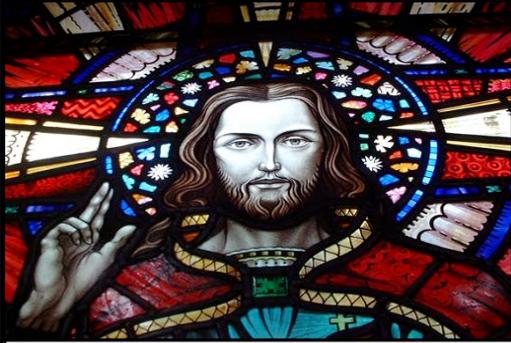




20 May 2018

Pentecost Sunday



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 13 May the total was £397.81. The second collection for Mass Media was £137.05.

Feast of Pentecost

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The first reading today is taken from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11).

The day of Pentecost is the day traditionally described as the birth day of the Christian Church. Luke indicates in the Acts of the Apostles that this is the day when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles as Jesus had promised (Luke 24:49), and the process of evangelism began.

In reality, the community was already in existence, and in the early chapters of the Acts details are given about the communal life of the Christian Church.

In the Jewish calendar, the Festival of Pentecost falls fifty days after the Passover, and is believed to be the day when Moses received the law on Mount Sinai. The Christian equivalents of the Last Supper and the gift of the Holy Spirit are significant alternatives celebrations.

The story is written about the traditional elements of wind and fire, associated with the Spirit. The disciples are possessed by the Spirit and given power to speak in tongues, not the ecstatic utterances of the Spirit, but in various languages found in the nearby countries of

the Roman Empire. The place names mentioned indicate how widespread the Jews had become. These 'devout people' were in Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost and heard the first Christian appeal in their own language.

So the purpose of Luke's writing begins to unfold. The Gospel will be preached to the end of the earth and this was the beginning of the expansion of the good news of Christ.

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, 20 May	Next Sunday, 27 May
1 st Reading	Martin Brennan	Noelette Hanley
2 nd Reading	Ann Leatherland	Alison Braniff
Eucharistic	Chris Till	John Flanagan
Eucharistic	Noreen Weighell	Helen Wilson
Driver	William Doyle	Ros Penn

Churches Together in Amptill and Flitwick

Celebrate Pentecost with us at the Birthday Party of the Churches

TODAY 20 May

Millennium Park, Flitwick

Activities for Children at 2.30 pm

Short Service at 3.15 pm



Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday 20 May	9.00 am	Martin Joseph Stynes, Snr, Anniversary, RIP
Tuesday 22 May	9.30 am	Ray Mahony, Anniversary, RIP
Wednesday 23 May	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Friday 25 May	10.00 am	Roy and Tina Stanyer, 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 its 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 Friday after Mass on 25 May. Please pick up a leaflet.

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. Fr. John will join us and say a few words.



BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE FOR NEW PARENTS

The next baptism preparation classes will be held on Saturdays **26 May and 2 June**, starting at 10.00 am for one hour in the St Francis Suite.



The parish encourages all new parents asking for baptism of their child, to attend. We also welcome parents who may wish to renew their preparation for baptism as their families grow. Asking for baptism for your child is the start of your child's sacramental journey in the Church. The sessions look at your role in the development of your child's faith, what you ask of the Church and the promises you make on behalf of your child.

We look forward to seeing you and your family. Godparents and grandparents are welcome to join us.

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 novena is 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.

Feast of St Bede the Venerable (673-735) – 25 May

He was born in the north of England, near the monastery of Wearmouth. He joined that monastery, and spent all his life there and at Jarrow, teaching and writing.



As the outstanding ecclesiastical author of his time, he wrote commentaries on scripture, an ecclesiastical history of the English people, which is a unique and irreplaceable resource for much of early English history, and the first martyrology (collection of saints' lives) to be compiled on historical principles. He was also the first known writer of English prose, though this has not survived. He died at Jarrow on 25 May 735; he taught and worked until the last moments of his life, which are narrated by Cuthbert in today's Office of Readings. He is venerated as the 'light of the Church' in the Dark Ages, and as a forerunner of the 8th and 9th century renaissance of the Western Church.

Adapted from Catholic Calendar app by Universalis Publishing

FOOD BANK

Thank you for all your kind donations to the food bank. Due to changes in the way benefit are paid, the Amptill 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.



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, **28 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 **28 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 **4 June**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

