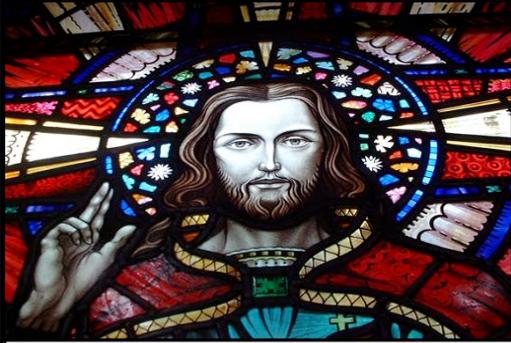




27 May 2018

Trinity 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 20 May the total was £485.35. With thanks, the Finance Committee.

Feast of the Blessed Trinity

Today's Gospel is taken from Matthew 28:16-20

The last five verses of Matthew's Gospel contain the commissioning to the disciples after the resurrection. It is given to the Church, of which the disciples are the 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 great 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. The Lord of the Church will never desert her. He is with us to the end of time.



So Matthew's Gospel comes to an end with one of the earliest of all Trinitarian statements. As early as the time of the Gospel, Christians were beginning to see the mystery of One God in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 27 May	Next Sunday, 3 June
1 st Reading	Noelette Hanley	Siobhan Campbell
2 nd Reading	Alison Braniff	Brendan Spillane
Eucharistic	John Flanagan	Carlos Rincon
Eucharistic	Helen Wilson	Myriam Rincon
Driver	Ros Penn	Kate Mansford

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. 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.

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

Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday 27 May	9.00 am	Intentions of the Quinlan family
Tuesday 29 May	9.30 am	Service of the Word and Communion
Wednesday 30 May	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Friday 1 June	10.00 am	Service of the Word and Communion

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 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.

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 is available, 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 VISITATION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – 31 MAY

This is a fairly late feast, going back to the only 13th or 14th century. It was established widely throughout the Church to pray for unity. The present date of celebration was set in 1969, in order to follow the Annunciation of the Lord and precede the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.



Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. John, upon the arrival of Mary, leapt in the womb of his mother; he was then cleansed from original sin and filled with the grace of God. Elizabeth, in turn, was filled with the Holy Spirit and addressed words of praise to Mary – words that echo down through the ages.

It is helpful to recall that we do not have a journalist's account of this meeting. Rather, Luke, speaking for the Church, gives a prayerful poet's rendition of the scene. Elizabeth's praise of Mary as 'the mother of my Lord' can be viewed as the earliest Church's devotion to Mary. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth's (the Church's) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God's words.

Then comes the *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55). Here, Mary herself – like the Church – traces all her greatness to God.

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

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



BOOK CLUB

Following Fr. John's extract from Pope Francis' *Gaudete et Exsultate* at Mass recently, the book club have taken this as our next book for you to read. There is a link to the Bishop's Conference website with some background;



<http://catholicnews.org.uk/exhortation-gaudete-et-exsultate>

You can download the pdf from the above link or you can purchase online direct from the Catholic Truth Society, and join us in reading this book. We would welcome your feedback when you have read this book or join us in the church hall on the 28 June at 7.30 pm where you would be most welcome. Tea /coffee and refreshments are served. Thank you, Ros Penn

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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