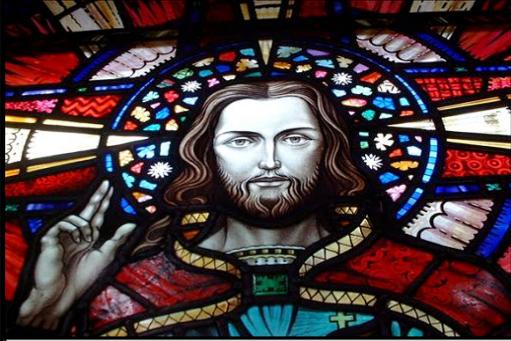




29 April 2018

Fifth 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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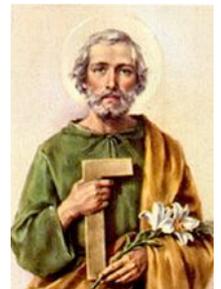
Thank you for your weekly contribution to the parish. For 22 April the total was £368.88. The second collection was £219.37.

Feast of St Joseph, the Worker – 1 May

To foster deep devotion to St Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the May Day celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfils the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Genesis 2:15) and to be productive in their labours. St Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labour.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from St Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: 'The Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society'.

St Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasised this when he said, 'The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Saviour of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work'.



Reflection

To capture the devotion to St Joseph within the Catholic liturgy, in 1870 Pope Pius IX declared St Joseph the patron of the universal Church. In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the feast of St Joseph the Worker. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work.

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

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

| Mass | This Sunday, 29 April | Next Sunday, 6 May |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 st Reading | Pat Crowe | Victoria Basterfield |
| 2 nd Reading | Eamonn Diver | Bernadette Basterfield |
| Eucharistic | Ros Penn | Clare Bevan |
| Eucharistic | Don Perrett | Jane Crow |
| Driver | David Toland | C./J. Gallagher |

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 decrees 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

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| Sunday | 29 April | 9.00 am | Birthday Remembrance, Ray Mahony, RIP |
| Tuesday | 1 May | 9.30 am | Intentions of the Johnson Family |
| Wednesday | 2 May | 7.30 pm | Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration |
| Friday | 4 May | 10.00 am | Lena Atkins, Recently Deceased, RIP |

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR APRIL

ALL NEWLY BAPTISED CATHOLICS

Heavenly Father, in your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours. Surround all newly baptised with your love, and protect them from evil. Fill them with the Holy Spirit and receive them into the family of your church, and let them grow in your love. Amen.

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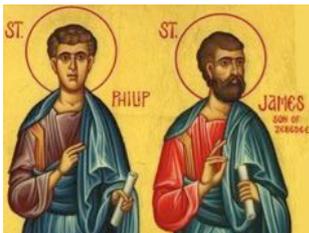
We have received a letter of thanks from NEED along with their annual report. These are available on the notice board.



FEAST OF ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES, APOSTLES – 3 MAY

Why do we celebrate the feasts of St Philip and St James the Less on the same day? Because they were both Apostles? No, we celebrate them on the same day because their relics were brought to Rome together in early May. They rest there still, in the Basilica of the Holy Apostles.

You may be wondering why this Apostle James is called the Lesser. It is to distinguish



him from the other apostle, James, the son of Zebedee, the brother of John, and the one known as James the Greater, whose feast day is 25 July. It is not meant to belittle or deride. James the lesser was, after all, chosen by Jesus Christ to be one of the twelve pillars of the Church. It is a bit like calling one James, *Jamie*, to distinguish him from another James in the household. We find him listed in the gospels as James the son of Alphaeus.

James was martyred in Jerusalem around Passover during the time Nero was emperor of Rome. He was arrested and ordered to stand atop a wall and preach against Christ. James climbed the wall as ordered and then preached the death and resurrection of Christ. Soldiers threw him off the wall. When the fall did not kill him, they began to stone him until he died, a faithful follower of the Christ who called him.

We know Philip best from the Gospel of John, chapter one. Jesus himself calls Philip, saying, 'Follow me'. And Philip did follow. He heard the call Jesus issues to each of us and followed. Then Philip began to call others. He told Nathanael, 'We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets. Jesus son of Joseph from Galilee'. Nathanael is underwhelmed. He asks, 'Can anything good come from Nazareth?'

Philip does not argue or try to top his friend's flippant remark. He simply says, 'Come and see,' trusting that all who come and see will discover the Lord.

Philip was killed in Greece under the reign of the Roman emperor, Domitian. Tradition says he was crucified upside down, like James, a faithful follower of the One who called him.

Adapted from <http://thecatholiccatalogue.com>

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, in English, on their website www.taize.fr/en)

Our prayer session will begin on 1 May with a brief introduction to the community with a DVD and exploring the prayer and chants. Prayer evenings will take place on 8 and 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.

DIOCESAN 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, 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.

We welcome Albert, the son of Marzena and Colin Edwards, who was baptised into the Catholic community last Saturday. We ask the parish to pray for him and his family, and we ask for all God's blessings on their journey of faith.



LADIES' AFTERNOON 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.

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 **2 May**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.



Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday.
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