zacchaeus, He did not.

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 7 and 8 February the total was £785.39; this is £235.39 more than the amount we need 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.

RED BOX ANNUAL COLLECTION

Pat King will be collecting the contents of the Red Boxes before each Mass continuing this weekend **21 and 22 February**.



Those with boxes should have received their envelopes, but if not please phone 01525 402 598

MOTHERS' PRAYERS meet fortnightly and our next meeting is on Tuesday **24 February** 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.



CAFOD Fast day prayer

Creator God, Who made our beautiful world,
appointed us as its guardians
and gifted us with everything we need,
forgive us
for the times we cause it harm;
for the times our way of life
affects our neighbours.



Inspire us
to care for the environment;
to help rebuild lives and communities;
to share in the griefs and anxieties,
joys and hopes of all Your people,
so that all Your creation may flourish.

Amen.

Stephen Davies/CAFOD

To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1:79

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We will not meet till after Easter so that members of the group can go to the Exploring the Bible sessions. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654 for information.



The next meeting of the sewing group will be on **23 February** 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

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week 21 and 22 February

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 st Reader	Adrian Hamilton	Pat Crowe	Una McAlinden
2 nd Reader	Angela Bartlett	Kate Mansford	Sue Barley
Eucharistic	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Helen Wilson	Carlos Rincon	Grace McKenna
Driver		Louis Chadwick	

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 28 February and 1 March

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 st Reader	Christine Jackson	Alison Braniff	Bernadette Basterfield
2 nd Reader	Pat Rees	Maggie Dullaghan	Victoria Basterfield
Eucharistic	Don Perrett	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Pat King	Myriam Rincon M	Clare Bevan
Driver		Marion McClurg	



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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN OUR LENTEN PROGRAMME?

- **Monday 23 February** – The sewing group are leading the Stations of the Cross at 2.00 pm – All Welcome
- **Wednesday 25 February** – Session three of the Bible Timeline course at 7.30 pm
- **Thursday 26 February** – PMG are leading the Stations of the Cross at 7.30 pm – All Welcome

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 6 MARCH

The theme this year is:
Jesus said to them, Do you know what I have done to you?



The order of service has been written by Christian women from The Bahamas and translated into over 1000 different languages and dialects.

The local church services will be:
10.30 am at Ampthill Methodist Church
7.30 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Flitwick

Everyone is welcome to attend the service, men, women – people of all ages.

EXPLORING THE BIBLE Continues this Wednesday 25 February until 25 March (8 weeks)

Featuring the acclaimed Bible TimeLine programme in use in parishes across the country.

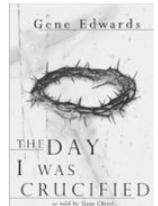


For details of the programme please see the posters and leaflets in church.

Tea and coffee at 7.30 pm
Session from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm

BOOK CLUB DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday **5 March 2015**
at 7.30 pm at Ros Penn's home (Refreshments served)



Our next book is *The Day I was Crucified as told by Jesus the Christ* by Gene Edwards

New members are very welcome to this informal gathering to have a chat about the books we read, if you feel like joining us, please purchase the book in paperback or download to your Kindle or tablet. If you want any further information, please contact Ros at rospenn@gmail.com or call her on 07545 705 543.

SOUP FOR SUDAN RETURNS

Once again the SVP invite you to their Lenten Lunch on Tuesday **10 March** for a simple meal of soup and a bread roll. Put it in your diary and then come along between 12 midday and 1.30 pm – and bring a friend.



As always there is no charge but all donations will go to the SVP Sudan Baby Feeding Project, which still needs our support.

Circle of Prayer for February – For Education



We pray for those in our community who work in education, whether in schools, in colleges or in the local education authority. When education feels like an uncertain and unpredictable place to be, we pray that they'll sense the presence of Jesus, stilling their doubts, stirring their faith and breathing fresh life into their work.