

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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Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 25 March the total was £490.93. With thanks, Finance Committee.

Easter Sunday – Gospel from Mark 16:1-7

This Gospel is taken from the Mass of the Easter Vigil.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

This is the message of Easter day. Mark's Gospel has the shortest account of the resurrection, with no resurrection appearances. There is just the one story, that of the empty tomb. The women went to the tomb with spices to anoint the body of Jesus, but they found the stone had been rolled away. The message of resurrection is given to them by the young man in white: 'He is not here, he is risen'. The messenger goes on to say that Jesus will meet them in Galilee.



The main teaching of this story of the empty tomb is found in the words of the messenger. It is a profound teaching that is so simply expressed - Jesus is risen! This is the very centre of faith, a faith that was to fan a flame that burns brightly through the ages to the present day. There have been many attempts to discredit the story of the empty tomb. It has been suggested that Jesus did not die but revived in the cool of the tomb; that the Romans or the Jewish Leaders or even the disciples stole the body, or that the women went to the wrong tomb. All such theories make little or no sense and can be answered easily. Such theories present no difficulty, not just because they are unbelievable but because our faith is not based on an empty tomb. It is based on resurrection. Jesus is recognised, accepted and worshipped in faith. That is why we can express the mystery in the threefold Praise of Easter night.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Adapted from *The Word of God, Year B Mark's Gospel* by Robin Cooper

Mass	This Sunday, 1 April	Next Sunday, 8 April
1 st Reading	Michael Burgess	Catherine Davies
2 nd Reading	Emma Burgess	Noreen Weighell
Eucharistic	Helen Burgess	Martin Stynes
Eucharistic	Nicky Paterson	John Flanagan
Driver	Louis Chadwick	William Doyle

There is an opportunity for **prayer ministry** straight after Mass **this weekend**.

Please come forward to bring to the Lord your needs and the team will pray with you, which is always confidential.

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

Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Saturday	31 March	9.00 pm	The People of the Parish
Sunday	1 April	9.00 am	Joseph Toland, Anniversary, RIP
Tuesday	3 April	9.30 am	Lisa Doran, Anniversary, RIP
Wednesday	4 April	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Friday	6 April	10.00 am	Noreen Winning, Recently Deceased, RIP

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR APRIL – ALL BEING CONFIRMED AND THOSE ALREADY CONFIRMED
 Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE!

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM
9 JUNE 2017

This year we would like to organise a coach to go on the diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham. We need to know how many parishioners would be interested in going. There will be a sign-on sheet in the foyer. If you would like to go please put your name and contact details on the sheet and if we have enough for a coach we will organise one. As soon as we know how many are interested, we will have an idea of the cost.



5 April – Feast of St Vincent Ferrer (1350-1419)

He was born in Valencia and joined the Dominicans at the age of 17. In 1399, with the approval of the Pope, he set out on his mission as a preacher. For twenty years he travelled through western Europe, with thousands flocking to hear him wherever he was. From 1408 he worked mostly south of the Pyrenees. Among others, he preached to the Jews, of whom some 25,000 were converted to Christianity, and in the Kingdom of Granada he converted thousands of Moors. In 1417 he moved on to Brittany and continued his work there; he died in Vannes in Brittany on 5 April 1419.



FOODBANK

Remember, we are part of the NEED Project which operates a Foodbank specifically for people in Flitwick and Ampthill. Help those in need by adding a few tinned items to your regular shop – once a week or once a month – and drop them into the collection basket in the church



Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday.
Newsletter contact: Suzanne Yates; 01525 840 661;
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We wish you and your family a happy and holy Easter.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER

Wednesday 4 April and Wednesday 18 April

As you know Bishop Peter has declared a year of prayer and vocation our diocese and we shall have an event each month to highlight this special year. During April we will be concentrating on charismatic prayer and you are invited to attend a meeting.



The Charismatic Prayer group meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month, after the Service of Word and Communion. We meet to give praise, thanks, honour, and love to Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. It is a time where we come to give room to the Holy Spirit, to move in our lives.

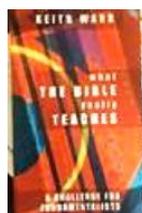
We have a time of praise and worship, and use the Gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy (listening to what God may be saying to us); and the gift of tongues (see Cor 1:12). It is a time to come as we are and allow the Spirit to move in our lives.

In addition we either have a talk, or a scripture reading, and a conversation. We also pray for the needs of the parish and the intentions on the board.

BOOK CLUB

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 26 April 2018
at 7.30 pm in the home
of Ros Penn



New Members are made very welcome and we will chat about this next book.
(Tea/Coffee and Snacks)

The next book we have for you to read is *What the Bible Really Teaches*, by Keith Ward

The collection this weekend is for our clergy so please be a generous as you can.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Please keep this date in your diaries
SATURDAY 16 JUNE AT 2.00 PM
at the Sacred Heart church, for a pre-pilgrimage get together.
Thank you, Ros Penn.

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

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

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, **9 April** 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 on **9 April** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

This group will be meet on **4 April**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

