



newsletter



24 and 25 September 2016

26th 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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1 October – Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897)

St Thérèse of Lisieux, from northern France, was a young Carmelite sister who died at the age of twenty-four. She said: 'I will spend my time in heaven doing good on earth.' Her feast day is on 1 October.

Thérèse was aware that most of us will never achieve anything great or be well known. Her little way (as she called it) was to choose to live in a loving way her ordinary life, no matter how monotonous it might be.

When somebody was annoying her, Thérèse set out to think of that person's qualities and good intentions. 'You've always got a smile for me,' remarked someone who, in fact, always irritated her! 'My vocation, my calling,' Thérèse said, 'is to love.' Whatever was frustrating and annoying in daily life she offered to God, to be transformed into something good for other people.



Thérèse said: 'Love can do all things. Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions – or even at their difficulty – as at the love with which we do them.'

She was often ill and she would die of tuberculosis. She realised that, as quiet and hidden suffering and sacrifice is offered to God, it is transformed into help to other people.

Adapted from an article by Canon Denis McSweeney for this newsletter

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 Wednesday 5 October with Charismatic Prayer Group leading. Then on Thursday, 13 October, the PPC will lead. On 20 October it will be Mothers' Prayers and on 27 October Deacon Philip will lead. 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.theholynosary.org/>

29 SEPTEMBER – FEAST OF STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

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.

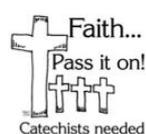
Christian tradition recognises four offices of Saint Michael: (i) to fight against Satan (ii) to rescue the souls of the faithful from the power of the enemy, especially at the hour of death. (iii) to be the champion of God's people, (iv) to call away from earth and bring men's souls to judgement.

'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, whose 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>

We thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 17 and 18 September the total was £370.00; this is £180.00 less than needed to meet the parish running costs. With thanks, Finance Committee.



CATECHISTS URGENTLY NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming a catechist for our communion and post communion programme

please contact Deacon Philip at deaconphilip@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk or Diana Page at diana.p@ntlworld.com

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



McMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – PLEASE COME ALONG

This will be held at Sacred Heart church Friday **30 September** immediately after 9.30 am Mass.

If would you like to donate a raffle prize or volunteer to bake a cake, please contact Anne Gadsden on 07432 595 057.



Raffle tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend, **24 and 25 September**, for those unable to attend on the day to contribute to this good cause.

ADVANCE NOTICE AFFECTING OUR PARKING

We recently played host to a National Grid (Gas) community-briefing event. The purpose was to inform the residents of Hornes End Road, which is close to the church, that their obsolete gas main will be replaced. The works are currently scheduled to take place from **Monday 26 September** for **two weeks**.

The works will affect the area for parking that our parishioners use for Saturday and Sunday. We remind you to take **EXTRA** care when parking at all times, but especially for these two weeks. We will advise you of any change in the timing.

There will be a second collection this weekend for national shrine of our Lady of Walsingham. This is a national collection, see poster in foyer. For more information go to www.walsinghamdevelopment.org

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St John the Apostle, Sundon Park Road, LU3 3AL on Saturday 1 October with a Day of Reflection led by Bishop David McGough 10.00 am-2.30 pm and Tuesday 1 November at 7.00 pm Dedication Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter, followed by light refreshments in the parish hall. All are very welcome.

Congratulation to Sophie Pite and Paul Gallagher who will be married here at Sacred Heart on Saturday 1 October. We wish them every blessing for their lives together.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on **5 October** 7.30 pm till 9.30 pm. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654 for information.



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **26 September** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For more information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



MOTHERS' PRAYERS will meet for a fellowship meal on Tuesday, **27 September** at 7.30 pm. Ring Sue Barley for more information on 01525 634186.



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



Keep an eye out for *Operation Christmas Child* – boxes and leaflets will be available soon.



We welcome Klara, daughter of Marzena and Colin Edwards, who will be baptised into the Catholic community this Sunday. We ask the parish to pray for her and her family on this special day, and wish her and her family all God's blessings on their journey of faith.



CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY IS FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER 2016

This Harvest Fast Day we are invited to join 32-year-old Nicanora from Bolivia on her journey from poverty to abundance. We can stand alongside Nicanora as she learns new skills and receives materials and seeds that will enable her to grow enough food to feed her family. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope next week and give what you can.



Circle of Prayer for September – Students, Teachers and Educators

Lord, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. You sent us your son to teach us that true wisdom comes from you alone. Send your Spirit upon students, teachers and educators and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and share what they have learnt.



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 Tom Cahill 07931 700 646.

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 September	6.00 pm	Pat Petersen, Recently Deceased, RIP
Sunday	25 September	11.00 am	Thanksgiving for the Harvest and for the Harvesters
Monday	26 September	9.30 am	The Sick of the Parish
Tuesday	27 September		No Service
Wednesday	28 September	7.30 pm	People of the Parish
Thursday	29 September		No Service
Friday	30 September	9.30 am	Private Intentions

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 September		
Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 pm
1 st Reading	Suzanne Yates	Ros Penn
2 nd Reading	Maggie Dullaghan	Brendan Spillane
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	Pat King	C./H. Davies
Driver		Ros Penn
Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 1 and 2 October		
Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 pm
1 st Reader	Siobhan Campbell	Pauline Chambers
2 nd Reader	Mary Brown	Martin Brennan
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	Chris Till	Grace McKenna
Driver		Louis Chadwick