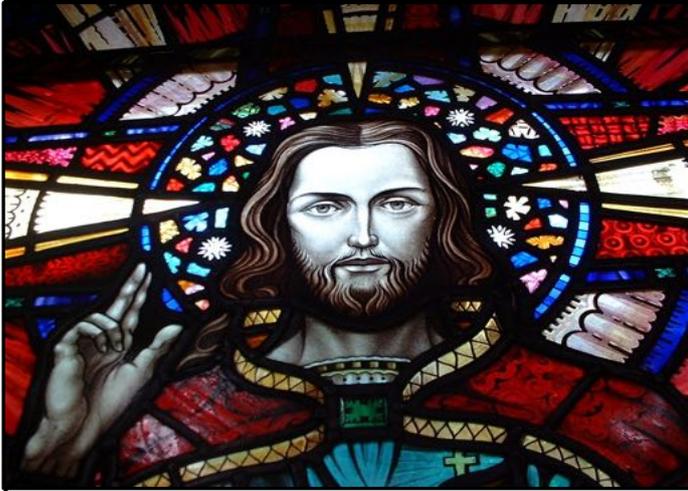


# newsletter



25 and 26 November 2017

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King



## 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 Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

The Feast of Christ the King is, as Catholic feasts go, a relatively recent one. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, to remind Catholics (and the world generally) that Jesus Christ is Lord of the Universe, both as God and as Man.

Pius XI announced the feast in his encyclical *Quas Primas*, which was delivered on 11 December 1925. At the end of the encyclical, he declared that he expected three blessings to flow from the celebration of the feast. First, that 'men will doubtless be reminded that the Church, founded by Christ as a perfect society, has a natural and inalienable right to perfect freedom and immunity from the power of the state'. Second, that 'Nations will be reminded by the annual celebration of this feast that not only private individuals but also rulers and princes are bound to give public honour and obedience to Christ'. Third, that 'The faithful, moreover, by meditating upon these truths, will gain much strength and courage, enabling them to form their lives after the true Christian ideal'.

In *Quas Primas*, Pius XI established the celebration of the feast on the last Sunday of the month of October – the Sunday, that is, which immediately precedes the Feast of All Saints. He tied it to All Saints Day because before celebrating the triumph of all the saints, we proclaim and extol the glory of him who triumphs in all the saints and in all the Elect. With the revision of the Church's liturgical calendar in 1969, however, Pope Paul VI moved the Feast of Christ the King to the final Sunday of the liturgical year, that is, the last Sunday before the First Sunday of Advent. As such, it is a moveable feast; changing every year.



Carol Service with  
Nativity Tableau

Sunday 10  
December 2017

At 3.00 pm

Followed by Refreshments  
All Welcome.



## ADVENT EXPOSITION

Our Advent period of Exposition  
will be on **Wednesday 7  
December**. It will commence at  
7.00 pm and end with  
benediction at 8.45 pm.



This period of Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament will offer an opportunity  
to be with Our Lord in silent vigil and could  
form an important part of our Advent  
preparations.

Please feel free to come for as long as you  
like. Even if you can manage only a few  
minutes of prayer in a busy day, it will be  
worth it to experience peace and tranquillity  
in Our Lord's presence.

## The Advent Conversation

Our Baptismal Mission  
Discovering what it means to be a  
Priest, Prophet and King or Queen



Three Tuesday in Advent  
28 November  
5 December and  
12 December

Gather at 7.30 pm for a time  
of reflection and conversation  
about our baptismal mission  
as priests, prophets and kings or queens

**BOOKING IS NOT ESSENTIAL**  
please come along to the three sessions as you can  
**Starts this Tuesday**

## There will be a second collection for Home Mission Sunday on 9 and 10 December

*Supporting the work of  
evangelisation by making the  
'Joy of the Gospel' a reality  
in England and Wales.*



Youth Alpha Programme will continue next  
Saturday 2 December with the  
question *Why did Jesus die?* It starts  
at 4.30 pm and finish in time for  
6.00 pm Mass.



For more information contact Maggie or  
Helen on [youcat@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk](mailto:youcat@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk)

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**NEXT Saturday 2 December  
9.30 am to 11.00 am**

Join us for the next men's breakfast event.  
Bacon sandwiches, conversation, a  
reflection and friendship.  
(Suggested donation only £1.)

## DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION

On the First Sunday of Advent, Bishop Peter  
will be speaking directly to the people of the  
diocese through a DVD message. During his  
talk, he will officially inaugurate a year for  
the diocese to dedicate itself to prayer, and  
to explore our vocation. There will be many  
opportunities to take part in prayer during  
the year.

The parish Advent Conversation seeks to  
explore this theme of vocation; the first  
session starts this Tuesday, come and join us.

Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 11 and 12 November the total was £456.16 and for 18 and 19 November it was £523.91. The second collection total was £292.36. With thanks, Finance Committee.

## THE GIVING TREE

As usual, the first Sunday in Advent will see the appearance of the SVP Giving Tree in our church. The stickers that cover it bear the name of an item needed at the Prebend Day Centre in Bedford to support the homeless and rootless. If you can help, please take some of the stickers, purchase the items named and return them to the church by Monday 18 December.

The items we are seeking are toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, shaving foam and gel, disposable razors, shampoo and shower gel. We would also like men's pants and ladies' knickers, along with socks, scarves, hats and gloves. In the food line we would like some tins of corned beef, packets of biscuits and small bars of chocolate.

When buying items, please avoid expensive ones – value and store own brand are much better and are less likely to be stolen from the recipients; not a nice thought but a real one when we want to help those in need hang on to the few possessions they might have.

Thanks in advance for your generosity. Everything that you give will reach those in need in time for Christmas.



## CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on **15 November**, 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 **27 November**

from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



Mothers' Prayers will meet on Monday, **27 November** at 7.30 pm

at 80 George Street, Maulden. You are very welcome to join us to pray for your family Intentions in full confidentiality. Ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186.



## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT AMPHILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Christmas can be lonely. If you or someone you know has no one to share Christmas Day with this year, we would love you or he/she and join us at Ampthill Baptist Church for a traditional dinner and an afternoon of company on 25 December from 12.30 pm to about 5.00 pm. Although there will be entertainment and the Queen's Speech for those who want it, it is primarily to share one another's company.

The event is open to all ages, single parent families, couples, and anyone who would like to share Christmas with others, who would otherwise be on their own. And it is free.

There will be an optional church service from 10.00 am till 11.00 am otherwise doors open at 12.30 pm. Lunch will be served around 1.00 pm. Transport can be provided if required. To register or to know more please contact: [admin@ampthillbaptist.org.uk](mailto:admin@ampthillbaptist.org.uk) or 01525 841 682.

Please register before 11 December 2017.



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



CHRIST THE KING, LEGION OF MARY  
The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at 7.30 pm at Christ the King Catholic Church, Bedford, in the Patrick Donegan cabin. All practising Catholics aged 18+ are invited. Anyone interested in joining will be most welcome. If you are unable to attend, it is possible to take part in the Legion of Mary through enrolling as an 'Auxiliary'. For more information, please email Chris [cnorfolk6@gmail.com](mailto:cnorfolk6@gmail.com) / 07962 426 572. Visit the Legion of Mary online at [www.legionofmary.ie](http://www.legionofmary.ie)

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER – OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

God, our Father, we thank you for the gift of our children. We ask you to send your holy angels to protect and guide them each day so that they will walk the narrow path of purity, self-control and obedience, as was taught to us by your own Son, Jesus Christ. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.



## INFORMATION

### CONFESSION

Confession will be on Saturday evening at 5.30 pm and 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](mailto: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](mailto:deaconphilip@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk).

### MASS INTENTIONS

For Mass intentions contact Deacon Philip who will arrange for Fr. John or Fr. Nathaniel or another local priest to say a Mass.

## Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Saturday	25 November	6.00 pm	Intentions of the Children and Young People of our Parish
Sunday	26 November	9.00 am	Deceased of the Brooker Family and for John Glavin, RIP
Monday	27 November	9.30 am	Deceased of the Tracy Family
Tuesday	28 November		No Service
Wednesday	29 November	7.30 pm	Josef Ormai, Anniversary, RIP
Thursday	30 November	9.30 am	Deceased of the Collery an Clifford Families
Friday	1 December	9.30 am	Deceased of the Brady Family

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### Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week, 25 and 26 November

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Siobhan Campbell	Noelette Hanley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Alison Braniff	Catherine Davies
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Anne Gadsden
Eucharistic Minister	Jane Crow	Clare Bevan
Driver		William Doyle

### Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week 2 and 3 December

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Frederick Werrett	Brendan Spillane
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Noreen Weighell	Ann Leatherland
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Myriam Rincon
Eucharistic Minister	John Flanagan	Carlos Rincon
Driver		Ros Penn