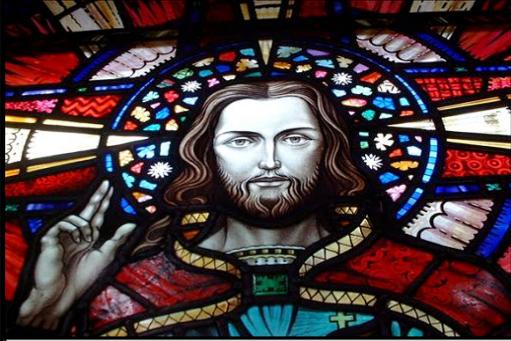




22 April 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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 8 and 15 April the totals were £530.06 and £485.35. The Finance Committee.

Feast of St Mark the Evangelist – 25 April

Most of what we know about Mark comes directly from the New Testament. He is usually identified with the Mark of Acts 12:12. When St Peter escaped from prison, he went to the home of Mark's mother.

Paul and Barnabas took him along on the first missionary journey, but for some reason Mark returned alone to Jerusalem. It is evident from Paul's refusal to let Mark accompany him on the second journey, despite Barnabas's insistence, that Mark had displeased Paul. Because Paul later asks Mark to visit him in prison, we may assume the trouble did not last long.

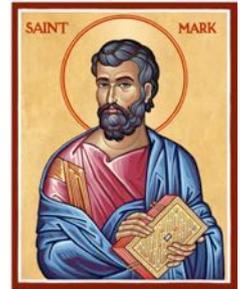
The oldest and the shortest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark emphasises Jesus's rejection by humanity while being God's triumphant envoy, probably written for gentile converts in Rome, after the death of Peter and Paul, sometime between 60 and 70 AD.

Evidently a friend of Mark, calling him 'my son', Peter is only one of this Gospel's sources, others being the Church in Jerusalem and the Church at Antioch

Like another Gospel writer, Luke, Mark was not one of the 12 Apostles. We cannot be certain whether he knew Jesus personally. Some scholars feel that the evangelist is speaking of himself when describing the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane: 'Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked' (Mark 14:51-52).

Others hold Mark to be the first bishop of Alexandria. Venice, famous for the Piazza San Marco, claims Mark as its patron saint; the large basilica there is believed to contain his remains.

A winged lion is Mark's symbol. The lion derives from Mark's description of John the Baptist as a 'voice of one crying out in the desert' (Mark 1:3), which artists compared to a roaring lion. The wings come from the application of Ezekiel's vision of four winged creatures to the evangelists.



Adapted from <https://www.franciscanmedia.org>

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 22 April	Next Sunday, 29 April
1 st Reading	Una McAlinden	Pat Crowe
2 nd Reading	Judith Latham	Fredrick Werrett
Eucharistic	Adrian Hamilton	Ros Penn
Eucharistic	Catherine Davies	Don Perrett
Driver	Kate Mansford	David Toland

Please note there will be no parking available at Flitwick Lower School next Sunday 29 April due to the Flitwick 10k Run.

Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	22 April	9.00 am	Helen Byrne, Recently Deceased, RIP and Intentions of Patsy Clancy, seriously ill
Tuesday	24 April	9.30 am	Monica Elengorn, Recently Deceased, RIP
Wednesday	25 April	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Friday	27 April	10.00 am	Bernadette Teresa Greene, Anniversary, RIP Willie Thomas, Recently Deceased, RIP

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR APRIL ALL NEWLY BAPTISED CATHOLICS

Heavenly Father, in your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours. Surround all newly baptised with your love, and protect them from evil. Fill them with the Holy Spirit and receive them into the family of your church, and let them grow in your love. Amen

JOIN OUR EASTER PILGRIMAGE

Pope Francis calls us to step out in solidarity with people on the move.

Central Bedfordshire pastoral area will be holding a series of walks which you are invited to join. The next stage is on

28 April Flitwick to Leighton Buzzard

05 May Leighton Buzzard to Dunstable

Ways to be involved :

- Please pray for refugees and migrants and the success of this pilgrimage
- Welcome walkers and join in with reflections and prayers at your church at 2.00 pm

SEE FOYER FOR MORE INFORMATION

There will be a second collection this Sunday, 22 April. This collection is for the Priests' Training Fund is to cover the costs of training new priests for our diocese. Gift Aid envelopes are available. Please be as generous as you can.



Feast of St George – 23 April (c.275/281–303)

St George was a soldier of the Roman army who was tortured and beheaded for his Christian faith in the year 303, in Lydda. He was likely born in Cappadocia, of a Cappadocian father and a Palestinian mother of noble rank. At the death of his father, he moved to Palestine with his mother where he joined the army and apparently served

with some distinction, meriting several promotions.

St George is usually depicted in Christian art as a soldier on horseback killing a dragon with a lance.

This image is a representation of a popular legend of St George which first appears in 1265 in a romance titled *The Golden Legend*, in which he saved a town terrorised by a dragon with one blow of his lance. The image is more significantly a powerful symbol of the victory of Christian faith over evil, personified by the devil, symbolised by the dragon according to the imagery in Revelations.

St George is invoked as a patron of military causes, not only because he was a soldier, but also and primarily due to his appearance to the victorious Christian armies before the battle of Antioch, and to King Richard the Lionheart of England during his crusade against the Saracens. St George is the patron of soldiers and the patron saint of many nations, including Palestine, Lebanon, England and Malta.

Adapted from <http://vaticansite.com>

Have a look at our wonderful stained glass window of St George. These windows came from a chapel at the Sacred Heart College in Woodcote, Shropshire. When the church at Flitwick was in the planning stage, the windows were incorporated into the finished building.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 9 JUNE 2017

This year we will share a coach with Sacred Heart Leighton Buzzard. The coach will leave from Sacred Heart Flitwick at 8.00 am prompt, and arrive at Walsingham about 11.30 am, with a courtesy stop on the way. You can bring a packed lunch or visit one of the local tea shops or



restaurants. The cost is £15.00. To reserve a place, please hand your money, in an envelope, labelled Walsingham with your name, to Suzanne Yates. Any queries, contact Suzanne, 01525 840 661.

RED BOX HOLDERS

A big thank you to all the Red Box Holders who contributed an amazing £2,669.53 last year for the missions.

Thank you to those who emptied their boxes during Lent this year, so far we have £1,785. Money can be handed in all year round, either to me or to the welcomers at Mass. If you would like a Red Box please ring Pat King on 01525 402 598. The missions are always grateful for any loose change.



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



LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA 22 MAY AT 2.00 PM

There will be afternoon tea on the above date for conversation and friendship. A limited number of tickets will be available after Mass this Sunday at £3.00.



Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday.
Newsletter contact: Suzanne Yates; 01525 840 661;
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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 HOUSEBOUND?

Please let us know of anyone who needs a visit or requires Holy Communion at home.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP

meet in the church every Monday at 7.30 pm. Members provide help, support and friendship to anyone in need. They offer this support through befriending visits. Call Brendan Spillane on 01525 861 949 to find out more about their work.

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.

Everyone is welcome to come for tea and coffee after Sunday Mass.



Mothers' Prayers will meet on Monday, **23 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 meet on **23 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 **2 May**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

