

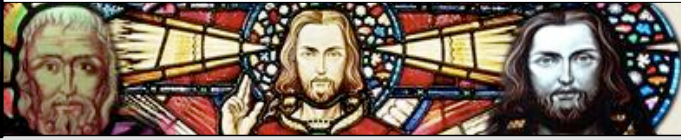


13 May 2018

Seventh 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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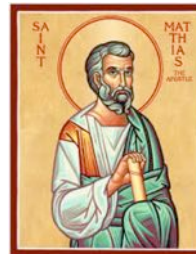
Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 6 May the total was £400.22. With thanks, the Finance Committee.

Feast of St Matthias – 14 May

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The New Testament mentions Matthias only once, and that is in the account of how he was chosen to become one of the Apostles.

After the death of Judas, the Apostles met to elect someone to replace him. Peter presided at this meeting and reminded the others of the qualification necessary. The candidate had to have been a follower of Jesus Christ from the time of Jesus' baptism by John until his ascension into heaven. Soon the choice was narrowed to two men: Joseph, so good and holy that he was known as Joseph the Just, and Matthias, also a very good and holy man. At this point it would seem as though Joseph had an edge over Matthias, but God's ways are not the same as our ways. After the Apostles prayed for divine guidance, they cast lots and Matthias was chosen to share in their ministry.



So Matthias became an Apostle and a witness with the others to the Resurrection of Christ. Tradition links Matthias with the country of Ethiopia, where he is believed to have met his martyrdom. The known facts about the missionary work and martyrdom of Matthias are not many. What is known is that he loved Christ and that he lived and died to spread the Good News as far as possible.

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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, 13 May	Next Sunday, 20 May
1 st Reading	Kate Mansford	Martin Brennan
2 nd Reading	Suzanne Yates	Ann Leatherland
Eucharistic	Anne Gadsden	Chris Till
Eucharistic	Helen Wilson	Noreen Weighell
Driver	Louis Chadwick	William Doyle

Christian Aid Week commences today. Please return your envelopes by next Sunday. Remember the Christian Aid service is being held at Ampthill Methodist church today at 6.30 pm. All welcome



Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday 13 May	9.00 am	Michael Quinlan, who is seriously ill and Catherine and James McPartland, Anniversary, RIP
Tuesday 15 May	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 16 May	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Friday 18 May	10.00 am	Lisa Read, 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.

As next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday we would like everyone to wear **RED** to church to celebrate receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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 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.

LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA 22 MAY AT 2.00 PM

There will be afternoon tea on the above date for conversation and friendship. Only a few tickets left at £3.00. Fr. John has agreed to join us and say a few words.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 13 TO 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.

- 13 May – Christian Aid Service at Ampthill Methodist church at 6.30 pm
- Each family received some Christian Aid envelopes to fill in and you asked to give them to family and friends and return them to the church by next Sunday.

THERE IS NO DOOR-TO-DOOR COLLECTION THIS YEAR

RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection today, **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.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE SACRED HEART

To help commemorate the patronal feast day of the parish we will be observing a Novena up to the day of the commemoration, Friday 8 June.



A nis a prayer that is recited over nine days; in this case starting after Service of the Word and Communion on 30 May and then every morning until the solemnity.

The prayer booklet will be available shortly, to download from the parish website if you would like to join in the prayer, but cannot make the daily reciting of the prayer.

Please join us as you can to help to celebrate our parish feast day.

SUNDAY TEAS

Another charitable donation has been made due to the generosity of our tea and coffee customers, this time to Keech Hospice. £50 has gone to the adult section and £50 to the children's section. Many thanks to all concerned, both customers and helpers.



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



PLEASE NOTE!

Next week there will be parking available only in the school car park NOT in the playground.

THANK YOU

A HUGE thank you to all the candidates who attended BLAZE on the 28 April. It was an amazing day and you did yourself and our parish proud with your behaviour and engagement. Many thanks also to Paul Rowntree who volunteered to help on the day.

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.

