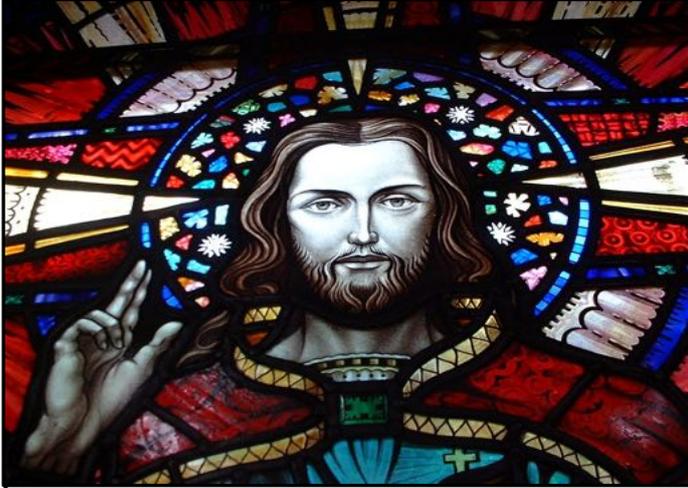


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28 and 29 October 2017

30th Sunday of 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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Feast of All Saints – 1 November

This feast dates back to the seventh century, and the occasion of its introduction was the conversion of the ancient Pantheon at Rome in a Christian church. This famous temple, which possibly existed in the time of the Republic, is generally considered to have been built by Marcus Agrippa in his third consulate in the year 27 BC, but it is not improbable that he merely restored and added to it. Historians do not agree the origin of its name, but Pliny tells us that Agrippa dedicated it to Jupiter the Avenger. Septimus Severus and his son Caracalla afterwards repaired it.

In the beginning of the seventh century, the Emperor Phocis gave it to Pope Boniface IV, who converted it into a church and dedicated it to the Blessed Virgin and all the Saints, about the year AD 608. The feast of this dedication was kept on 13 May; before that event the feast of all the Apostles had been celebrated on the first of the same month.

About the year AD 731, Pope Gregory III consecrated a chapel in St Peter's church in honour of all the saints, and since then the Feast of All Saints has been celebrated in Rome. Gregory IV, while in France in AD 837, greatly encouraged the celebration of this feast in that country. The Greeks celebrated the feast of All Saints on the Sunday after Pentecost.

PRAYER: God, you allow us to honour all your saints in one common festival. Through the prayers of so many intercessors, grant us an abundance of your merciful favours which we so greatly desire.

Adapted from <http://www.paulandpeters.com/blog/feast-saints/>



Remembering ...

In November we take special care to remember those we have loved and cared for, but who have died. We recall them and celebrate their lives and the way they loved us, cared for us and taught us. This is why the Church begins November with the feast day of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls.



By recalling their memory we build a personal shrine, not as a table in a corner, but as a place in our hearts for those we love.

Use the slip, which is part of the leaflet available next weekend, to record the names of your family, friends and acquaintances you wish to be remembered in prayer throughout the month of November.

Place the slip in the basket provided in the sanctuary, where it will remain throughout the month. All the names will be dedicated to our prayers at the Mass of Commemoration of All Souls to be celebrated on Thursday **2 November** at 9.30 am.

Memorial Masses for the Dead

It is traditional in the Church for families to request a Mass for the deceased members of their families and for their deceased friends.

Envelopes will be provided in church for you to include a list of their names and to place a Mass offering. The diocese suggests a gift of between £5.00 and £10.00, or as much as you can afford. These should be handed to Deacon Philip who will then arrange Mass for the intentions listed, and for those requesting the memorial Mass.

Deacon Philip will be happy to tell you more about how to request a Mass.



The Youcat group are going to have a Youth Alpha Programme at Sacred Heart Flitwick starts NEXT Saturday afternoon at 4.30 pm until 6.00 pm.

The Alpha programme is well respected and encouraged by Catholic theologians including Fr. Cantalamessa, Preacher to the Papal Household.

The Alpha programme offers an opportunity to explore the Christian faith, ask lots of challenging questions, and at Sacred Heart you will also enjoy some Krispy Kreme doughnuts!

We will run the Alpha programme with the help of Steve Harris, youth worker from the diocese. We start at 4.30 pm on Saturday afternoon (dates below) with doughnuts, followed by a film then chat and questions. We will finish in time for 6.00 pm Mass, and after Christmas, finish with a short time of special prayer.

4 November	Is there more to life than this?	24 February	How does God guide us?
18 November	Who is Jesus?	10 March	Retreat Day
2 December	Why did Jesus die?	24 March	How can I resist evil?
16 December	How can we have faith?	21 April	Why and how should I tell others?
13 January	Why and how do we pray?	12 May	Does God heal today?
27 January	Why and how do I read the Bible?	9 June	What about the Church?

For more information contact Maggie or Helen on youcat@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk

Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 14 and 15 October the total was £538.95. With thanks, Finance Committee.

BOOK CLUB – Thursday, 18 January 2018 at 7.30 pm
The next book we have for you to read is:
THE GRACE OUTPOURING: BLESSING OTHERS THROUGH PRAYER
by Roy Godwin and Dave Roberts

Thank you very much for your contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel of peace with those in greatest need. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting Missio throughout the year please go to missio.org.uk or call 02078 219 755.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on **1 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 **13 November** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday 1 November is All Saints Day and there will be Mass at Sacred Heart at 9.30 am and at 7.30 pm.

All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Thursday 2 November with Mass at 9.30 am.

This will be followed by a procession to the cemetery for prayers and blessing for all our deceased relatives.



Mothers' Prayers will meet on Monday, **13 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. We meet fortnightly.

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN PRIESTS' FUND

(FORMERLY THE COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY)

4 AND 5 NOVEMBER

We are grateful to all who have supported Together in Faith, which has made a very significant contribution to the cost of providing for our sick and retired clergy. But while this has bought us several years grace the need for supporting our clergy in the future remains, which is why we continue to ask for support. In addition, as 60% of the parish did not subscribe to Together in Faith and as there have been many new people join the parish since the campaign, it is only fair that we give these people a chance to contribute.



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



NIGHT OF LIGHT PARTY

**TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER
FROM 6.00 PM TILL 8.00 PM**

A fun-filled alternative to Halloween, celebrating the eve of All Saints with fun and laughter, games and yummy food – all treats and NO tricks! Wear bright, joyful clothes.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is £5 per family. For more information contact Kate on 01462 813 166.

There is an opportunity for **prayer ministry** straight after 9.00 am Mass this weekend. Please come forward to bring to the Lord your needs, and the team will pray with you – this is always confidential.

'Before they finish praying to me I will answer their prayers.' Isaiah 65:24

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes need to be returned to the back of the church or to Clare Bevan by **6 November**.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR OCTOBER – FAIR TREATMENT FOR PRISONERS

O Lord, we pray for your protecting grace for our brothers and sisters in prison. We pray you will protect them from harassment, threats of violence and from the evil influence of fellow inmates. We pray for your protection of their bodies, minds, souls and spirits and that they are treated fairly while in prison.



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

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 Fr. John or Fr. Nathaniel or another local priest to say a Mass.

Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Saturday	28 October	6.00 pm	Eric Somerfield, Recently Deceased, RIP
Sunday	29 October	9.00 am	Private Intentions
Monday	30 October	9.30 am	Private Intentions
Tuesday	31 October		No Service
Wednesday	1 November	9.30 am	All Saints
Wednesday	1 November	7.30 pm	Richard Williams, RIP
Thursday	2 November	9.30 am	All Souls
Thursday	2 November	12.00 noon	Mary and John Flaherty
Friday	3 November	9.30 am	Deceased members of the Saunders and Meakin Families

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

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week, 28 and 29 October

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am
1 st Reading	Suzanne Yates	Ann Leatherland
2 nd Reading	Fredrick Werrett	Brendan Spillane
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Ros Penn
Eucharistic Minister	Pat King	Anne Gadsden
Driver		David Toland

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for next week 4 and 5 November

Mass	6.00 pm	9.00 am
1 st Reading	Pat Crowe	Pauline Chambers
2 nd Reading	Dee Brady	Una McAlinden
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Carlos Rincon
Eucharistic Minister	Helen Wilson	Myriam Rincon
Driver		Carmel Gallagher