

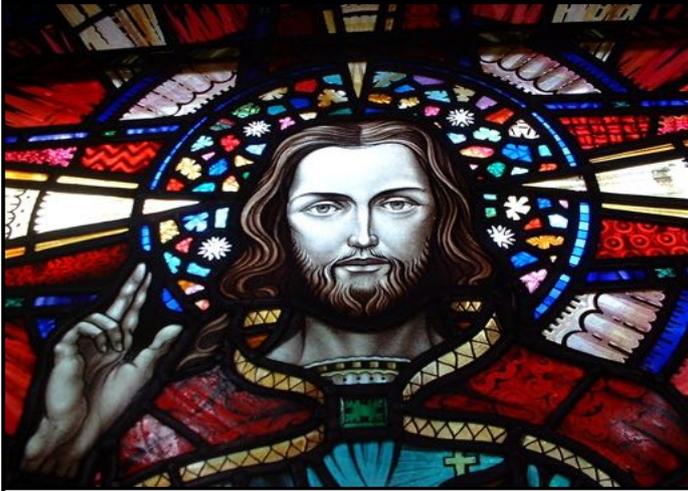


newsletter



22 and 23 October 2016

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C



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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Fourth Corporal Works of Mercy – Shelter the Homeless

'The Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head' (Mt 8:20). Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, was born in a borrowed manger, had no fixed address once he began his public ministry, and was buried in another man's grave.

The news makes us aware of the plight of millions of refugees driven from their homes by war, but homelessness is literally also right on our doorstep.

Because the problem is perennial, there is a danger that, like the rich man in the parable, we no longer see the Lazarus we practically have to step over.

This corporal work of mercy forces us to open our eyes to the misery of those who, for a variety of reasons, have no place they can call home. We do not allow dogs or cats to stray on our streets, but we become numb to the fate of our own brothers and sisters.

Faith communities, including the Catholic Church, make efforts to provide shelter for the homeless. These initiatives deserve our financial support and, if possible, our volunteer efforts. Along with providing a temporary roof over their heads, we need to help those homeless who are able to do so to get back on their

feet and accompany them on the difficult path that leads to the dignity of being able to afford a place to stay. Whenever possible, we should give a hand up as well as a handout. We should also encourage efforts to provide for affordable housing throughout our country.



Even as we grapple as a society and Church with the overarching challenge of homelessness, there still are those

poor individuals we encounter every day who, like the Son of Man, have nowhere to lay their head. Some of them suffer from serious mental illness and are beyond the help of any but those with professional training. But a kind word, and some spare change, can brighten their day. The patron of parish priests, St John Vianney, was told that a beggar to whom he gave frequent assistance was in fact not poor at all; he answered, 'You never lose when you give to God'.

This work of mercy also invites to ask ourselves how hospitable we are. Do we make of our home a place where guests feel welcome and cherished? Do we create an environment where those who are not literally homeless but feel adrift and isolated find a welcome?

Adapted from <http://jubileeofmercy-eb.org>

The Glorious Mysteries – Thursday 27 October at 7.30 pm

The Glorious Mysteries are the crown of Jesus' triumphs. How exhilarating to know that Jesus is God and that he rose from the dead thereby destroying death and making you an heir to heaven. Reminding yourself of these glorious events in the Glorious Mysteries as you pray the rosary prayer, will keep your faith alive and strong. The Catholic rosary prayers are concluded with these final glorious events. Jesus' resurrection is the foundation of Christian belief. These mysteries will be led by Deacon Philip.

After the Resurrection of Jesus, he ascended into heaven. There he now sits at the right hand of God the Father. He sent the Holy Spirit to strengthen humankind. He took his Mother, body and soul up to heaven then crowned her as queen of heaven and earth.

- The Resurrection of Jesus – Three days after Jesus is crucified, he rises gloriously from the dead.
- The Ascension of Jesus into heaven – After promising to send a helper, Jesus ascends into heaven upon a cloud.
- The Descent of the Holy Spirit – The promised helper, descends on the apostle and Mary and appears as tongues of fire on the first Pentecost.
- The Assumption – Mary is taken into heaven, body and soul.
- Coronation of Mary – Jesus crowns Mary as queen of heaven and earth.

Taken from <http://www.how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com/glorious-mysteries.html>

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. This is why the Church begins November with the feast day of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls.

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.

Use the slip, which is part of the leaflet available at all Masses, to record the names of your family, friends and acquaintances you wish to be remembered in prayer throughout the month of November.

Place the slip in the basket provided in the sanctuary, where it will remain throughout the month. All of the names will be dedicated to our prayers at the Mass of Commemoration All Souls to be celebrated on Wednesday **2 November** at 9.30 am and 10.15 am.

Memorial Masses for the Dead

It is traditional in the Church for families to request a Mass for the deceased members of their families and for their deceased friends.

Envelopes are provided in church for you to include a list of their names and to place a Mass offering – the diocese suggests a gift of between £5.00 and £10.00, or as much as you can afford. These should be handed to Deacon Philip who will then arrange Mass for the Intentions listed, and for those requesting the memorial Mass.

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



BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE FOR NEW PARENTS

The next baptism preparation classes will be held on Saturdays **5 and 12 November**, 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.



Sacred Heart Flitwick 100 CLUB

The latest draw took place on 9 October and the lucky winners were first, **Mick Fagan** second **Sue Norman** and third **Brendan Spillane**.

BOOK CLUB – THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.30 PM
at the home of Ros Penn

Contact: rospenn@gmail.com or Deacon Philip.
The next book we have is *Shadows* by Fr. Jimmy Collins

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



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on **2 November** 7.30 pm till 9.30 pm. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654 for information.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR OF MERCY IN NORTHAMPTON THIS WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2016

As part of our continuing celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are holding a pilgrimage to the Holy Door at Northampton Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate and St Thomas of Canterbury.

We are blessed as Bishop Peter will say Mass for us on the occasion of our visit.

We hope that as the pilgrimage has been arranged during half-term, it will allow all the parishioners, young and not so young, to participate in this journey together as a parish.

Please sign up on the poster at the back of church if you wish to join the pilgrimage. Please indicate on the form if you can offer lifts to the cathedral.

On our return from the pilgrimage we will carry back to the parish one of the Lampedusa crosses which is currently in our diocese. We will hold a special evening of prayer on **2 November at 7.30 pm** to remember that all migrants and refugees are our brother and sisters.



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **14 November** (24 Oct cancelled) from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For more information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



MOTHERS' PRAYERS will meet on **24 October**. New members welcome; ring

Sue Barley for more information on 01525 634186. This meeting will be held at 5 Elm Drive, Silsoe, MK45 4EU.



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



There will be a second collection this weekend, **22 and 23 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. Annually, World Mission Sunday is celebrated on the next-to-last Sunday in October. As described by St John Paul II, 'World Mission Sunday is an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world.' You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using the envelopes at the back of the church.



We thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 15 and 16 October the total was £560.30; this is £10.30 more than what is needed to meet the parish running costs.

With thanks, Finance Committee.

Our **Parish dinner** will take place at the Dog and Badger, Maulden on Thursday **24 November**, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Full details and menu to follow.



Classes for pre-communion, for Year 1 children and post-communion, for Years 4 to 7 children, begin on Sunday **6 November** at 10.00 am prior to the 11.00 am mass. An email has been sent to all contacts we have, otherwise please register at:

Traditional Christmas cards, Advent calendars, etc. will be on



sale after Mass this Sunday. Then they will be available after both Masses on **29 and 30 October** and after all Masses in **November**.

Circle of Prayer for October – The Harvest and the Fruits of Human Work

O Lord, good Father, who in your providence has entrusted the earth to the human race, grant, we pray, that with the fruits harvested from it we may be able to sustain life and, with your help, always use them wisely.



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	22 October	6.00 pm	Martin and Phil Kerrigan, on their 50 th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	23 October	11.00 am	Thanksgiving to the Parish from SVP
Monday	24 October	9.30 am	Brian Kidney, RIP
Tuesday	25 October		No Service
Wednesday	26 October	7.30 pm	Con Herlihy, Anniversary, RIP
Thursday	27 October		No Service
Friday	28 October	9.30 am	Jack and Molly Dorney, RIP

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

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week, 22 and 23 October		
Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 st Reading	Judith Latham	Kate Mansford
2 nd Reading	Dee Brady	Grace McAlinden
Eucharistic Minister	John Flanagan	Clare Bevan
Eucharistic Minister	Don Perrett	Hilary Brennan
Driver		David Toland
Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 29 and 30 October		
Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 st Reader	Alison Braniff	Angela Turner
2 nd Reader	Angela Bartlett	Denis Horner
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	Helen Wilson	C./H. Davies
Driver		Ros Penn