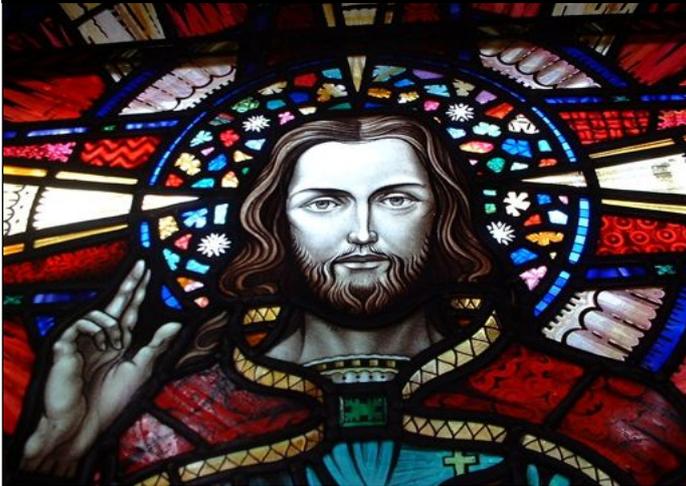


# newsletter



27 and 28 September 2014

26<sup>th</sup> 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	27 September	6.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
Sunday	28 September	9.00 am	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
		11.00 am	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
		5.00 pm	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions – Latin Mass
Monday	29 September	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
Tuesday	30 September	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
Wednesday	1 October	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	2 October	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Private Intentions
Friday	3 October	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church Intentions of Ros Penn

## *A Reflection by Fr. Denis*



What attracted the social outcasts to John the Baptist was not so much what he said, as the fact that someone was speaking to them all. So they had at least the possibility to repent. The people who will not repent are those who do not even consider the possibility of repentance. Perhaps the shock of the crucifixion may have woken some priests up to their real need for repentance. In the Acts of the Apostles, we are told that many priests became obedient to the faith. Their part in the death of Christ opened them up to the reality of their own sins, and the resurrection of Christ showed them the possibility of redemption.

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

*Fr. Denis writes ...*

All of us can look back at lost opportunities in life. We realise that we have taken the wrong fork in the road and have paid the price. In His journey from Galilee to Jerusalem, Jesus was constantly surrounded by crowds, and again and again He pleaded with them to seize the opportunity offered by His mission and teaching. They were living in challenging times. In Him, God was visiting His people.

Jesus employed many images and stories in His teaching. He uses three images, two of them designed to promote urgency of response and one likely to produce pleasant surprise and encouragement. The first is that

of a narrow door, which many would not be able to pass through. The second is that of a locked door, which the owner of the house would refuse to open to latecomers, despite their desperate pleadings. The third is that of a crowded banquet, thronged not only with the great and the good of Israel's history but also with joyous people from the four corners of the earth.

With such images Jesus urged the crowds to respond to God's invitation. We know from elsewhere in the gospels that Jesus had pity on the crowds because they were like sheep without a shepherd. When He sent out the seventy on their mission, it was because the harvest was plentiful but the labourers few. May we not miss the opportunities the Lord gives to us respond to the invitations God gives us.



## 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 like 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>

The offertory collection for 20 and 21 September was £385.81.  
With thanks, Fr. Denis.

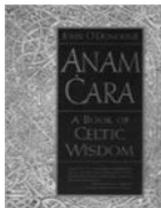
**Sunday Latin Mass:** *Fr. Denis celebrates the Latin Mass at 5.00 pm on Sundays. The Mass is from the missal of 1962 and fulfils the Sunday obligation.*

**BOOK CLUB NOTICE – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This will be on Thursday **9 October** at 7.30 pm at Suzanne Yates's house. New members made very welcome and we will chat about this book.

(Refreshments will be served)

Our next book is *Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom*, by John O'Donohue



**MOTHERS' PRAYERS** meet fortnightly and our next meeting is on Tuesday, **14 October** 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.



**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day:  
Friday 3 October 2014**



It is a stark fact that one in eight of us will go to bed hungry tonight. On Friday 3 October – Harvest Fast Day – CAFOD is asking you to make a place at your table to help our sisters and brothers in the world's poorest countries get enough nutritious food to eat. Your Fast Day envelopes are available in church this week.

Please give as much as you can so that hunger is not a fact of life for the world's poorest people.



**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

Come along for a time of informal praise and worship, intercession and prayer ministry. Our next meeting is on **15 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 **13 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.

**SVP ANNUAL APPEAL**

Sacred Heart Conference would like to thank the parish for a most generous response to our appeal. The amount raised so far is £851.94. So thank you on behalf of all those we help.

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](mailto:suz_yates@btinternet.com)

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week 27 and 28 September.**

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Angela Bartlett	Dermott Whelan	Martin Paterson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Pat Rees	Kate Mansford	Martin Brennan
Eucharistic	Noreen Weighell	Jane Crow	Nicky Paterson
Eucharistic	Helen Wilson	Anne Gadsden	Hilary Brennan
Driver		Louis Chadwick	

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week, 4 and 5 October**

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Suzanne Yates	Darren Campbell	Eamonn Diver
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Adrian Hamilton	Dee Brady	Noelette Hanley
Eucharistic	C./H. Davies	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic	John Flanagan	Helen Burgess	Grace McKenna
Driver		David Toland	



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#### 4 October – Feast of St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

Francis was the son of a prosperous cloth merchant in Assisi. When his father objected to having his goods sold without his consent to pay for the restoration of a church, the bishop commanded Francis to repay the money. He did. He also renounced his father and gave back everything he had ever been given, even his garments. He began a life of perfect evangelical poverty, living by begging and even then only accepting the worst food that people had to give. He preached to all the love of God and the love of the created world; because, having renounced everything, he celebrated everything he received, or saw, or heard, as a gift. A rich man sold everything and joined him in living next to a leper colony; a canon from a neighbouring church gave up his position and joined them also. They looked into the gospel and saw the story of the rich young man whom Jesus told to sell everything; they saw Jesus telling his disciples to take nothing with them on their journey; they saw Jesus saying that his followers must also carry his cross. And on that basis they founded an order. Francis himself went to Rome and persuaded the Pope to sanction it, though it must have seemed at once impractical and subversive, to set thousands of holy men wandering penniless round the towns and villages of Europe.



Because Francis was wearing an old brown garment begged from a peasant, tied round the middle with string, that became the Franciscan habit. Ten years later 5,000 men were wearing it; a hundred years later Dante was buried in it because it was more glorious than cloth of gold.

There is too much to say about Francis to fit here. He tried to convert the Muslims, or at least to attain martyrdom in doing so. He started the practice of setting up a crib in church to celebrate the Nativity.

Francis died in 1226, having started a revolution. The Franciscans endure to this day.

### Santiago de Compostela Pilgrims Reunion

Sunday 5 October 2014

2.30 pm

Sacred Heart Parish Hall

We will have refreshments and a presentation of our pilgrimage journey for you to enjoy.



#### What next?

**Please let us know your interest for our next pilgrimage in 2016.**

To help us to plan in more detail, we need to know the level of interest in the places of pilgrimage that YOU would like to visit.

#### Any questions?

If you would like more information on the last pilgrimage or our next pilgrimage in 2016, please talk to Ros Penn on 01525 715 936 or email [rospenn@googlemail.com](mailto:rospenn@googlemail.com) or speak to Deacon Philip on 07780 687 452.

**Looking forward to seeing you all again!**

#### PARISH DINNER

will take place at the Dog and Badger, Maulden on 8

**October, 7.00 pm**

for 7.30 pm. We have obtained a special price of £10.00 for two courses, £14.00 for three courses and £1.00 for coffee. Numbers are limited to 40 so book your place and menu choice ASAP – bookings available after all Masses.



#### Circle of Prayer for September – Home Mission

Lord Jesus increase in us a desire to live the good news of the gospel in our homes our workplace our communities, may others come to know Your unending love and mercy through the actions of our lives. May Your love be upon us O Lord as we place all our trust in You.

