

newsletter



24 and 25 June 2017

12th Sunday in 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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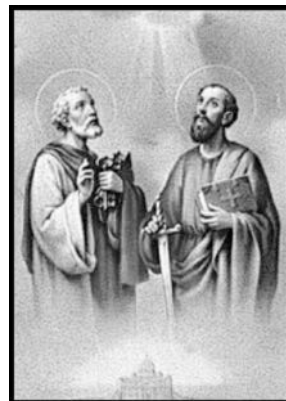
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Feast of Sts Peter and Paul – 29 June

This feast day commemorates the martyrdom of the two great Apostles, assigned by tradition to the same day of June in the year 67. They had been imprisoned in the famous Mamertine Prison of Rome and both had foreseen their approaching death. Saint Peter was crucified; Saint Paul, a Roman citizen, was slain by the sword.

Tomorrow the Church commemorates the Apostle of the Gentiles; today is dedicated primarily to Saint Peter.

The chief of the Apostles was a native of Galilee like Our Lord. As he was fishing on its large lake he was called by Our Lord to be one of His apostles. Peter was poor and unlearned, but candid, eager, and loving. In his heart, first of all, his conviction grew, and then from his lips came the spontaneous confession: 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!' Our Lord chose him and prepared him to be the Rock on which he would build his Church, his Vicar on earth, the Head and Prince of his Apostles, the centre and indispensable bond of the Church's unity, the unique channel of all spiritual powers, the guardian and unerring teacher of his truth



All Scripture is alive with St Peter; his name appears no fewer than 160 times in the New Testament. But it is after Pentecost that he stands out in the full grandeur of his office. He sees to the replacement of the fallen disciple; he admits the Jews by thousands into the fold and in the person of Cornelius, opens it to the Gentiles; he founds and for a time rules the Church at Antioch.

Ten years after the Ascension St Peter transferred his apostolic capital to Rome, going in person to the centre of the majestic Roman Empire, where were gathered the glories and riches of the earth, along with all the powers of evil.

From there he sent St Mark, his valued secretary, to establish the Church of Alexandria in Egypt. In Rome Saint Peter's Chair was placed. There, for twenty-five years he laboured at building up the great Roman Church. He was crucified by order of Nero and buried on the Vatican Hill, where now the Basilica stands which bears his name.

Adapted from

http://sanctoral.com/en/saints/saints_peter_and_paul.html

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

On Saturday 10 June, eighteen pilgrims between the ages of 7 and 75 set off from the Sacred Heart Church to join the other Northampton parishes on the annual diocesan visit to the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham.



We joined Bishop Peter to celebrate Mass at noon, in the Chapel of Our Lady of Reconciliation. (This can be viewed on the Walsingham website). Afterwards we picnicked in the gardens and explored the site.

The National Shrine is located in the Slipper Chapel, which was built in the 14th century and was the last of the wayside chapels on the pilgrim route. The Slipper Chapel may have been so called because pilgrims slipped their shoes off and completed the rest barefoot. Alternatively it may be from the medieval word slype, meaning a way through. I was reading this in a leaflet while queuing for coffee and heard a man behind me ask why it was called the Slipper Chapel. I turned around and proffered the leaflet, saying it was explained here. His companion, however, said that was all right, she knew, as she had written the leaflet. There is also a tiny chapel dedicated to the Holy Ghost, and Holy Water on tap. (One small boy was taking advantage of this to cool himself down).

At 3.00 pm we processed along the Holy Mile, carrying the statue of Our Lady, to the Priory Grounds, where Bishop Peter led a short service on the site of the original Holy House. In all, it was a very joyous and uplifting experience, and blessed with glorious weather.

By Noreen Weighell, a Sacred Heart Pilgrim

FOODBANK

We are part of the NEED Project which operates a Foodbank for people in Flitwick and Ampthill.



The NEED project is asking for **tinned fruit, jam and 500g (1lb) bags of sugar**. Please assist if you can.

29 JUNE – FEAST OF STS PETER AND PAUL

This is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be at **7.30 pm** at Sacred Heart Flitwick and at **9.30 am** at St Francis at Shefford.

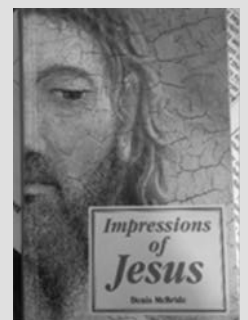
BOOK CLUB – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday **21 September** at 7.30 pm
in the home of Ros Penn.

New members made very welcome and we will chat about this next book,

Impressions of Jesus by Denis McBride

In this book we meet a wide range of characters from the Gospel and share their reflections and reactions to Jesus. In a brilliantly imaginative way, we experience Jesus meeting real people in the real world in real human situations. Denis McBride has an intimate knowledge of the Gospels and the variety of responses that Jesus evoked throughout his ministry. These different responses are recreated through the characters he has chosen and their struggles to make sense of Jesus of Nazareth.



**PARISH VISIT TO THE
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE MUSEUM
AT CHICKSANDS
THURSDAY 27 JULY
10.00 AM TILL 12 NOON**



We have been able to organise a visit to this museum to any who are interested. A group of 30 people is able to be accommodated. People will need to make their own arrangements to get to the museum

Housed at Chicksands, the museum of the British Army's Intelligence Corps offers a fascinating journey through the origins and development of the work of this important arm of our armed forces.

Knowledgeable guides will help us to explore the story from the Boer War and to experience aspects of the historical modern-day work of the members of this corps.

We are well aware that our government relies on intelligence about a wide range of threats and organisations, in its efforts to secure our collective safety.

Chicksands functions as a training and operational centre for the Intelligence Corps. We are therefore, as individuals, required to complete a screening process in order to access the site.

After the visit is completed, the party will retire to the Stone Jug public house, Clophill, for lunch.

You must register by the form in the foyer to attend.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER
GROUP**

The next meeting is on **5 July** 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 **26 June** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



MOTHERS' PRAYERS will meet on **3 July**. We meet from 7.30 pm till 9.30 pm. Meetings are at 80 George St, Maulden. Contact Sue Barley on 01525 634 186.



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



BISHOP PETER'S VISIT

Bishop Peter will visit our parish this weekend, 24 and 25 June. He will concelebrate the 6.00 pm on Saturday and the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday, with Canon Bennie.



This is one of his annual visits to all the parishes in the diocese. He is very keen to meet as many parishioners as he can. Tea and coffee will be available after both Masses this weekend. It will be served in the parish room on Saturday evening, and in the St Francis Suite after Mass on Sunday.

We welcome Jan, son of Gosia and Adrian Zajac, who will be baptised into the Catholic community on today, Sunday.



We ask the whole parish to pray for him and his whole family on this special day, and wish him and his family all God's blessings on their journey of faith.

Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 17 and 18 June the total was £481.47. The second collection total was £176.20. With thanks, Finance Committee.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR JUNE – FOR THE PARISH

Almighty God, in these times of challenge and change, grant us wisdom to grasp new opportunities. Help us to work together using our talents so that your Church might grow and flourish in our parish of Sacred Heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.



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 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	24 June	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	25 June	11.00 am	Clergy of the Parish
Monday	26 June	9.30 am	Lisa Reid, Recently Deceased, RIP
Tuesday	27 June		No Service
Wednesday	28 June	7.30 pm	Deceased of the Parish
Thursday	29 June		No Service
Friday	30 June	9.30 am	Intentions of Bishop Peter and in thanksgiving for visitation

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

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week, 24 and 25 June

Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 st Reading	Siobhan Campbell	Martin Brennan
2 nd Reading	Mary Brown	Noelette Hanley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	Helen Wilson	Anne Gadsden
Driver		Ros Penn

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week, 1 and 2 July

Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 st Reading	Michael Burgess	Dennis Horner
2 nd Reading	Angela Bartlett	Pat Rees
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	Adrian Hamilton	Hilary Brennan
Driver		C./J. Gallagher