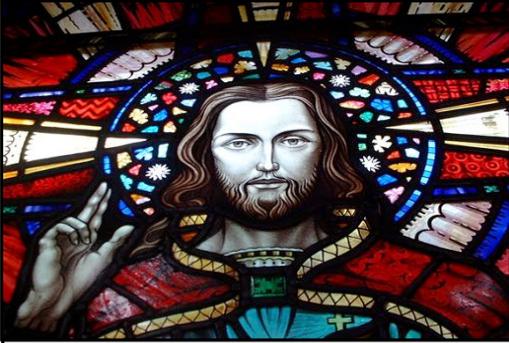


# newsletter



3 June 2018

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



## 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 20 May the total was £372.76. With thanks, the Finance Committee.

### THE THEME FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION IN JUNE IS MOTHERS' PRAYERS

A Mothers' Prayers group has been meeting in our parish for sixteen years to pray for our children, families and friends. The Lord has blessed us richly by answering many of our prayers. We have seen some of our children come back to church, pass exams, find work, find accommodation and make good friendships and relationships. There have also been both spiritual and physical healings and occasions too of family reconciliation.



We meet fortnightly on a Monday at 7.30 pm with fellowship and refreshments followed by prayers for our children and families.

All prayers are confidential and anyone is welcome who would like to pray for their children and family.

Please feel very welcome to come and meet us over a cup of tea and cake at our next meetings on **4 and 18 June** or at any other meeting. You can ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186 for more information or just come to 80 George St, in Maulden.

Our Holy Father said 'Family is the greatest treasure of any country'.

Let us pray continually for our children and young people.

### MEMORARE: TO BE RECITED AT MASS TODAY

Remember, most kind Jesus, that no one was ever abandoned who had recourse to your Sacred Heart, implored its help, or called for mercy.

Filled with this confidence, Divine Heart, ruler of all hearts, we come to you, oppressed beneath the weight of our sins. Do not reject our poor prayers, but listen to them mercifully, and be pleased to answer them.

#### ACT OF CONSECRATION

We give and consecrate to the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, our person, our life, our actions, our pains and sufferings, so that we may no longer be willing to use any part of our being except to honour, love, and glorify the Sacred Heart.

It is our unchanging intention to be all his and to do all for love of him. We renounce at the same time with all our heart whatever can displease him.

We, therefore, take you, Sacred Heart, for the only object of our love, the protector of our life, the pledge of our salvation, the remedy of our weakness and inconstancy, the atonement for the faults of our life, and the secure refuge at the hour of our death.

Be then, Heart of goodness, our justification before God the Father, and turn away from us the punishment of his just anger. Heart of love, we put our confidence in you, because we fear everything from our own sinfulness and weakness. We hope for all things from your mercy and generosity. Destroy in us all that can displease or resist your holy Will. Let your pure love impress you so deeply upon our hearts that we may never forget you or be separated from you. May our names, by your loving kindness, be written in you, because in you we desire to place all our happiness and all our glory in living and dying in very bondage to you. *(St Margaret Mary Alacoque)*

Almighty and Eternal God, look upon the Heart of your most beloved Son, and upon the praises and satisfaction which he offers you in the name of sinners; and to those who implore your mercy, in your great goodness, grant forgiveness in the Name of the same Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you, forever and ever. *Amen.*



**Walsingham pilgrimage is this Saturday.  
Bus leaves from the church at 8.00 am.  
Please be here in plenty of time.**

#### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 3 June	Next Sunday, 10 June
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Siobhan Campbell	Emma Burgess
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Brendan Spillane	Michael Burgess
Eucharistic	Carlos Rincon	Nicky Paterson
Eucharistic	Myriam Rincon	Helen Burgess
Driver	Kate Mansford	David Toland

### Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	3 June	9.00 am	Private Intentions
Monday	4 June	9.30 am	Novena Prayer for the Sacred Heart
Tuesday	5 June	9.30 am	Joan Gallen Recently Deceased, RIP
Wednesday	6 June	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Thursday	7 June	9.30 am	Novena Prayer for the Sacred Heart
Friday	8 June	10.00 am	Hildegard Ormai, Anniversary, RIP

### CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR JUNE – PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH

Loving Father we give you thanks, because you call us to participate in your divine plan. Bless us with an open heart, and enable us to listen to your Holy Spirit. Enlighten our minds so that we may discern the path that we should follow. Give us courage to live out the life you invite us to. Amen.

## Feast of the Sacred Heart – 8 June

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus goes back at least to the 11<sup>th</sup> century, but until the 16<sup>th</sup> century, it remained a private devotion. The first feast of the Sacred Heart was celebrated on 31 August 1670, in Rennes. From Rennes the devotion spread, but it took the visions of St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) for the devotion to become universal.

In all of these visions, in which Jesus appeared to St Margaret Mary, the Sacred Heart of Jesus played a central role. The great apparition, which took place on 16 June 1675, during the octave of the Feast of Corpus Christi, is the source of the modern Feast of the Sacred Heart. In that vision, Christ asked St Margaret Mary to request that the Feast of the Sacred Heart be celebrated on the Friday after the octave (or eighth day) of the Feast of Corpus Christi, or nineteen days after Pentecost Sunday, in reparation for the ingratitude of men for the sacrifice that Christ had made for them. The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents not simply his physical heart but also his love for all mankind.

The devotion became quite popular after St Margaret Mary's death in 1690, but because the Church initially had doubts about the validity of St Margaret Mary's visions, it was not until 1765 that the feast was celebrated officially in France. Almost 100 years later, in 1856 Pope Pius IX at the request of the French bishops, extended the feast to the universal Church.

This weekend marks the Feast of Corpus Christ followed by the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Many of us grew up with images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary hanging in churches, schools and homes.

Adapted from <https://www.romancatholicman.com>

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar.

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*.

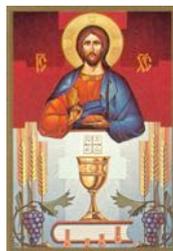
In our reading for today we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. Mark describes Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of

Passover is a memorial to, and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel's history. It celebrates God's deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of the Jewish tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for his deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today's Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus' own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus' own blood.

The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.

Adapted from <https://www.loyolapress.com>



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).

### BOOK CLUB

The next book for you to read is *Gaudete et Exsultate* by Pope Francis. We would welcome your feedback when you have read it or join us in the church hall on the **28 June** at 7.30 pm where you would be most welcome.

### MASS FOR THE SICK AND ANOINTING FRIDAY 22 JUNE

The SVP cordially invites all parishioners to the Mass for the sick and anointing which will be celebrated by Fr. John and afterwards to tea in the parish room.

There will be no Mass in the morning that day.



**Newsletter copy deadline** – Thursday midday.  
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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](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

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](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.

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



Mothers' Prayers will meet on Monday, **4 June** 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 **11 June** 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 **6 June**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

