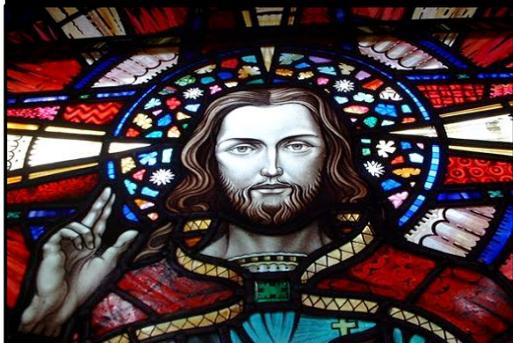


# newsletter



2 December 2018

First Sunday of Advent, Year C



**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 25 November the offertory was £355.53 and standing orders were £623.00. With thanks, the Finance Committee.

## UPDATE ON JUST ONE HOUSE

We are delighted to tell you that thanks to your great support and generosity, we are on course to reach our target of raising £3600 for Refugees Welcome Milton Keynes (RWMK) by June 2019, when all the money pledged will have been collected. It is our intention to continue the fundraising activities which we have planned for the coming year, and any additional funds raised will be donated to RWMK to help with their ongoing expenses in continuing to support the refugee families.



Jim Alyward

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are having a Christmas raffle this year to raise funds for the St Francis Suite. Tickets are on sale after Mass at a £1 a ticket. The raffle will be drawn at the Carol concert on 16 December.



## Global Healing

Inspired by Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'*, the bishops of England and Wales have commissioned a thought-provoking documentary to refresh our commitment to the call to action.

The DVD features contributions from people exploring the teaching of *Laudato Si'* and its implications for the world and all its inhabitants.

Our reflection on the DVD takes place on  
 Next two sessions  
 4 December and  
 11 December

Gather at 7.45 pm for a time of reflection and conversation



BOOKING NOT ESSENTIAL

please come along to the three sessions as you can

We welcome Mgr Philip Whitmore who will celebrate Mass on Sunday 9 December. He will also celebrate Mass on Saturday 8 December at 9.00 am.

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Candle One

Celebrant: Stand erect, hold your heads up high, because your liberation is near at hand.

Deacon: Lord, we wait the coming of our Saviour born to set us free, free from fear and sin.



**The first candle on the wreath is then lit.**

**ALL: COME LORD JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 2 December	Next Sunday, 9 December
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Una McAlinden	Pat Crowe
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Judith Latham	Ann Leatherland
Eucharistic	Adrian Hamilton	Ros Penn
Eucharistic	Catherine Davies	Don Perrett
Driver	Louis Chadwick	William Doyle

### Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	2 December	9.00 am	Private Intention Bill and Sheila Simons, Recently Deceased, RIP
Tuesday	4 December	9.30 am	Sean Murphy, RIP and Enid Sturmheit, Recently Deceased, RIP
Wednesday	5 December	9.30 am	Service of the Word and Communion
Friday	7 December	10.00 am	Paul Whiteley, Recently Deceased, RIP John McBaron, Recently Deceased, RIP
Saturday	8 December	9.00 pm	Gwyneth Hadfield, Recently Deceased, RIP

### CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR DECEMBER REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

Lord God, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness, watch over refugees, migrants and victims of war. Bring them safely to the place where they long to be and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and to all in need.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES 2018 AT SACRED HEART

**Monday, 24 December, Christmas Eve**

6.00 pm Vigil Mass for  
Christmas Eve

9.00 pm Midnight Mass

**Tuesday, 25 December, Christmas Day**

9.00 am Mass during the Day

### BOOK CLUB – NEXT MEETING Thursday 13 December 2018

at 7.30 pm in the home of Mary Aylward  
(please ask Suzanne Yates, Pastoral  
Administrator, for the address)

New members are made very  
welcome and we will chat about  
this book.

The next book we have for you  
to read is: *WALKING BACKWARDS  
TO CHRISTMAS* by Stephen Cottrell



### ADVENT EXPOSITION

Our Advent period of  
Exposition will be on  
**Wednesday 12 December.**  
It will commence at 7.00 pm  
and end with benediction at  
8.45 pm.

This period of Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament will offer an opportunity to be  
with Our Lord in silent vigil, and could  
form an important part of our Advent  
preparations.

Please feel free to come for as long as  
you like. Even if you can manage only a  
few minutes of prayer in a busy day, it  
will be worth it to experience peace and  
tranquillity in Our Lord's presence.



### ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION MONDAY 17 DECEMBER AT 7.30 PM

Prepare for the season of Christmas by joining us  
for the service of reconciliation. After a short  
liturgy of prayer, readings and preparation there is  
the opportunity for a personal act of confession  
with our local priests.

### RETIRING COLLECTION FOR HOME MISSION SUNDAY – NEXT WEEKEND, 9 DECEMBER

On Home Mission Sunday we  
pray for the spread of the  
Gospel and in the second  
collection we can support it  
financially.



The money you give to this collection does  
not go abroad. It's used to help Catholics  
throughout England and Wales become more

Please note that starting this  
Wednesday, Service of the Word and  
Communion will now be at 9.30 am  
NOT 7.30 pm.

### THE GIVING TREE

As usual, the first Sunday in  
Advent sees the appearance  
of the SVP Giving Tree in  
our church. The stickers that  
cover it bear the name of an  
item needed at the Smart  
Prebend Day Centre in  
Bedford to support the homeless and  
rootless. If you can help, please take  
some of the stickers, purchase the items  
named and return them to the church by  
Sunday 16 December.



The items we are seeking are  
toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant,  
shaving foam and gel, disposable  
razors, shampoo and shower gel. We  
would also like men's pants and ladies'  
knickers, along with socks, scarves, hats  
and gloves. In the food line, we would  
like tins of corned beef, packets of  
biscuits and small bars of chocolate.

When buying items, please avoid  
expensive ones – value and store own  
brands are much better and less likely to  
be stolen from the recipients; not a nice  
thought but a real one when we want to  
help those in need to hang on to the few  
possessions they might have.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.  
Everything that you give will reach those  
in need in time for Christmas.

Please leave your donations in the  
church porch.

Lessons and Carols Service with  
Nativity Tableau

Sunday 16 December

At 3.00 pm

Followed by Refreshments

All Welcome



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 – this is always  
confidential.

**The Synod on Youth - What?**  
Advent Reflection Evening  
St Thomas More School, Bedford  
6 December from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm  
Neil Roseman from NYMO  
and Good News Book

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday 8 December  
9.30 am to 11.00 am**

Join us for the next men's breakfast event.  
Bacon sandwiches, conversation, a  
reflection and friendship.  
(Suggested donation only £1.)

**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 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 **3 December.**  
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  
**10 December** 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 December.** Please contact  
Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

