

newsletter



23 September 2018

Twenty-Fifth 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 16 September the offertory was £355.53 and standing orders were £623.00. With thanks, the Finance Committee.

Feast of St Vincent de Paul – 27 September

Born in France in 1581 into a farming family in Pouy, Vincent's initial desire to be a priest was mainly for social advancement and monetary gain. Through a process of careful planning and being in the right place at the right time, Vincent was ordained a priest at the ripe old age of nineteen by an elderly bishop who could barely see or hear.

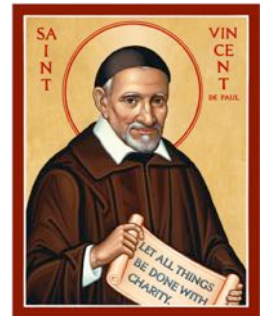
Beginning his ordained life with less than pure motives, Vincent's change of heart began in the middle of one of his visits to the poor tenants of a wealthy estate-holder.

When Vincent was called to hear the confession of a dying man, the spiritual naivety of the penitent shocked Vincent. The poor man knew next to nothing about his religion. Not long after, Vincent preached a sermon on general confession from the pulpit in the village chapel of Folleville. In it, he asked the people to take to heart the necessity of repentance. The response overwhelmed him.

For hours the villagers stood in line to go to confession. Inside they poured out their longing for the Gospel and for good priests to minister to them. Vincent had not guessed at their hunger or their need. Based on this conversion of heart, Vincent gathered a little band of missionary priests to his side.

In 1626, Vincent and three priests pledged to, in his own words, 'Aggregate and associate to ourselves and to the aforesaid work to live together as a Congregation and to devote ourselves to the salvation of the poor country folk'. The Congregation of the Mission was born. More men became priests to join Vincent and his three original companions, and began preaching across France. Within Vincent's lifetime the Congregation of the Mission had spread throughout the world.

At Vincent's funeral, the preacher declared that Vincent had just about 'transformed the face of the Church'. No one disputed this claim. His basic vision was simply that the Good News of Jesus Christ should be announced to the poor through word and service.



Adapted from <https://famvin.org>

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 23 September	Next Sunday, 30 September
1 st Reading	Martin Brennan	Emma Burgess
2 nd Reading	Alison Braniff	Michael Burgess
Eucharistic	Carlos Rincon	Helen Burgess
Eucharistic	Myriam Rincon	Ros Penn
Driver	Ros Penn	Kate Mansford

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. There will be a short planning meeting on Friday 28 September at 7.00 pm at the church. Please come along if you can assist on the day or let Suzanne know on secretary@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk



Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	23 September	9.00 am	Colm Brady, Anniversary, RIP and Mary and Tom Kerrigan, Anniversary, RIP
Tuesday	25 September	9.30 am	Caesar Rincon, Recently Deceased, RIP
Wednesday	26 September	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Friday	28 September	10.00 am	Eric Johnson, Recently Deceased, RIP

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER – THE WORK OF THE SVP

Lord, please bless the Society and its members and all for whom they care. Protect and guide them in their work, grant them energy and wisdom in their dealings with those in need and inspire others to join the Society so that its membership will grow in the years ahead. Amen

Pray the Rosary



OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The month of October is the Month of the Rosary, and along with each of the parish groups we are saying rosary most weeks. More Information next week.

The word rosary is derived from the Latin word *rosarium* meaning crown of roses. Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose, and that each complete rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, the rosary is the rose of all devotions and therefore the most important one. The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. It is a simple prayer, humble like Mary. It is a prayer we can all say together with her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite her to pray for us. Our Lady always grants our request. She joins her prayer to ours. Therefore it becomes ever more useful, because what Mary asks she always receives; Jesus can never say no to whatever his mother asks for. In every apparition, the heavenly Mother has invited us to say the rosary as a powerful weapon against evil, to bring us to true peace.

Pope St John Paul II on 16 October 2002 with the Apostolic Letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, on the Most Holy Rosary, added five new mysteries of the rosary: the Mysteries of the Light.

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

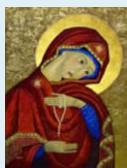
A DAY WITH MARY SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER

Our Pastoral Area Council is inviting all parishioners to join with people from our other parishes for a special day focused on Our Lady and the Rosary in today's busy world.

All aspects of the Rosary will be explored, its origins, how we use the rosary, its place and the derived benefits for us in 2018. There will also be opportunities for group discussion and reflection and we will finish with the collective saying of the Rosary.

The day starts at 11.30 am in the Marian Hall at St Mary's in Dunstable. Refreshments will be provided but you are asked to bring your lunch. We end the day with benediction at 3.30 pm.

If you would like to attend this gathering, please speak to Deacon Philip or Peter Leatherland for further information.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
Sacred Heart Church, Flitwick

TEA
COFFEE



CAKE
RAFFLE

Next Friday,

28 September

After 10.00 am Mass

PLEASE COME ALONG AND BRING A FRIEND
If you would like to donate a raffle prize or volunteer to bake a cake please, contact Anne Gadsden on 07432 595 057.

Raffle Tickets on Sale this Weekend after Mass

ADOREMUS

Thoughts from Helen Burgess

A week ago I attended the Adoremus Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool. I went with our parish and also as part of my role as a school lay chaplain. Liverpool is my hometown. A highlight for me had to be returning to my spiritual roots!

The congress was diverse, a range of themes were explored with lots of choices and parallel sessions. Something for everyone. The cathedral was spectacular, as was the input from Bishop Robert Barron from Los Angeles who spoke on the second day about the Mass. He received a standing ovation!

However, my take away message came from two optional sessions on Ecumenism. In each a group of senior leaders from a range of Christian denominations spoke from their perspective about the Communion table. They explored our differences but they also shared a deep desire to listen to each other, respect and support each other. In the second session held at the parish church of Our Lady and St Nicholas, the Anglican Bishop of Liverpool reflected on how he intended to join us all at Mass on Sunday morning and walk with us in the Eucharistic procession on Sunday afternoon. It was clear that this relationship of trust was not simply for Adoremus but the product of decades of work and commitment to ecumenism.

I represent our parish at the Churches Together group for Flitwick and Ampthill, and was able to share these encouraging observations with them this week.



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 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

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 **24 September**. We meet fortnightly to pray for our children and have had many answers to our prayers. Ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186 for details.



The sewing group will meet on **24 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 **3 October**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.



Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday.

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