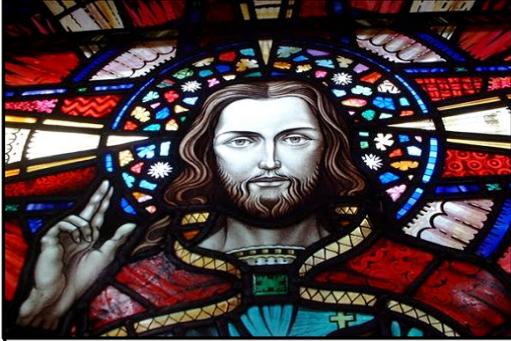


# newsletter



30 September 2018

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year



## 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 £458.70 and standing orders were £623.00. With thanks, the Finance Committee.

## World Meeting of Families – a Summary by Helen Burgess

On a sunny afternoon in Walsingham, June 2017, Deacon Philip first mentioned the idea of taking our family to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, August 2018. The motivation for going was to spend time together as a family, to encourage us in our Christian faith and to give our children a really positive memorable experience.



It was wonderful to be part of a global meeting. When we arrived at Dublin airport it became apparent that we were part of something much bigger. As with any pilgrimage we faced our challenges, transport (we got lost frequently and struggled to get helpful instructions) and weather (it rained a lot especially during the celebration of Mass outside).



Despite the sense of being very much on our own in Dublin, we kept bumping into familiar faces, mostly Bishop Peter! The congress ran over three days at the Royal Dublin Society; on the fourth day we celebrated the Festival of Families with Pope Francis in Croke Park and on the final day, Mass at Phoenix Park. The congress included a separate children's and teen global village and YouCat/ DoCat workshops for all the family. The exhibition area was huge, with stalls from many Catholic Christian organisations and initiatives. Every day we could gather for a large outdoor Mass in the family arena. Throughout the meeting we were reminded that we are a family of families. Highlights of the meeting for our family were:

**Katie (10 years)** – Godly play in the children's village and chips (when we were cold and hungry)

**Emma (14 years)** – Rend Collective concert even in the rain!

**Michael (16 years)** – Cardinal Tagle from the Philippines speaking about how he was tricked into applying for the seminary

**Paul** – Many memories including the Croke Park Festival and meeting other families, including sharing meals and chatting.

**Helen** – Walking with other pilgrims to Phoenix Park and the Celebrating Family and Sport seminar (some of the speakers included Fr. Philip Mulryne OP, Dominican priest and former Manchester United Player, and Olive Foley, widow of Anthony Foley, Munster Rugby, Ireland)

We hope to share our experiences with the parish in more detail very soon.

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 30 September	Next Sunday, 7 October
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Emma Burgess	Ann Leatherland
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Michael Burgess	Siobhan Campbell
Eucharistic	Helen Burgess	Maggie Dullaghan
Eucharistic	Ros Penn	Helen Wilson
Driver	Kate Mansford	Davis Toland

### COLUMBAN MISSIONARY APPEAL – SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER

Columban missionaries are committed to working with the poor in countries throughout Asia, Latin America and the Pacific. With your help we can reach out to people living at the margins of society, bring the joy of the Gospel into their lives, share in their present struggle for life and tackle the root causes of poverty and conflict. Fr. Dan Horgan who came to us when Fr. Denis was ill is a Columban priest.

### Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	30 September	9.00 am	Intentions of Ciara and Aaron Gallagher
Tuesday	2 October	9.30 am	Michael Doran, Recently Deceased, RIP and Marti Kooz, Recently Deceased, RIP
Wednesday	3 October	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Friday	5 October	10.00 am	Sean Downs, Recently Deceased, RIP and Noel Farrelly, 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



### THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER

The Joyful Mysteries are taken mostly from St Luke's Gospel in the New Testament. They involve the joyful events of Jesus' childhood and will be led by

**Deacon Philip.** Everyone is welcome to join us.

*And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth, John 1:14.*

When Adam and Eve sinned against God, the gates of heaven were closed. God promised to send a saviour who would open the gates of heaven. Jesus is the fulfilment of God's promise. That is why the Incarnation is the most wonderful event in human history. The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary are so called because they recount all the Joys of the Good News, namely Jesus.

- The Annunciation – The angel announces that Jesus is to be born.
- The Visitation – The baby in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy when Mary, who is pregnant with Jesus, visits her.
- The Birth of Jesus – Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.
- The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple – Jesus is presented to God in the temple in Jerusalem in accordance with Jewish Law.
- Finding Jesus in the Temple – who was lost, now is found in the temple in Jerusalem teaching the high priests.

Adapted from <http://www.how-to-pray-the-rosary.html>

The Following dates are when the rosary will be said  
Monday 8 October led by Mothers' Prayers  
Wednesday 17 October tbc

### A DAY WITH MARY

#### NEXT 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.

Look out for the e-newsletter on catechesis, which will have all information and dates for this academic year.

Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday.  
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### SVP Appeal Collection

Thank you very much for your generous support to our annual appeal.

The donations received total £834.36. This will certainly help us with our work for the coming year in helping those in need.

Once again, many thanks.  
SVP Members

We welcome Oral, the daughter of Najoua and Ryan O'Dell, who was baptised into the Catholic community on 29 September.

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



### Modern Day Slavery and Trafficking

Northampton Justice and Peace Commission invite you to a one-day conference on Saturday, 13 October at St John's Parish Hall, Luton at 10.00 am. The speakers are Sr Patricia Mulhall and Michael Duthie. Please see the poster in the church foyer.

### ADOREMUS

Thoughts from Nicky Paterson



I felt immensely grateful to be attending such an historic event, the first National Eucharistic Congress in England and Wales for 110 years. But above all to be reminded, in my head as well as my heart, that our Eucharist is a real encounter with the living Jesus and he loves us unconditionally and really wants to be in an individual relationship with each one of us.

It was so wonderful to hear again that Jesus is the living bread of life, not the stale bread of life – he is alive right there in the Eucharist. I felt challenged to truly focus and encounter Jesus, every time I have the honour to receive him or gaze upon him in Adoration.

I was particularly moved by the open discussions regarding our unity with other Christian denominations. The sadness felt by all that we are not yet in full communion together, but having the shared hope, love and commitment to stand together as Christians. This was made all the more real during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Liverpool, as walking each side of our archbishop of Liverpool was the Anglican bishop of Liverpool and the Liverpool Methodist Chair – getting absolutely soaked in the rain, but together as a sign of unity.

This amazing procession of the Blessed Sacrament returned to the cathedral and was taken up the steps and placed on the altar at the top, whilst we all gazed and worshipped our living Jesus and felt his love.

## 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 meet on Monday 8 October. 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 8 October 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.

