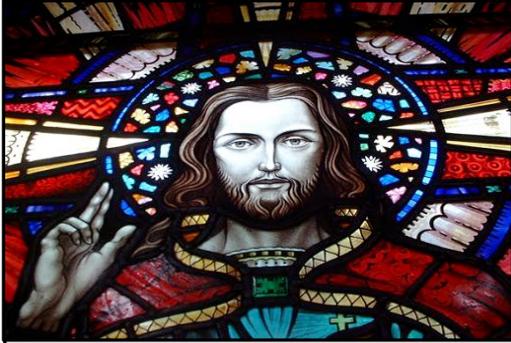




24 June 2018

The Nativity of St John the Baptist



**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 contribution to the parish. For 17 June the Offertory was £333.43 and Standing Orders were £623.00. The second collection for Day for Life was £160.48.

## Feast of St Peter and St Paul– 29 June

This feast day commemorates the martyrdom of the two great Apostles, assigned by tradition to the same day of June in the year 67AD. They had been imprisoned in the famous Mamertine Prison in Rome and both had foreseen their approaching death. Saint Peter was crucified; Saint Paul, a Roman citizen, was slain by the sword. Tomorrow the Church commemorates the Apostle of the Gentiles; today is dedicated primarily to Saint Peter.

The chief of the Apostles was a native of Galilee, like Our Lord. As he was fishing on its large lake he was called by Our Lord to be one of his apostles. Peter was poor and unlearned, but candid, eager and loving. In his heart, first of all his conviction grew, and then from his lips came the spontaneous confession: 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!' Our Lord chose him and prepared him to be the rock on which he would build his Church, his vicar on earth, the head and prince of his Apostles, the centre and indispensable bond of the Church's unity, the unique channel of all spiritual powers, the guardian and unerring teacher of his truth.



All scripture is alive with St Peter; his name appears no fewer than 160 times in the New Testament. But it is after Pentecost that he stands out in the full grandeur of his office. He sees to the replacement of the fallen disciple; he admits the Jews by thousands into the fold, and in the person of Cornelius opens it to the Gentiles; he founds, and for a time, rules the Church at Antioch.

Ten years after the Ascension, St Peter transferred his apostolic capital to Rome, going in person to the centre of the majestic Roman Empire, where were gathered the glories and riches of the earth along with all the powers of evil. From there he sent St Mark, his valued secretary, to establish the Church of Alexandria in Egypt. In Rome, Saint

Peter's Chair was placed. There for twenty-five years he laboured at building up the great Roman Church. He was crucified by order of Nero and buried on the Vatican Hill, where now the Basilica stands which bears his name.

Adapted from [http://sanctoral.com/en/saints/saints\\_peter\\_and\\_paul.html](http://sanctoral.com/en/saints/saints_peter_and_paul.html)

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 24 June	Next Sunday, 1 July
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Judith Latham	Fredrick Werrett
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dee Brady	Una McAlinden
Eucharistic	Pat King	Catherine Davies
Eucharistic	Ros Penn	Hilary Brennan
Driver	Louis Chadwick	Kate Mansford

## FEAST OF STS PETER AND PAUL – 29 JUNE

This Friday is a holy day of obligation.  
 Mass will be at **10.00 am** at Sacred Heart Flitwick and Service of the Word at **7.30 pm**.

### Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	24 June	9.00 am	Eric Johnson, Recently Deceased, RIP
Tuesday	26 June	9.30 am	Rosie Merry, Recently Deceased, RIP
Wednesday	27 June	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Thursday	28 June	12.30 pm	Funeral Service for Rosie Merry
Friday	29 June	10.00 am	Special Intentions

**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.

## THE THEME FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER AND VOCATION IN JULY IS LECTIO DIVINA

*Lectio Divina* is Latin for 'divine reading', 'spiritual reading', or 'holy reading' and represents a method of prayer and scriptural reading intended to promote communion with God, and to provide special spiritual insights. The principles of *Lectio Divina* were expressed around the year 220AD and practised by Catholic monks, especially the monastic rules of Augustine and Benedict.



The practice of *Lectio Divina* is currently very popular among Catholics. Pope Benedict XVI said in 2005, 'I would like in particular to recall and recommend the ancient tradition of *Lectio Divina*: the diligent reading of sacred scripture accompanied by prayer brings about that intimate dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to him with trusting openness of heart.'

The actual practice of *Lectio Divina* begins with a time of relaxation, making oneself comfortable and clearing the mind of mundane thoughts and cares. Some *Lectio Divina* practitioners find it helpful to concentrate by beginning with deep, cleansing breaths and reciting a chosen phrase or word over and over, to help free the mind. Then they begin with the four steps:

*Lectio* – Reading the Bible passage gently and slowly several times.

*Meditatio* – Reflecting on the text and thinking about how it applies to one's life.

*Oratio* – Responding to the passage by opening the heart to God.

*Contemplatio* – Listening to God.

**Sessions will be on 10, 17 and 24 July from 7.45 pm till 9.00 pm**

We welcome Grace, the daughter of Crystal and Ross McLoughlin, who was baptised into the Catholic community last Saturday. We ask the parish to pray for her and her family, and we ask for all God's blessings on their journey of faith.



## 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.)

## REACHING OUT TO REFUGEES 'JUST ONE HOUSE'

*Launching a year-long appeal to support a refugee family in our area*

Pope Francis has appealed to parishes throughout Europe to respond to the continuing refugee crisis.



Sadly, many thousands of refugees continue to live in terrible conditions in camps in the Middle East and Southern Europe. Many have now been there for years.

Our government has committed to taking 20,000 of the most vulnerable Syrian refugees over a five-year period. An organisation, Refugees Welcome Milton Keynes (RWMK), has already housed and supported thirteen of the families.

RWMK welcomes further support from groups such as parishes, to raise money to help to bring more families to the area, under a scheme known as **JUST ONE HOUSE**.

The pastoral council have agreed that Sacred Heart at Flitwick will adopt **JUST ONE HOUSE** and RWMK as our sponsored charity for the next twelve months, and commit to raising £3,600 to help to house and support a family.

There are four ways that we can do this:

1. By joining our Pope's 'Share the Journey' walk and get sponsored on Saturday 21 July.
2. By pledging an annual or monthly donation to **JUST ONE HOUSE**
3. By organising a fundraising event - anyone who has ideas for this, please contact Jim Aylward, 01525 404 451 or [james.aylward@ntlworld.com](mailto:james.aylward@ntlworld.com)
4. By contributing to our special collection for **JUST ONE HOUSE** planned for January 2019.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### ROSIE MERRY, RIP

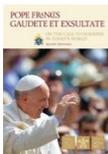
Please remember Rosie Merry in your prayers. Her funeral will be held on Thursday 28 June at 12.30 pm. All our sympathy and prayers go to Rosie's family.



### BOOK CLUB

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

<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 this **Thursday, 28 June** at 7.30 pm, when you would be most welcome. Tea /coffee and refreshments are served. Thank you, Ros Penn

**Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday.**  
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Everyone is welcome to come for tea and coffee after Sunday Mass.



Mothers' Prayers will meet on Monday, **16 July** 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 **4 July**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

