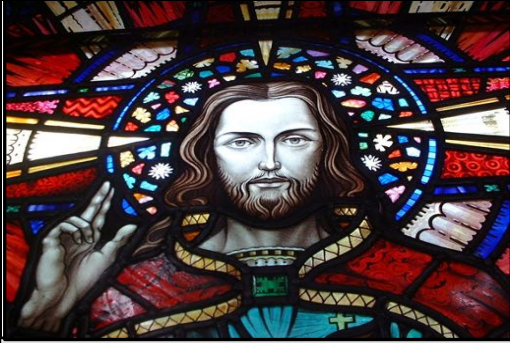


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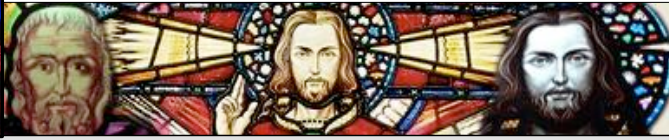
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Second Sunday of Lent – Year B



## 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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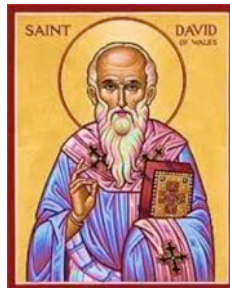
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Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 18 February the total was £385.00. With thanks, Finance Committee.

## Feast of St David (520-589) – 1 March

The earliest life of St David dates from five centuries after his death, probably in 589. He became eminent as abbot and bishop at the site now known as St David's, but formerly Mynyw, from which the present diocese of Menevia is named. He is credited with a monastic rule based on the example of the Eastern Fathers, and also with a penitentiary. He was invited to preside at the synod of Llandewibrefi. Monks who trained at his monastery evangelised South Wales and made foundations in Cornwall, Brittany and Ireland. St David is said to have sent a Mass rite to Ireland. At his death, his contemporary St Kentigern, founder of St Asaph's in North Wales, witnessed in vision his joyful entrance into the joy of his Lord. His holy relics have been found hidden in the fabric of St David's Cathedral, where they are carefully preserved. He was canonised by Pope Callistus II in 1123.



Adapted from Catholic Calendar app by Universalis Publishing

## 24 Hours for the Lord – 8 and 9 March

As part of our Lenten programme our parish is celebrating 24 Hours for the Lord.



It will begin on Friday 9 March at 11.00 am. There will be Exposition and a service of reconciliation and examination of conscience. Pope Francis invites us to take the sacrament of reconciliation at this time. This coincides with the month of March dedicated to repentance and forgiveness in our diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation. This provides us with a deeper incentive to respond to the Pope's invitation to celebrate God's mercy and tenderness this coming Lent.

Fr. Peter will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation from 11.00 am till 12 midday on Friday.

The 24 hours of Adoration will close with prayers at 9.00 am on Saturday 9 March. Throughout the twenty-four hours there will be recitation of psalms on the hour, prayers of the Church and time to spend with the Lord in silent Adoration.

Please get involved by giving to an hour or more of your time to this celebration of the Year of Prayer and Vocation. A timetable for the day will be on display on the noticeboard in the coming weeks for you to commit to a specific time when you can be in church.

We welcome Fr. Peter Maher who will say Mass for us today

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Drivers for

Mass	This Sunday, 25 February	Next Sunday, 4 March
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Suzanne Yates	Bernadette Basterfield
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Kate Mansford	Victoria Basterfield
Eucharistic	Ros Penn	Don Perrett
Eucharistic	Catherine Davies	Clare Bevan
Driver	Ros Penn	William Doyle

## Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	25 February	9.00 am	Betty Mahony, Anniversary, RIP Tasha Watson, Anniversary, RIP
Tuesday	27 February	9.30 am	Service of the Word and Communion
Wednesday	28 February	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Friday	2 March	10.00 am	Service of the Word and Communion

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY – CONSECRATED LIFE

Inspire all of your disciples to mutual love and giving, for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people. Instill those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you. Bless young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. *Pope Francis*

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
FRIDAY 2 MARCH**

This year's service has been prepared by Christian women from Suriname with the theme *All God's Creation is Very Good.*



**Amphill Service** – 10.30 am at Amphill Methodist

**Flitwick Service** – 7.30 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic church

We are hosting the event this year. Please join us for the service and refreshments.

All are welcome as it not exclusively for women. It would be great to support this event and have a packed church.

**Sacred Heart – 100 CLUB**

The lucky winners for last month were first, Graham Stockton, second, John Gallagher and third, Clare Bevan.

Many thanks to all those who have renewed their memberships. Since my appeal at the end of January we have had a net increase of twelve members with a few more request still to be converted to members. If anyone is thinking of joining the 100 Club, or would like additional numbers, they can contact me either by email [pjleatherland@gmail.com](mailto:pjleatherland@gmail.com) or mobile 97879 442 666.



**CHURCHES TOGETHER  
IN AMPHILL AND  
FLITWICK (CTA&F)**

**Prayer Spaces for Lent 2018  
10.00 am till 12 midday**

These are based on titles that Jesus gave himself as recorded in the Gospel of John – the 'I am' sayings

Below are the churches and their dates.

Date	Church	Theme
3 March	Flitwick Methodist	'I am the way the truth and the life' John 14:6
10 March	Sacred Heart	'I am the vine' John 15
17 March	Amphill Baptist	'I am the light of the world' John 8:12, 9:5
24 March	St Andrew's Amphill	'I am the good shepherd' John 10:11, 14

You are welcome to attend all or some of these open churches.

**Newsletter copy deadline** – Thursday midday.  
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**THEME FOR LENT  
CONTEMPLATIVE – CENTRING PRAYER**

The Year of Prayer and Vocation calendar asks us to focus on the Consecrated Life in February. Many orders of religious practise



contemplative prayer as part of their daily life, so we have taken as our Lenten theme their style of prayer. Often called Christian meditation or Centring Prayer this method of reflective prayer picks up the modern desire for mindfulness.

The method focuses on a universal spiritual wisdom and a practice found at the core of all the great religious traditions, leading from the mind to the heart. It is a way of simplicity, silence and stillness. It can be practised by anyone, wherever you are on your life's journey.

Deacon Philip will lead the next session, this **Tuesday 27 February** starting at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome, no need to book.

**Next sessions 6 and 13 March**

**CAFOD Just one world CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY  
FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY**

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat.



CAFOD envelopes will be collected after Mass today 25 February.

Please be as generous as you can.

**SOUP FOR SUDAN**

Once again Lent is with us and on **Tuesday 6 March (12 midday till 1.30 pm)** the SVP once again invite you to a meal of soup and bread as we remember the suffering people of Sudan and South Sudan. They have endured war and famine for many years, while the local SVP do their best to help in whatever ways they can. Both countries are desperately poor and the local SVP Conferences rely on outside support for their work. Come along for a simple meal as part of your Lenten preparation. There is no charge for the meal or for the fellowship – and ALL donations are sent to the SVP in Sudan.



**INFORMATION**

**CONFESSION**

Confession will be at 8.40 am on Sunday and at 9.45 am on Friday.

**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**

<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 10.30 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 at [deaconphilip@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk](mailto:deaconphilip@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

For Mass intentions contact Suzanne Yates who will arrange for Fr. John or another local priest to say a Mass.

Tea and coffee will be available after Mass on Sunday. All welcome.



Mothers' Prayers will meet on Monday, **26 February** 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.



The sewing group will start again after Easter. For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

This group will be meet on **28 February**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

