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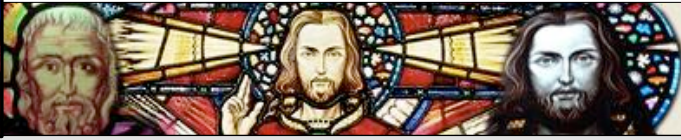
15 July 2018

Fifteenth 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 8 July the total was £428.70. With thanks, the Finance Committee.

The Gospel of Mark 6: 7-13

Today's Gospel is a reminder that our Share the Journey walk on Saturday and our fund-raising for Just One House are part of the work Christ asks us, as his followers, to do.

In today's Gospel, the twelve disciples are sent out by Jesus on missionary work. They were to conduct their mission under the strictest conditions. The task they were to perform was threefold:

1. They were to preach repentance. This refers back to the opening words of Jesus in the Gospel
2. They were to cast out devils.
3. They were to anoint the sick with oil and cure them. This is an early reference to the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.



In essence the mission of the Church today remains the same as that of the twelve. The missionary scene may well have changed in the twentieth century but the principles remain the same. All Christian Churches, by commission, at home and abroad, must:

- care for the sick,
- feed the hungry,
- fight against injustice and evil and,
- preach the message of repentance through educational, social, medical, agricultural and even political ways.

At home this is the responsibility of the local Christian communities. Abroad, such organisations as CAFOD as well as many religious orders carry on, in modern ways, the mission of the twelve. Support for such work is the responsibility of us all.

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

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 15 July	Next Sunday, 22 July
1 st Reading	Ann Leatherland	Ann Leatherland
2 nd Reading	Noelette Hanley	Kate Mansford
Eucharistic	Jane Crow	John Flanagan
Eucharistic	Clare Bevan	Anne Gadsden
Driver	Kate Mansford	David Toland

Second session of
Lectio Divina this
Tuesday evening from
7.45 pm till 9.00 pm.
All welcome.



Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	15 July	9.00 am	Donald Rodgers, Anniversary, RIP
Tuesday	17 July	9.30 am	Rose Merry, Recently Deceased, RIP
Wednesday	18 July	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Friday	20 July	10.00 am	Fr. Denis McSweeney, Anniversary, RIP

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR JULY – PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Father, hear our prayers for the sick and housebound of our community. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs. May these people find lasting health and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

16 July

The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, celebrated on 16 July, was first instituted in the late 14th century in commemoration of the approval of the rule of the Carmelite Order a hundred years earlier.



According to legend, a religious community was established even before the time of Christ, on Mount Carmel. This is the mountain overlooking the Mediterranean Sea on which the prophet Elijah successfully challenged the priests of Baal and won the people to the true God. The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel entered the calendar of the universal Church in the early 18th century.

Although there is no historical evidence for the pre-Christian Carmelite community, references in the 12th century record a community of monks on the holy mountain. Despite continual difficulties, the community built a monastery and church dedicated to the Virgin Mary on Mount Carmel in 1263. St Louis, King of France, had visited Mount Carmel in 1254, and brought back six French hermits for whom he built a convent near Paris.

Mount Carmel was taken by the Muslims in 1291, and the brothers were killed and the convent burned. The spread of the Carmelites in Europe is largely attributable to the work of St Simon Stock (1247-1265). The Carmelite Order was formally approved in 1274 at the Council of Lyon.

Adapted from www.catholicnewsagency.com

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' is 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.

Next Session will be on 17 July from 7.45 pm till 9.00 pm

On Sea Sunday, the second collection was for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency and we raised **£277.18**.



Don't Miss Out! This walk is next Saturday



Share the Journey
#sharejourney

We are having our walk of solidarity on Saturday 21 July – from Flitwick to Eversholt, accompanying Fr. John. A final reminder all the walkers, please add your names to the poster in the porch, and collect your copy of the Walker's Card, and remember to assemble at Church at **9.30 am** for a **10.00 am** start. The walkers from Leighton Buzzard are walking to Eversholt to walk back with Fr. John. If you cannot do the walk perhaps you can sponsor a walker and help raise funds for Just One House.

Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday.
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 22 July will be the last session as we break for the summer. Our next session will be on 9 September. We are blessed with a small but dedicated team and our thanks go them all for their help especially over the last few months.



Sacred Heart Flitwick 100 CLUB

The latest draw took place on 8 July and the lucky winners were
1st – Graham Stockton
2nd – Siobhan Campbell
3rd – John Flanagan

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 01525 715 109 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, **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 **23 July** 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 **18 July**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

