

# newsletter



22 and 23 November 2014

Feast of Christ the King, 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	22 November	6.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
Sunday	23 November	9.00 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
		11.00 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
		5.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions – Latin Mass
Monday	24 November	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Service of the Word and Communion
Tuesday	25 November	10.00 am	Sacred Heart Church	Funeral Mass for Mrs Joan Conlon
Wednesday	26 November	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	27 November	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	No Service
		7.30 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions – Latin Mass
Friday	28 November	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Service of the Word and Communion

## THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL!

Pope Francis published his letter on the meaning of the gospels for us in the world today, in late 2013. Our Advent study programme will help us to reflect on his words and ponder how to bring his love and joy of the Word of God alive in our lives and the life of the parish.

**Join us for the next three Tuesday evening reflections!**

We plan to explore the document by focusing on the main 'chapters'. We aim to cover :-

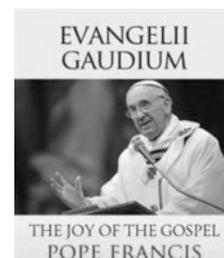
**25 November – Communal Commitment**

**2 December – Social Dimension**

**9 December – Evangelisation and Spirit-Filled Evangelisers**

There will be a short presentation each evening followed by a time of reflection and conversation, to consider the implications of this momentous document in the life of the Church today.

Sessions will begin at 7.45 pm (tea and coffee from 7.30 pm) and finish by 9.45 pm in the parish room at the church.



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

*Fr. Denis writes ...*

As little as a hundred years ago most of the countries in Europe had kings or other royal heads. Russia had the



*Last Czar of Russia*

Czar, Germany the Kaiser and Austria-Hungary the Emperor. They were absolute monarchs who ruled their kingdoms, if not with an iron fist, with

very few constitutional restraints. Then the First World War happened. In fact, that horrendous event was sparked off with the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand. He was gunned down by a Bosnian Serb in Sarajevo in 1913. By the time the war ended in 1918 most of the crown heads of Europe had been toppled. What remained was a handful of constitutional figureheads as in England, Holland and Belgium.

Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year and we go out on a high. It is the feast of Christ the King. Most people imagine that this feast dates from the early Church or at least the days of the Holy Roman Empire. In fact, it was instituted only in the 1920s. The Church decided to give Christ a crown, precisely when most other kings were losing theirs. Of course he was a king. The gospels leave no doubt about that.



### **Notice!**

Fr. Denis would like to thank everyone for all the cards, visits and particularly all the prayers that you have given to, or said for him. Please continue to remember him in your prayers while he recuperates.

### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!**

Flitwick Singers will give a concert at Sacred Heart on **19 December** at 7.30 pm in aid of Chums, a local charity which supports children who experience bereavement.

## **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. Last week the total was £598.03; this is £48.03 more than the amount we need each week to meet the parish running costs and will help us to build up a contingency. The second collection was £116.33.

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.

**THE POST-COMMUNION GROUP**

The Post-Communion group will begin on **30 November**, following 9.00 am Mass, there will be six sessions as follows

- 30 November
- 7 December
- 25 January
- 1 February
- 8 March
- 15 March



The group is run for those who have made First Communion and are possibly in school years 4 to 8 and up to Confirmation.

The group is part of the sacramental programme to support children developing a deeper understanding of their faith in the lead up to Confirmation.

We extend a particular welcome to those who received their First Holy Communion this year.



**MOTHERS' PRAYERS** have suspended their meetings for the moment so as to be able to attend the Joy of the Gospel reflections.

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

We will not be meeting now until the New Year, as many of us are looking forward to attending The Joy of the Gospel reflections.



However, we are arranging a social evening for the group on **17 December**.

Prayer Group contact Nicky Paterson 01525 750654.

**ADVENT HOLY HOUR**

There will be a holy 'hour' on Wednesday **10 December** starting at 7.00 pm and ending with benediction at 8.45 pm. The theme of the evening will be praying for peace between and within peoples all over the world. The evening will begin with a short service of prayer, and then there will be silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.45 pm.



Please put this date in your diary and come along, even if you can only for a few minutes.



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **8 December** 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 22 and 23 November.**

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Michael Burgess	Dermott Whelan	Un McAlinden
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Noreen Weighell	Stephen Russell	Anne Gadsden
Eucharistic	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Helen Burgess	Jane Crow	Catherine Davies
Driver		William Doyle	

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 29 and 30 November**

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Angela Bartlett	Marion McClurg	Angela Turner
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Christine Jackson	Pat Crowe	Martin Brennan
Eucharistic	Helen Wilson	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	John Flanagan	Carlos Rincon	Clare Bevan
Driver			John Gallagher



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## 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.

Use the slip which is part of the leaflet available at the front of the church 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 on the sanctuary, where it will remain throughout the month.

The last collection for the Need Project (Food Bank) will be **12 December** and Christmas



hampers will be distributed the following week.

Everyday groceries are needed, but Christmas puddings, mince pies (check the dates as some go out of date before Christmas), chocolates, children's selection packs, tinned ham, fancy biscuits, tinned cream/evaporated milk and jellies are extra items which add a bit of Christmas cheer. The first collection after Christmas will take place on **9 January**.

Thank you to all who have given so generously over the past year, please continue to support those less fortunate than ourselves as these hampers bring hope to many families. Thank you and Happy Christmas to you.

## Circle of Prayer for November – Prisoners

Lord we pray for all those in prison – let them find You wherever they are. Please comfort, support and protect their families during the period of separation. Let them be reconciled to each other and to You.



## The Return of the SVP Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is back. Once again the SVP is looking for support for the Day Centre in Bedford for the Homeless and Rootless – BeCHaR. On the first two Sundays in Advent the giving tree will appear again.



We are asking you once again to take as many of the stickers from the tree as you can afford and then donate the named articles. There is no need to wrap them, simply put them in the box in the church porch.

As usual, we require socks, boxer shorts, gloves, hats, scarves, antiperspirant, shaving foam, razors, and chocolates. They do not have to be top of the range – basic items are really good.

It would be helpful if all donations could be put in the wire box in foyer, with Foodbank food, by **13 and 14 December** in good time to be delivered for the Christmas Festivities at BeCHaR.

Over the past few years your support has been wonderful – so many thanks in advance.

Yet again, another *THANK YOU* to all our tea and coffee supporters – £100.00 donation was sent to Keech Hospice. Please see certificate on the hatch doors. Many thanks to our stalwart tea- and coffeemakers for giving of their time. Well done!

## Notice to RED BOX HOLDERS from Pat King

It is with great sadness that I relay the news that Fr. Denis Treacy MHM – the Mill Hill Diocesan Organiser for the Diocese of Northampton since 2009, passed away on 18 October 2014. Obituary is on the noticeboard in the church porch. May he rest in peace.

Please remember in your prayers Joan Conlon who died recently. The funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday **25 November** at 10.00 am. This will be followed by a private interment.

