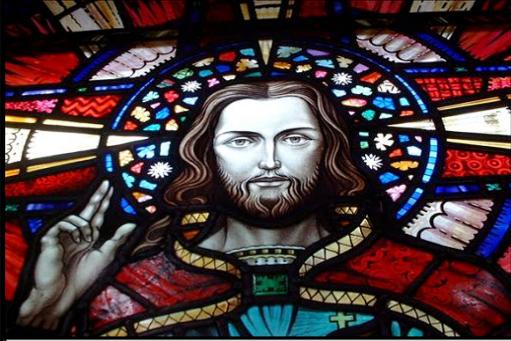




6 May 2018

Sixth 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 29 April the total was £363.03. With thanks, the Finance Committee.

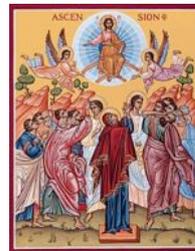
Feast of the Ascension – 10 May

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Gospel for the Ascension is taken from Matthew (28:16-20).

The last five verses of Matthew's Gospel contain the commissioning of the disciples after the resurrection. It is given to the Church of which the disciples are representatives.

The risen Jesus is Lord of the Church. Now is the moment to send out the disciples to do the work of the Church. Jesus, as the risen Lord, has the authority of God. Now he is sending them out.



1. They are to baptise all nations in the name of the Trinity. Baptism is the initiation into the community of the Church. It would seem that from the very beginning, baptism has been administered with running water and in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. They are to teach. When Jesus commissions them to teach all his commands, he is telling them to continue to do his work. As far as Matthew is concerned the teaching of Jesus is contained in the five discourses incorporated in his Gospel: the Sermon on the Mount (Ch.5-7); the Missionary Discourse (Ch.10); the Parable Discourse (Ch.13); the Discourse on the Church (Ch.18), and the Discourse on the Last Things (Ch.24-25).
3. The final words are an assurance that Jesus will always be with the Church, even after the Ascension, when he has returned to his Father. The Lord will never desert the Church. He is with us to the end.

Adapted from *The Word of God*, by Robin Cooper

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 comfort 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.



PLEASE NOTE

IF YOU ARE THINKING OF GOING WE NEED THE MONEY SOON, AS IT IS FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 6 May	Next Sunday, 13 May
1 st Reading	Victoria Basterfield	Kate Mansford
2 nd Reading	Bernadette	Suzanne Yates
Eucharistic	Clare Bevan	Anne Gadsden
Eucharistic	Jane Crow	Helen Wilson
Driver	C./J. Gallagher	Louis Chadwick

CHANGES TO HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Having considered the significance and observance of Holy Days of Obligation, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales hereby decree that the calendar for the dioceses of England and Wales be modified as follows:

- The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord to be observed on Thursday, 6th week of Easter time (**10 May 2017**).

We will have Service of the Word at 9.30 am and Mass at 7.30 pm

Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	6 May	9.00 am	Private Intentions
Tuesday	8 May	9.30 am	Deceased of the Parish
Wednesday	9 May	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Thursday	10 May	9.30 am	Service of the Word and Communion
Thursday	10 May	2.30 pm	Funeral Service for Paula Day
Thursday	10 May	7.30 pm	People of the Parish
Friday	11 May	10.00 am	Thomas Fagan, Anniversary, RIP

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR MAY – 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.

THE THEME FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION IN MAY IS 'TAIZÉ'

This single word describes a tradition, a community and a form of worship and prayer that has attracted millions across the world. Set in a small village near the River Rhone, in France, this community has been a beacon of faith and spirituality since its founder Brother Roger came to the place in 1940.



From its inception, that community was a home to an ecumenical movement particularly calling young people to a renewal in the Spirit. Its founders and numerous visitors found strength in simple prayer, beautiful musical settings of prayer and words of scripture and in quiet and deeply spiritual prayer.

With the help of their prayer guides and using their music as a centre piece, we intend to bring the experience of this community to life in our own community. (More information about Brother Roger and the community of Taizé may be found, on their website www.taize.fr/en)

Our prayer session continues next Tuesday 8 May and then 15 May and after Mass on 25 May. The evening sessions will begin at 7.45 pm and end at 9.00 pm. Please pick up a leaflet.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 13 – 19 MAY

In Haiti, Marcelin raised his three daughters alone. They have endured some of the worst natural disasters on earth. They are not just survivors. They are fighters. But they



will not survive the next hurricane without your help. This Christian Aid Week, you can help them build a home that will weather the next storm, so they will not need to fight to survive.

This Christian Aid Week, 13-19 May, our church is supporting the following activities in Ampthill and Flitwick.

- 10 May – Upper Room Lunch at Ampthill Methodist church at 12 midday
- 12 May – Big Brekkie at Flitwick Methodist church at 8.30 am till 12 midday
- 13 May – Christian Aid Service at Ampthill Methodist church at 6.30 pm

Each family will receive some Christian Aid envelopes to fill in and you asked to give them to family and friends and return them to the church by 20 May.

THERE IS NO DOOR-TO-DOOR COLLECTION THIS YEAR

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).

RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection next weekend of **13 May**. This collection is a contribution to mass media's evangelisation campaign through television, radio, the Internet and special projects in the Catholic press. This is an annual collection taken up in the diocese. Gift Aid envelopes are available. Please be as generous as you can.



Churches Together in Ampthill and Flitwick

Celebrate Pentecost with us at the Birthday Party of the Churches in Ampthill and Flitwick

20 May

Millennium Park, Flitwick
Activities for Children at 2.30 pm
Short Service at 3.15 pm



FOOD BANK

Thank you for all your kind donations to the food bank. Due to changes in benefit payments, the Ampthill and Flitwick group are now having to give the same number of food parcels each week as they gave each month last year. Anything you can give will be gratefully received.



LADIES' AFTERNON 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.



PAULA DAY, RIP

Please remember Paula Day in your prayers. Her funeral will be held on Thursday 10 May at 2.30 pm. All our sympathy and prayers go to Paula's family.



Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday.
Newsletter contact: Suzanne Yates; 01525 840 661;
suz_yates@btinternet.com

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, **14 May** 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 **14 May** 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 **16 May**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

