

newsletter



25 and 26 October 2014

30th Sunday of 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	25 October	6.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Mary and Jo Morris, RIP
Sunday	26 October	9.00 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
		11.00 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
		5.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Mary McDonald, RIP – Latin Mass
Monday	27 October	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
Tuesday	28 October	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
Wednesday	29 October	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	30 October	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
Friday	31 October	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
Friday	31 October	7.30 pm	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions – Latin Mass

A Reflection by Fr. Denis

Kierkegaard, the philosopher, met Hegel, another philosopher, one day, and they stood for a chat. In the course of the conversation Kierkegaard said, 'Aren't we philosophers extraordinary geniuses? We can take the simplest concepts, and by the time we have put words on them, you can be sure most people will not have an idea what we are talking about. I was in Copenhagen the other day, where I met another philosopher. I asked for directions to a street not very far away, and he gave me a map of Europe.'

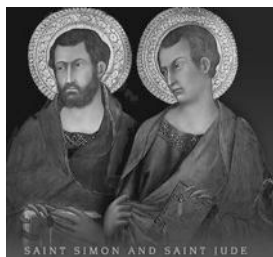


I know it is difficult, but anyone of us could succeed in complicating today's gospel! Genius is the ability to discern the obvious, but even a schoolchild could easily grasp the simple message put before us today.

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

Fr. Denis writes ...

Simon and Jude occupy the last places in gospel lists of the Twelve, apart from Judas Iscariot, the apostle who betrayed Jesus. Simon risks being confused with Simon Peter; he is called the Zealot, which probably describes his character



rather than his membership of the Zealot party prominent in the future revolt against Rome. Jude speaks once in John's gospel. It is unlikely that he was the Jude who wrote the letter to Jude, because he does not include himself among the apostles that he mentions in it.

Nonetheless, as members of the original Twelve chosen by Jesus, these two claim our respect. Both in our readings from Ephesians, and in the book of the Apocalypse, they are described as foundations on which the Church is built. They gospels remind us that how they were constant companions of Jesus, as Peter emphasised when he organised a replacement for Judas Iscariot. Jesus was always concerned for them. The gospel relates that Jesus spent a whole night in prayer before selecting them, and, though they all deserted Him at His arrest, after Easter He sought them out again and sent them out to make disciples of all nations.



Each of the Twelve, apart from Judas Iscariot, is respected as a saint in Christian tradition. Many churches are dedicated in their honour. A day dedicated to those who come at the bottom of the list encourages us to find inspiration and support in them for all who continue the apostolic mission of the Church in our own times.

INFORMATION

CONFESSIONS

Saturday mornings from 11.00 am to 11.30 am, please see newsletter for changes.

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 £644.34; which exceeded the amount needed to meet the parish running costs.

With thanks, Fr. Denis.

Sunday Latin Mass: *Fr. Denis celebrates the Latin Mass at 5.00 pm on Sundays. The Mass is from the missal of 1962 and fulfils the Sunday obligation.*

The monthly Latin Mass will be held on **Friday 31 October** not Thursday. This Mass will celebrate the feast of All Saints.

*There will be a sung Latin Mass in the Traditional Rite at Sacred Heart Church on **Friday 31 October** at 7.30 pm*

Refreshments will be served after the Mass



MOTHERS' PRAYERS meet fortnightly and our next meeting is on Tuesday **4 November** at 7.30pm at 80 George St., Maulden. Please ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186 for more information or just to ask for prayer for your intentions.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
Come along for a time of informal praise and worship, intercession and prayer ministry.

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



BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE FOR NEW PARENTS

The next baptism preparation classes will be held on Saturdays **1 and 8 November**, starting at 10.00 am for one hour in the hall at the back of the church.



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.



The next meeting of the Sewing Group will be on **27 October** 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 25 and 26 October.

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 st Reader	Noreen Weighell	Marion McClurg	Una McAlinden
2 nd Reader	Judith Latham	Dermott Whelan	C./H. Davies
Eucharistic	Helen Burgess	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	Helen Wilson	Carlos Rincon	Anne Gadsden
Driver		Marion McClurg	

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 1 and 2 November

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 st Reader	Christine Jackson	Kate Mansford	Martin Paterson
2 nd Reader	Angela Bartlett	Dee Brady	Martin Brennan
Eucharistic	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	John Flanagan	Myriam Rincon	Nicky Paterson
Driver		Louis Chadwick	



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Good News, Great Joy

It's that time again, time to fill a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child.

Shoebboxes need to be returned to the back of the church or to Clare Bevan by **2 November**. Leaflets advising what and what not to put in your box are available in the church porch. Thanking you once again for your support.



Christmas cards, Advent calendars, etc. will be on sale after all Masses this weekend of **1 and 2 November** and next weekend **8 and 9 November**.



2015 diaries are available on top of the repository cupboard.

OPEN THE BOOK – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Lots of our local lower schools have Open the Book storytellers who regularly visit school assemblies. This is now a national initiative that started in Bedfordshire and is a really positive sharing of the Bible in lower schools. No experience is needed, just an enthusiasm to volunteer in a small team and share the Bible with children in a school assembly. If you are interested to know more and particularly can help in Ampthill, please contact Chris Garraway on 01525 404 307. If you want to learn more about Open the Book try www.openthebook.net/home.php



Circle of Prayer for October – Young People

Dear Lord, many of our children and young people have never heard the truth that they are made in God's image. We pray for protection for the most vulnerable: for those who struggle with eating disorders, who become addicted to drugs, alcohol and immorality, may they come to know You as their Lord and Saviour.



RECHECKING DBS/CRB CLEARANCES

We have a lot of people who assist the parish in so many ways and many of them require a check to ensure that all children and any adult in a vulnerable situation are never at risk. These checks need to be updated regularly, and following a period of procedural change it is now possible to resume our programme of rechecks.

So calling all those people whose CRB checks date from 2009, 2010 and 2011 – your time has come. I have a complete list of all the people who need to be checked so if you have forgotten the date of your last check or (perish the thought) have mislaid your certificate, just give me a ring on 01525 406 810.

For a recheck, you will need to complete three forms, the new DBS application form (DBS is the new CRB), a self-declaration form and a form to support your proof of identity. I will also need to see and photocopy three pieces of evidence to confirm your identity, e.g. passport, driving licence, birth certificate. A much longer list can be made available.

I will be available after the 6.00pm, 9.00am and 11.00 am Masses on the weekend of **8 and 9 November** to help with this process and complete the forms with you.

If you have any questions to ask, please get in touch. If you are no longer carrying out the work for which you were cleared and do not need to be rechecked, I would very much appreciate a call so I don't have to chase you. If you won't be at Mass that weekend, again get in touch, please. There are 24 people who come into the category of requiring rechecks on this occasion so letting me know about things is vital.

Finally, I will have the forms ready very soon so if you want to make a start before the set weekend, get in touch – I know who you are.

Many thanks in advance,

John Flanagan.