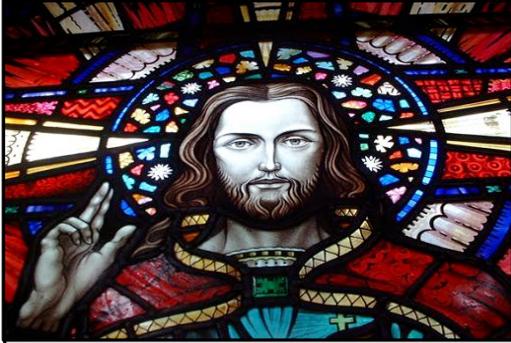


newsletter



26 August 2018

Twenty-First 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



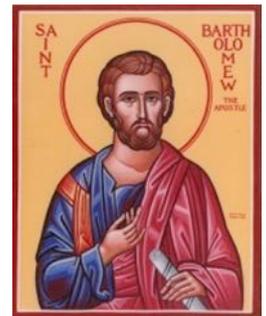
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Thank you for your contribution to the parish. For 19 August, the offertory was £415.48 and standing orders were £623.00. With thanks, the Finance Committee.

Feast of St Bartholomew – 24 August

In the New Testament, Bartholomew is mentioned only in the lists of the Apostles. Some scholars identify him with Nathanael, a man of Cana in Galilee who was summoned to Jesus by Philip. Jesus paid him a great compliment; 'Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him' (John 1:47b). When Nathanael asked how Jesus knew him, Jesus said, 'I saw you under the fig tree' (John 1:48b). Whatever amazing revelation this involved, it brought Nathanael to exclaim, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel' (John 1:49b). But Jesus countered with, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this' (John 1:50b).



Nathanael did see greater things. He was one of those to whom Jesus appeared on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias after his Resurrection (see John 21:1-14). They had been fishing all night without success. In the morning, they saw someone standing on the shore, though no one knew it was Jesus. He told them to cast their net again, and they made so great a catch that they could not haul the net in. Then John cried out to Peter, 'It is the Lord'.

When they brought the boat to shore, they found a fire burning, with some fish laid on it and some bread. Jesus asked them to bring some of the fish they had caught, and invited them to come and eat their meal. John relates that although they knew it was Jesus, none of the Apostles presumed to inquire who he was. This, John notes, was the third time Jesus appeared to the Apostles.

Saint Bartholomew is the patron saint of plasterers.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-bartholomew/>

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers		
Mass	This Sunday, 26 August	Next Sunday, 2 September
1 st Reading	Pat Crowe	Kate Mansford
2 nd Reading	Suzanne Yates	Ann Leatherland
Eucharistic	Nicky Paterson	Adrian Hamilton
Eucharistic	Don Perrett	Catherine Davies
Driver	David Toland	C.J. Gallagher

SUMMER PARISH BRUNCH

We are holding a late-summer brunch on Sunday **30 September** after 9.00 am Mass. Monies raised will go to our Just One House fundraising. Tickets available after Mass today. Family ticket £15 and a single ticket £8.



Mass Times at Sacred Heart

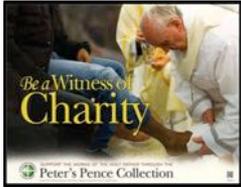
Sunday	26 August	9.00 am	Paul Whiteley, Recently Deceased, RIP
Tuesday	28 August	9.30 am	Service of the Word and Communion
Wednesday	29 August	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Friday	31 August	10.00 am	Service of the Word and Communion

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR AUGUST – PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Lord we thank you for marriage and the family. For the talents and good things you have given us. Please keep us united and our bonds strong as the days pass. Guide us, protect us and equip us to do your will each day. Thank you for all that you are and all that you have given us. Our hearts are forever grateful. Amen.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND, 26 AUGUST, FOR PETER'S PENCE.

Through the Peter's Pence Collection, we unite with the Holy Father as he reaches out to our brothers and sisters suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. We stand in solidarity with Catholics all over the world to support the charitable works and outreach of the Holy See.



In Pope Francis, we have a joyful witness of charity. By supporting this collection, we can experience more fully how 'mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope' (Misericordiae Vultus 10) The Peter's Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth-century England, King Alfred the Great collected money, a 'penny', from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression and disease.

Adapted from <http://www.saintpats.org>

We welcome Jamie, the son of Natasha and Daniel Woodard who was baptised into the Catholic community on 26 August.



We ask the parish to pray for him and his family, and we ask for all God's blessings on their journey of faith.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE FOR NEW PARENTS

The next baptism preparation classes will be held on Saturday **1 September**, starting at 10.00 am for one hour in the St Francis Suite. The parish encourages all new parents asking for baptism of their child, to attend. We also welcome parents who may wish to renew their preparation for baptism as their families grow larger. Asking for baptism for your child is the start of your child's sacramental journey in the Church. The sessions look at your role in the development of your child's faith, what you ask of the Church and the promises you make on behalf of your child. We look forward to seeing you and your family. Godparents and grandparents are welcome to join us.

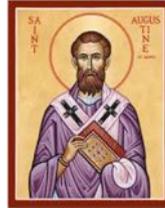


DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
Macmillan Coffee Morning at Sacred Heart church
Friday 28 September
immediately after 10.00 am Mass.



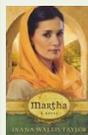
Feast of St Augustine of Hippo (354-430) – 28 August

Augustine born in Thagaste in Africa of a Berber family, he was brought up a Christian but left the Church and embraced the Manichaeian heresy, later seeing how nonsensical it was and becoming a Neoplatonist instead. He led a wild and dissolute youth, taking a concubine by whom he had a son, Adeodatus. With a brilliant legal and academic career, at length, through the prayers of his mother, and the teaching of St Ambrose of Milan, he was converted back to Christianity and was baptised in 387, shortly before his mother's death. Returning home to Africa and leading an ascetic life, he was elected Bishop of Hippo and spent thirty-four years looking after his flock, teaching them, strengthening them in the faith and protecting them strenuously against the errors of the time. He wrote an enormous number of works; the Office of Readings has many extracts from them. Pope Boniface VIII declared him a Doctor of the Church in 1308.



Adapted from Catholic Calendar app by Universalis Publishing

BOOK CLUB – NEXT MEETING
Thursday 18 October 2018
at 7.30 pm



in the home of Ros Penn
The next book we have for you to read is *Martha, a Novel* by Diana Wallis Taylor

Holy Hours - 7 to 9 September

During the Eucharistic Congress we will be holding a Holy Hour each day to coincide with an activity at the congress. There will be Holy Hour on Friday and Saturday from 6.00 pm till 8.00 pm and on Sunday from 2.00 pm till 3.00 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer

The inspiration for the Holy Hour is found in Matthew 26:40. In the Gospel of Matthew, during the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his crucifixion, Jesus spoke to his disciples, saying 'My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me.' Returning to the disciples after prayer, he found them asleep and he asked Peter: 'Could you not keep watch for an hour?' The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is a time for silent adoration and prayer in the presence of Christ. You are welcome to come for part or the whole hour.



Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday.
Newsletter contact: Suzanne Yates; 01525 840 661;
suz_yates@btinternet.com

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 at 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 Alan Bevan on 01525 403 589 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 take a break for the summer. Once more we thank Our Blessed Lord for so many blessings and answered prayers this year. For information ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186.



The sewing group will meet on **10 September** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For information contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

This group will meet again on **5 September**. There is no meeting in August. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750

