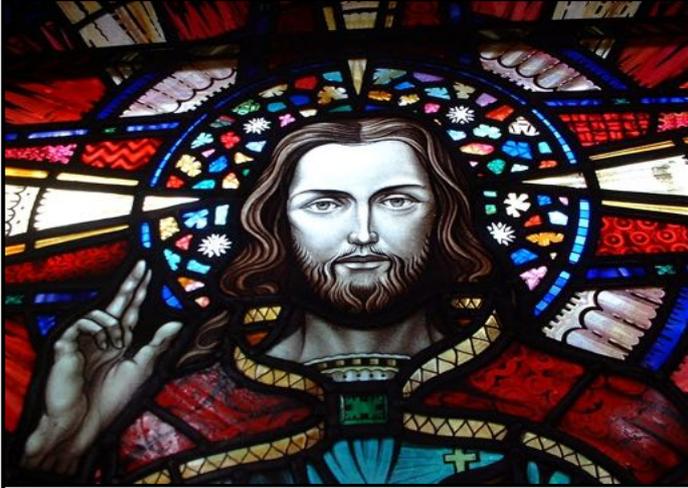


# newsletter



29 and 30 July 2017

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year



## 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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## The Latest, Important Information about the Parish

We now have the date of Fr. Nathaniel Dile's arrival. We are delighted to confirm that having received his visa to travel, he will be arriving in the first week of August. Fr. Nathaniel postponed his departure because of a very sad bereavement in his close family. Here are the details of what will be happening over the summer:

**Fr. Nathaniel** will arrive in the first week of August and will be celebrating the weekend Masses in Flitwick and Shefford during August, as well as weekday Masses and confessions in Sacred Heart, Flitwick

**Fr. Bennie** will take his well-deserved summer holiday from 7 August until 2 September. He will continue to celebrate our Masses with Fr. Nathaniel until 30 September

**SUNDAY MASS TIME:** the parish Mass time will change on **SUNDAY 3 September**. The new time will be 9.00 am.

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS for Sunday:** the 6.00 pm Mass will continue to be celebrated while Fr. Nathaniel is with us up to and including 23 December. Our arrangements for Christmas Eve and Christmas day will be similar to previous years

**Deacon Philip** will continue to be our bulwark! He will be on hand to assist Fr. Nathaniel and Fr. Bennie and to be the parish's first point of contact for all aspects of the life and work of the parish.

**Fr. John Danford** will become our parish priest with effect 1 October, as part of the plan agreed by Bishop Peter. He intends to rotate Masses with Fr. Nathaniel in order to get to know us all from October.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Sunday 10 September after 9.00 am Mass – *The Summer Parish Brunch!***

## The Parable of the Treasure and the Pearl – Matthew 13:44-52

The two parables of the Treasure and the Pearl follow the same theme. The first tells of a man who found buried treasure in a field. He buried it again and went away and realised enough capital to buy the field so that he could claim the treasure.

The second tells of a merchant who discovered a pearl of rare beauty and again realised his capital to buy it.

The meaning of the parables is wrapped up with the motive both men showed in achieving their ambition. They had discovered something of great value to them, and the discovery filled their hearts with joy and promoted in them the most willing and wholehearted sacrifice. The pearl and the treasure both stand for the kingdom of heaven.

Many Christians could tell of the simple joy and happiness that faith had given them.

The parable of the Dragnet complements the parable of the Darnel (see last week).

This time the illustration is from fishing. The method of fishing employed was to secure one end of the net on the shore and the other on a boat. The boat would then sail in a circle, dragging the net until it returned to the point of departure. Then the nets would be hauled in.

The parable tells of a time of final judgement. Many Christians believe there will be a time in the future when Jesus will return. At that time he will establish God's kingdom for all to see. It will be totally undeniable and unmistakable. It will also involve judgement of good and evil.



Adapted from *The Word of God Year A* by Robin Cooper

### RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection next weekend, **5 and 6**

**August** for Aid to the Church in Need. Aid to the Church in Need is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church, supporting the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. It works in more than 140 countries, helping Christians who are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need.



Today, with your help, they are, for example, providing food aid for 2,200 displaced families in Hassake and Aleppo, who survive on less than £1.60 per day and supporting Iraqi Christians in their determination to rebuild their lives and re-establish the faith out of the ruins of their homeland.

NORTHAMPTON development  CATHEDRAL campaign

Our cathedral in Northampton is the Mother Church of our diocese. If you have ever visited it you will be aware not only of its beauty but also its limitations in not being able to offer hospitality or accommodating special events and groups.

Exciting plans have been developed for the future of the cathedral and the fundraising campaign is underway. For further information about the project and how you can lend your support, please visit the cathedral website at <http://northamptoncathedral.org/the-cathedral/cathedral-centre> where you can watch a video presentation about the proposed Cathedral Centre.

The campaign office is based in Bishop's House and Angela Madge, the campaign administrator, will be happy to hear from you. Angela can be contacted on 01604 712065 or email: [cathedralcampaign@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:cathedralcampaign@northamptondiocese.com)

### THE ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT

#### *Celtic Journeys*

Exploring with St Brendan and the Celtic saints

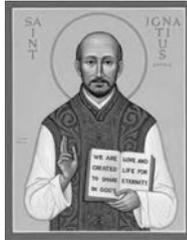
**Saturday 16 September 9.30 am to 3.30 pm** at Buckden Towers  
Reserve the date in your diary and look out for the registration leaflets.

Space on the retreat is limited to 20 people.  
Donation for the day £7.50 – pay on the day – bring a shared lunch.



## FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS LOYOLA (1491-1556) – 31 JULY

Ignatius (or Iñigo) was born in Loyola in the Spanish Basque country. He was a soldier, wounded in the battle of Pamplona, against the French at the age of 30. During a long convalescence he read a life of Christ and a collection of lives of the saints, and discovered that his true vocation was to devote his life wholly to God. He was as systematic about this as he had been about his military career; he spent a year's retreat in a Dominican friary, made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and then set about learning Latin.



Such enthusiasm in a layman caused grave suspicion in the Spanish authorities, and he was questioned and imprisoned more than once. He moved to Paris in 1528 and continued his studies, then in 1534 Ignatius and six companions bound themselves to become missionaries to the Muslims in Palestine. By the time they were ready to set out, war made the journey impossible so the group (now numbering ten) offered their services to the Pope in any capacity he might choose. A number of them were duly ordained and they were all assigned to various tasks.

Soon it was proposed that they should organise themselves into a traditional religious order, and in 1540 the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) was formed. Ignatius was the first superior general until his death. Soon after their foundation the Jesuits began to meet the challenge of the Reformation; a tough task given the debilitated state into which the Church had fallen, but one which, as Ignatius said had to be undertaken without hard words or contempt for people's errors.

Ignatius with a gift for inspiring friendship, was the recipient of deep spiritual insight. Soon after his conversion, Ignatius wrote the *Spiritual Exercises*, a systematic step-by-step retreat that can be followed by anyone – and has been followed by many, not all of them Catholics, ever since.

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## CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR JULY – SEAFARERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Almighty God, we give thanks for all those who work at sea. We acknowledge our need for the food and raw materials they transport. We recognise that they are sometimes in danger and their long absences often involve sacrifices in their family life. Help us to show our gratitude not only in our words, but also in our actions. Amen.



## CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on **2 August**, 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 **11 September** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



## MOTHERS' PRAYERS

will meet again in September. New members are welcome to join us in September to prayer for their families.



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



## CONFIRMATION 2018

We invite families with children who will be in Year 8 in July 2018 to register for the confirmation programme starting later in the year.



Please email Deacon Philip at [deaconphilip@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk](mailto:deaconphilip@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk) with the name(s) of your child or child(ren).

Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 15 and 16 July the total was £507.62 and for 22 and 23 July the total was £575.00. With thanks, Finance Committee.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY;**  
**Sunday 10 September after 9.00 am Mass**

The Summer Parish Brunch!

## INFORMATION

### CONFESSION

Confession will be on Saturday evening at 5.30 pm and NEXT 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 Canon Bennie or another local priest to say a Mass.

## Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Saturday	29 July	6.00 pm	Thanksgiving for sixty years of religious life Sr Kathleen Moor
Sunday	30 July	11.00 am	Mary Diggin, Recently Deceased, RIP
Monday	31 July	9.30 am	Intentions of Lou Gallon, Recovering from Illness
Tuesday	1 August		No Service
Wednesday	2 August	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	3 August		No Service
Friday	4 August	9.30 am	Tina Stanyer, Anniversary, RIP

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### Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week, 29 and 30 July

Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Mary Brown	Noelette Hanley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Michael Burgess	Pauline Chambers
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	Helen Burgess	Martin Stynes
Driver		Ros Penn

### Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for this week, 5 and 6 August

Mass	6.00 pm	11.00 am
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Angela Bartlett	Brendan Spillane
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Pat Crowe	Martin Brennan
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Philip Pugh	Deacon Philip Pugh
Eucharistic Minister	Don Perrett	Ros Penn
Driver		David Toland