

newsletter



7 October 2018

Twenty-Seventh 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 30 September the offertory was £494.62 and standing orders were £623.00. With thanks, the Finance Committee.

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES – MONDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 7.30 PM

The Sorrowful Mysteries commemorate Jesus' ultimate act of redemption and will be led by the Mothers' Prayers Group. Everyone is welcome.

Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends (John 15:13).

Jesus is the Messiah, the promised one, who came to open the gates of Heaven for all and make all who would keep his commandments children of God. He atoned for the sins of mankind by his crucifixion. Sin entered the world through Adam and Eve's sin, but life entered the world through Jesus' suffering. 'For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive' (1 Corinthians 15:22).



The Sorrowful Mysteries recount all the sorrows of Jesus' Passion and death.

- The Agony in the Garden – The night before he dies, Jesus prays in the Garden of Olives. His agony is so great, his sweat becomes drops of blood.
- The Scourging at the Pillar – Jesus is scourged before he is crucified.
- Crowning with Thorns – The cruel Roman soldiers make a mockery of Jesus and crown him with a painful crown made of thorns.
- Carrying of the Cross – Jesus carries his cross through the streets to the place where he will be crucified.
- The Crucifixion – Jesus is crucified and dies for our sins.

Taken from <http://www.how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com/sorrowful-mysteries.html>

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 7 October	Next Sunday, 14 October
1 st Reading	Ann Leatherland	Suzanne Yates
2 nd Reading	Siobhan Campbell	Una McAlinden
Eucharistic	Maggie Dullaghan	Catherine Davies
Eucharistic	Helen Wilson	Chris Till
Driver	Davis Toland	C.J. Gallagher

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	7 October	9.00 am	Hilda and Lionel Nimerovsky and John Latham Anniversary RIP
Tuesday	9 October	9.30 am	Anthony Bailie, Recently Deceased, RIP
Wednesday	10 October	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Friday	12 October	10.00 am	Philip Moss, Recently Deceased, RIP

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR OCTOBER – THE WORK OF OUR SCHOOLS

Almighty God, we pray for our schools and all the staff and students who work and study in them. We pray that our schools are places of great discovery, adventure, creativity and holiness. May they be places where all learn to love and love to learn, a place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING MASS AND RECEPTION FOR VOLUNTEERS



Saturday afternoon the 15 September saw the first-ever thank you Mass for volunteers at Sacred Heart church. Upwards of 60 people who give unpaid work to the parish gathered for the service. Hymns were by Northamptonshire-born Graham Kendrick and 16th-century Martin Rinkart. Fr. John teamed with Deacon Philip, altar-servers Amber and Grace and reader Judith. Fr. John got over his message that volunteering is akin to love, therefore a truly Christian activity. He said that because of the fall in numbers of priests who used to do 'all the work', now the laity 'have to do more', and he ended by urging us, including himself, to 'Get stuck in together.'

After organist Theresa saw Fr. John off with a grandly played *Amazing Grace*, people filled the parish room which offered a fine selection of finger food, cheese, biscuits, sweets for the kids (and for some voracious grown-ups), tea, coffee and wine. People chatted, while kitchen volunteers did their own bit for the volunteers. The service and socialising were well received; hopefully this will be a regular event.

Here are only some of the 199 (yes!) jobs carried out by 113 volunteers, without whom the parish would be poorer in looks, operation and spirit: sacristan duty; cleaning; reading; collectors and counters; altar servers; Eucharistic ministers; organising/running book club, pilgrimage; SVP; DIY; councillors for the PAC and PPC; fundraising ... and much other unsung work.

[Teaser: *Who is the parishioner known as Donald Duck?* Clue: Ask Orla.]

By Chris Yates (volunteer newsletter copy editor)

Modern Day Slavery and Trafficking

Northampton Justice and Peace Commission invite you to a one-day conference on next 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

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ADOREMUS

Thoughts from Martin Stynes



There were interesting talks on many aspects of the Eucharist. The one that struck me as the most important was by Sister Margaret Atkins, 'Teaching the Eucharist'. The tradition of the Eucharist must be continued and for that to happen we must teach it to the young, and new Catholics. This teaching has to be carried out in today's changing environment. How do we do it?

Sister Margaret's talk made reference to the importance of family life and family meals. I remembered my own upbringing and family meals, where we ate food that nourished us properly. There is an increased reliance these days on fast food that does not nourish us.

Family life and meals are therefore very important. The Church is a family in many ways, coming together to give thanks and praise for the Eucharistic meal that will always nourish us. The Church is a family in three ways:

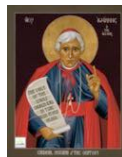
- The congress was a family of British parishes
- Lourdes is an international family where parishes from many countries come together.
- Parish Mass where we all come together as a parish family.

In all three cases the family is brought together by the Eucharist.

The Mass, where we come together as a family, creates an environment that enables the Eucharist to be taught. My son and daughter were taught the Eucharist here at Sacred Heart and the young and their learning continues here to this day.

Feast of Blessed John Henry Newman (1801-1890) – 9 October

Born in London in 1801, he was an Anglican clergyman for over twenty years and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. His studies of the early Church led him progressively towards Catholicism, and in 1845 he embraced the one true fold of the Redeemer. In 1847 he was ordained priest and went on to found the Oratory of St Philip Neri in England. He was a prolific and influential writer on a variety of subjects. He was created cardinal in 1879, by Pope Leo XIII. Praised for his humility, unstinting care of souls and contributions to the intellectual life of the Church, he died in Birmingham on 11 August 1890. Pope Benedict XVI beatified him in Birmingham on 19 September 2010.



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 **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 **17 October**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

