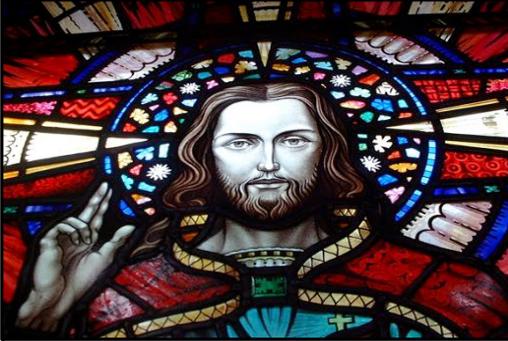


# newsletter



2 September 2018

Twenty-Second 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 26 August, the offertory was £349.14 and standing orders were £623.00. The second collection for Peter's pence was £136.15.

## Adoremus: National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress Liverpool 2018

The bishops of England and Wales are holding a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool from 7 to 9 September 2018, called Adoremus ('let us adore').

Eucharistic congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church.

The last International Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908, when permission for a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament was refused.

On the first day of this congress, Friday 7 September, there will be a theological a symposium with workshops. The sessions will focus on: scripture; ecclesiology, Eucharistic language and catechesis; rites and music for Eucharistic adoration.

The Echo Arena will be the venue for a six-hour stage programme on the second day, Saturday 8 September. It will include a congress Mass, keynote speakers and a drama highlighting the beauty of reverence and devotion. The day will conclude with adoration.

On the final day, Sunday 9 September, there will be pilgrimage Masses and a street procession which are open

to all.

Every diocese in England and Wales will take part in the Congress and Cardinal Nichols encourages people to make the pilgrimage. This pilgrimage will bring people together from across the dioceses and further the service of the poor and marginalised in our midst. It will also aim to provide practical resources to develop the mission of the Church in prayer, contemplation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Sacred Heart, Flitwick has been allocated four places. Deacon Philip and Helen Burgess, Maggie Dullaghan, Debbie Lewis, Nicky Paterson and Martin Stynes will attend.

Before the Eucharistic Congress in Genoa in 2016, Pope Francis encouraged everyone to visit the Blessed Sacrament. He said 'I want to encourage everyone to visit – if possible, every day – especially amid life's difficulties, the Blessed Sacrament of the infinite love of Christ and his mercy, preserved in our churches, and often abandoned, to speak filially with him, to listen to him in silence, and to peacefully entrust yourself to him.'

Adapted from <http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk>



Readers and Eucharistic Ministers		
Mass	This Sunday, 2 September	Next Sunday, 9 September
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Kate Mansford	Dee Brady
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Ann Leatherland	Judith Latham
Eucharistic	Adrian Hamilton	Clare Bevan
Eucharistic	Catherine Davies	Jane Crow
Driver	C.J.J. Gallagher	Louis Chadwick

### 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. Helpers are needed for the summer brunch. If you are able to help please contact Suzanne Yates on [secretary@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk](mailto:secretary@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk) or Kate Mansford on 01234 567 890



### Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	2 September	9.00 am	Thomas Traynor, Anniversary, RIP
Tuesday	4 September	9.30 am	Service of the Word and Communion
Wednesday	5 September	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Friday	7 September	10.00 am	Service of the Word and Communion

### CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER – PRAYER BEFORE THE EUCHARIST

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Eucharist. I love you and I desire to have you within my soul. When I am unable to receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as being already there, and unite myself wholly to you; never permit me to be separated from you.

## SVP Appeal

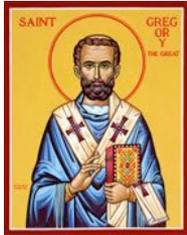
This year our SVP members will be appealing for your support on Sunday 16 September. As usual, they will present their annual report, sharing what has been done during the past twelve months and outlining future plans. There will be a retiring collection to support their work. On Monday 17 and Monday 24 there will be opportunities to meet members and talk about the work of the SVP. These meetings will be held at church at 8.00 pm – all are welcome and no pressure will be used!

Please see the noticeboard *Beyond Boundaries* for the national SVP appeal.



## Feast of Pope St Gregory the Great (540-604) – 3 September

He was born in Rome and followed the career of public service that was usual for the son of an aristocratic family, finally becoming Prefect of the City of Rome, a post he held for some years.



He founded a monastery in Rome and some others in Sicily, then became a monk himself. He was ordained deacon and sent as an envoy to Constantinople, on a mission that lasted five years.

He was elected Pope on 3 September 590, the first monk to be elected to this office. He reformed the administration of the Church's estates and devoted the resulting surplus to the assistance of the poor and the ransoming of prisoners. He negotiated treaties with the Lombard tribes who were ravaging northern Italy, and by cultivating good relations with these and other barbarians, he was able to keep the Church's position secure in areas where Roman rule had broken down. His works for the propagation of the faith included the sending of Augustine and his monks as missionaries to England in 596, providing them with continuing advice and support and (in 601) sending reinforcements. He wrote extensively on pastoral care, spirituality and morals, and designated himself 'servant of the servants of God'.

He died on 12 March 604, but as this date always falls within Lent, his feast is celebrated on the date of his election as Pope.

Adapted from the Universalis catholic calendar

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.

## PARKING AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

As you are aware since we only have one Mass on Sundays we have had to put in place some restrictions for parking at the church. With the cooperation of Flitwick Lower School we are able to provide additional car parking, five minutes walk from the church. We would encourage the use this additional space.

To ensure that parking is best used we make the onsite parking for **visitors and permit holders only**. These permits give priority to the disabled, frail, elderly, and people with very young children. Apart from visitors, ALL of the remainder of the parish community will be encouraged to use the school car park or elsewhere, walk to church and find other ways to limit their need to park near the church.

Parking permits will be renewed at the end of November. If you think you need a permit please contact Deacon Philip or Suzanne Yates in October.

There is an opportunity for **prayer ministry** straight after Mass **this weekend**. Please come forward to bring to the Lord your needs, and the team will pray with you, always confidential.

'Before they finish praying to me I will answer their prayers' (Isaiah 65:24).

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



## 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](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, 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.

Everyone is welcome to come for tea and coffee after Sunday Mass.

Mothers' Prayers will begin our 18<sup>th</sup> year of meetings on Monday **10 September**. We meet fortnightly to pray for our children and have had many answers to our prayers. Now would be a good time to join us as we come together after our summer break. Ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186 for details.



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 750 654.



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