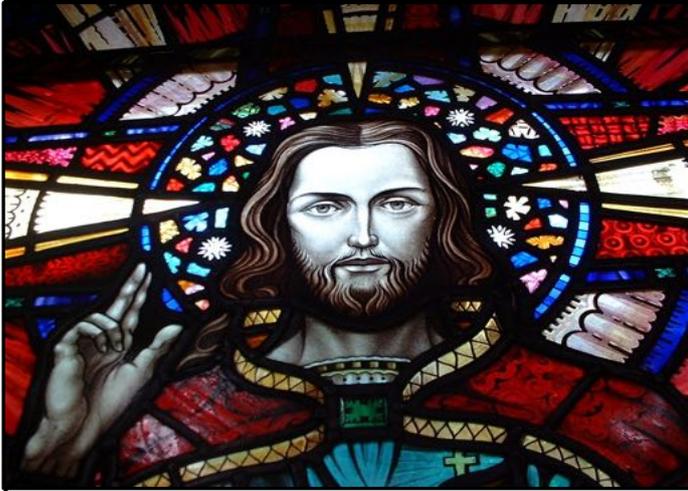


newsletter



23 and 24 September 2017

25th Sunday of Ordinary time – 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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Feast of St Vincent de Paul – 27 September

Born in France in 1581 into a farming family in Pouy, Vincent's initial desire to be a priest was mainly for social advancement and monetary gain. Through a process of careful planning and being in the right place at the right time, Vincent was ordained a priest at the ripe old age of nineteen by an elderly bishop who could barely see or hear.



*St Vincent de Paul
(1581-1660)*

Beginning his ordained life with less than pure motives, Vincent's change of heart began in the middle of one of his visits to the poor tenants of a wealthy estate-holder.

When Vincent was called to hear the confession of a dying man, the spiritual naivety of the penitent shocked Vincent. The poor man knew next to nothing about his religion. Not long after, Vincent preached a sermon on general confession from the pulpit in the village chapel of Folleville. In it, he asked the people to take to heart the necessity of repentance. The response overwhelmed him.

For hours the villagers stood in line to go to confession. Inside they poured out their longing for the Gospel and for good priests to minister to them. Vincent had not guessed at their hunger or their need. Based on this conversion of heart, Vincent gathered a little band of missionary priests to his side.

In 1626, Vincent and three priests pledged to, in his own words, 'Aggregate and associate to ourselves and to the aforesaid work to live together as a Congregation and to devote ourselves to the salvation of the poor country folk'. The Congregation of the Mission was born. More men became priests to join Vincent and his three original companions, and began preaching across France. Within Vincent's lifetime the Congregation of the Mission had spread throughout the world.

At Vincent's funeral, the preacher declared that Vincent had just about 'transformed the face of the Church'. No one disputed this claim. His basic vision was simply that the Good News of Jesus Christ should be announced to the poor through word and service.

Adapted from <https://famvin.org>

OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The month of October is the Month of the Rosary, and this month along with each of the parish groups we are saying rosary most Thursday evenings. We will start on Thursday 5 October and the PPC will lead. Then on Thursday, 12 October, the Charismatic Prayer group will lead. On 19 October it will be lead by Suzanne Yates and on 26 October it will be Mothers' Prayers. Everyone is welcome to join these groups and say the rosary.



The word rosary is derived from the Latin word *rosarium* meaning crown of roses. Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, the rosary is the rose of all devotions and therefore the most important one. The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. It is a simple prayer, humble like Mary. It is a prayer we can all say together with her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite her to pray for us. Our Lady always grants our request. She joins her prayer to ours. Therefore it becomes ever more useful, because what Mary asks she always receives; Jesus can never say no to whatever his mother asks for. In every apparition, the heavenly Mother has invited us to say the rosary as a powerful weapon against evil, to bring us to true peace.

Pope St John Paul II on 16 October 2002 with the Apostolic Letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, on the Most Holy Rosary, added five new mysteries of the rosary: the Mysteries of the Light.

Adapted from <http://www.theholyroary.org/>

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Sacred Heart Church Flitwick

TEA

COFFEE

WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT



CAKE

RAFFLE

THIS FRIDAY

29 September

After 9.30 am Mass

PLEASE COME ALONG AND BRING A FRIEND
If you would like to donate a raffle prize or
volunteer to bake a cake, please contact
Anne Gadsden on 07432 595 057.

**RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE THIS
WEEKEND.**

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2016

This Harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, strong seeds and training.



Please pick up a Fast Day envelope, fast this Friday and give what you can.

Congratulation to Francesca Pellegrini and Oliver Burt who will be married here at Sacred Heart on Friday 29 September. We wish them every blessing for their future together.



If you have sponsor money for Fr. Bennie's bike ride, please give it to Rose Horne after Mass on Sunday.

Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 16 and 17 September the total was £435.13 With thanks, Finance Committee.

**FEAST OF STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS
29 SEPTEMBER**

The three archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the only angels named in sacred scripture and all three have important roles in the history of salvation.

Saint Michael is the Prince of the Heavenly Host, the leader of all the angels. His name is Hebrew for 'Who is like God?', and was the battle cry of the good angels against Lucifer and his followers when



they rebelled against God. He is mentioned four times in the Bible, in Daniel 10 and 12, in the letter of Jude, and in Revelation. Michael, whose forces cast down Lucifer and the evil spirits into Hell, is invoked for protection against Satan and all evil.

Christian tradition recognises four offices of Saint Michael: (1) to fight against Satan (2) to rescue the souls of the faithful from the power of the enemy, especially at the hour of death. (3) to be the champion of God's people, (4) to call away from earth and bring men's souls to judgement.

'I am Gabriel, who stands before God' (Luke 1, 19). Saint Gabriel, whose name means God's strength, is mentioned four times in the Bible. Most significant are Gabriel's two mentions in the New Testament: to announce the birth of John the Baptist to his father Zacharias; and at the Incarnation of the Word in the womb of Mary. Christian tradition suggests that it is he who appeared to St Joseph and to the shepherds, and also that it was he who strengthened Jesus during his agony in the garden of Gethsemane.

'I am the angel Raphael, one of the seven, who stand before the Lord' (Tob 12:15). Saint Raphael's name means 'God has healed' because of his healing of Tobias' blindness in the Book of Tobit. Tobit is the only book in which he is mentioned. His office is generally accepted by tradition to be that of healing and acts of mercy. Raphael is also identified with the angel in John 5:1-4, who descended upon the pond and bestowed healing powers upon it, so that the first to enter it after it moved would be healed of whatever infirmity he/she was suffering.

Adapted from <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com>

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on **4 October**, 7.30 pm till 9.30 pm. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **25 September** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



Mothers' Prayers will meet on Monday, **25 September** at 7.30 pm at 80 George Street, Maulden. You are very welcome to join us to pray for your family intentions. Ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186. We meet fortnightly.



Tea and coffee will be available after 9.00 am Mass. All welcome.



Parish Pilgrimage 2018

Planning Meeting

SATURDAY

30 September at 11.00 am

in the

Canon Denis Room

Please note change of venue

All parishioners are cordially invited to attend and have a say in where we go next!

Presentation on places of pilgrimage and refreshments

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER – WORKERS

O Lord, you imposed a duty on all human beings to work together to build up the world. Help us to develop the earth by the work of our hands and with the aid of technology, in order that it may bear fruit and become a dwelling place worthy of the whole human family. Let us realise that we are obeying Christ's command to place ourselves at the service of others in bringing forth a more human world, through your Son Jesus Christ.



INFORMATION

CONFESSION

Confession will be on Saturday evening at 5.30 pm and THIS Wednesday at 7.15 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 like to join us or want 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	23 September	6.00 pm	Valerie Jones, Recently Deceased, RIP
Sunday	24 September	9.00 am	Intentions of Elizabeth Doran who is seriously ill and her baby, Bridget who is in intensive care.
Monday	25 September	9.30 am	Connie Morgan, Recently Deceased, RIP
Tuesday	26 September		No Service
Wednesday	27 September	7.30 pm	People of the Parish
Thursday	28 September	9.30 am	Thomas Traynor, Second Anniversary, RIP
Friday	29 September	9.30 am	Deceased members of the Fabi family, 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, 23 and 24 September

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am
1 st Reading	Noreen Weighell	Dennis Horner
2 nd Reading	Mary Brown	Catherine Davies
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	C./M. Rincon
Eucharistic Minister	Pat King	Martin Stynes
Driver		C./J. Gallagher

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 30 September and 1 October

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am
1 st Reading	Maggie Dullaghan	Ann Leatherland
2 nd Reading	Judith Latham	Pat Rees
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Clare Bevan
Eucharistic Minister	John Flanagan	Hilary Brennan
Driver		Louis Chadwick