

newsletter



17 June 2018

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B



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 10 June the total was £443.39. With thanks, the Finance Committee.

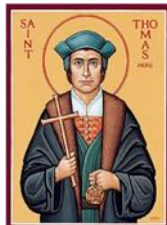
Feast of St Thomas More (1477-1535) – 22 June

The son of a judge, he was born in London and became an eminent lawyer. He married twice and had four children. He was a humanist and a reformer, his book, *Utopia*, depicting a society regulated by the natural virtues is still read today.

Thomas More was a close friend of Henry VIII. As a judge, he was famous for his incorruptibility and impartiality, and he was made lord chancellor – the highest legal position in England, in 1529.

When Henry demanded a divorce from Catherine of Aragon, Thomas More opposed him. He resigned the chancellorship in 1532 and retired from public life, but he could not retire from his reputation, and so it was demanded that he take an oath to support the Act of Succession, which effectively repudiated papal religious authority. He refused and was imprisoned in the Tower of London. After the execution of John Fisher he was tried on the charge of high treason for denying the King's supreme headship of the Church, found guilty and sentenced to death. He went to his execution on 6 July 1535 with a clear conscience and a light heart; he told the spectators that he was still 'the king's good servant – but God's first', and carefully adjusted his beard before he was beheaded.

Adapted from Catholic Calendar App



Feast of St John Fisher (1469-1535) – 22 June

He was born in Beverley in Yorkshire, in 1469. He studied theology at the University of Cambridge, and had a successful career there, finally becoming chancellor of the university and bishop of Rochester. Unusually for the time, he paid a great deal of attention to the welfare of his diocese.



He wrote much against the errors and corruption into which the Church had fallen, and was a friend and supporter of great humanists such as Erasmus of Rotterdam, but he was greatly opposed to Lutheranism both in its doctrine and in its ideas of reform.

He supported the validity of King Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon and for this he was briefly imprisoned. When the King had divorced Catherine, married Anne Boleyn and constituted himself the supreme head of the Church in England, John Fisher refused to assent. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London on a charge of treason, and on 22 June 1535, a month after having been made a cardinal by the Pope, he was executed. He was so ill and weak that he had to be carried in a chair to the place of execution.

He was the only bishop to oppose Henry VIII's actions, on the grounds that they were a repudiation of papal authority, but even so he avoided direct confrontation with the other bishops, not holding himself up as a hero or boasting of his coming martyrdom: 'I condemn no other man's conscience: their conscience may save them, and mine must save me.'

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Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 17 June	Next Sunday, 24 June
1 st Reading	Maggie Dullaghan	Judith Latham
2 nd Reading	Catherine Davies	Dee Brady
Eucharistic	Chris Till	Pat King
Eucharistic	Noreen Weighell	Ros Penn
Driver	C./J. Gallagher	Louis Chadwick

On 19 June we celebrate a feast for the dedication of our cathedral in Northampton. The cathedral's patrons are our Lady Immaculate and Thomas of Canterbury.

Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	17 June	9.00 am	Isabelle Grassie, RIP
Tuesday	19 June	9.30 am	Maureen Herihy, Anniversary, RIP
Wednesday	20 June	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Friday	22 June	2.00 pm	Eric Johnson, Recently Deceased, RIP

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR JUNE – PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH
Loving Father, we give you thanks because you call us to participate in your divine plan. Bless us with an open heart, and enable us to listen to your Holy Spirit. Enlighten our minds that we may discern the path that we should follow. Give us courage to live out the life you invite us to. Amen.

**MASS FOR THE SICK
WITH ANOINTING
FRIDAY 22 JUNE**



The SVP cordially invites all parishioners to the Mass for the sick with 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.

SECOND COLLECTION



There will be a second collection this Sunday **17 June**. This collection is a contribution to Day for Life, the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life. The Church teaches that life should be protected and nurtured from conception to natural death. This is an annual collection taken up in the diocese.

Gift Aid envelopes are available. Please be as generous as you can.

BOOK CLUB

Our next booklet to read is *Gaudete et Exsultate* by Pope Francis.

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

You can download the PDF from the above link 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 **28 June** at 7.30 pm, where you would be most welcome. Tea /coffee and refreshments are served. Thank you, Ros Penn

As you know two boys from our parish, Christian and Colm, sing in the Westminster Boys' Choir. They have a concert on 6 July at that cathedral in London. If you would like information about getting a good price for tickets contact secretary@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk and a code will be sent to you.

Sacred Heart Flitwick 100 CLUB

The latest draw took place on 10 June and the lucky winners were
1st – Mike Fagan,
2nd – Christine Swannell
3rd – Francis McKenna.



First Holy Communion will take place this Saturday at a special Mass celebrated by Fr. John. We congratulate Maia, Yili, Charlotte, Imogen, Amelia, Paulinka, Jayden, Sebastian and Ysabelle and ask you to keep them in your prayers.

Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday.
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When you provide the parish or diocese with personal data in order to engage with us and/or benefit from our services, we will keep a record of the data you give to us. This is for us to comply with our statutory obligations and to achieve our charitable objects of advancing and maintaining the Roman Catholic religion through the operation of the parish.

We are doing everything we can to comply with the new regulations and will not share any data that we collect from you for any purpose other than for what we collect it for.

Our privacy notice is available on the noticeboard in the church foyer and on our website. If you want a copy please see Suzanne Yates or contact her on secretary@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk

MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday 7 July
9.30 am to 11.00 am**

Join us for our regular men's breakfast event.

Bacon sandwiches, conversation, friendship. (Suggested donation only £1.)

**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 meeting on **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.



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 HOUSE-BOUND?

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, **18 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 **25 June** 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 **20 June**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

