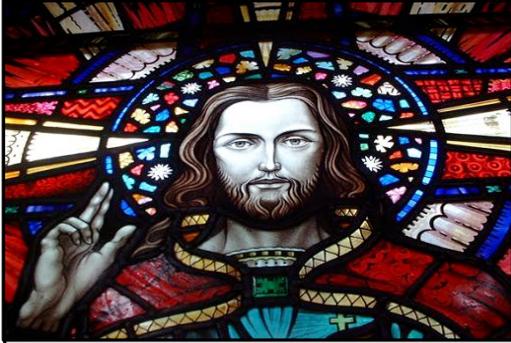


newsletter



4 November 2018

Thirty-First 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 28 October the offertory was £386.25 and standing orders were £623.00. With thanks, the Finance Committee.

FEAST OF DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA – 9 NOVEMBER

This feast goes back to the year 313, when the Emperor Constantine who had recently converted lifted the ban on Christianity. Constantine gave the palace of the Laterani, which belonged to his wife, to the Pope as his private residence. A basilica was built beside the palace, and Pope Sylvester dedicated it to the Holy Saviour on 9 November 324.

Over the centuries, the church has been subjected to earthquake and destructive fire and has constantly been under reconstruction and restoration. Despite these changes, the basilica still bears the floor plans of the original church and the baptistery.

The palace of the Lateran served as the residence of the bishop of Rome continuously until 1304, when Benedict XI was forced to move to Avignon. Even after the general offices of the church were transferred to the Vatican in the mid-1400s, the Lateran basilica remained as the cathedral church of the Pope. Most Catholics would consider St Peter's to be the Pope's church, but St John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome where the bishop of Rome presides.



In every diocese, the cathedral is the symbol of the unity of the local church gathered around its bishop, and through him, its unity with other local churches throughout the world. For this reason, the anniversary of the dedication of its cathedral is celebrated as a solemn feast day in the diocese.

Because the bishop of Rome, the Pope, has a universal ministry of charity and unity, his cathedral, the Lateran, is the mother church for the whole world. Therefore, when we celebrate the feast of the Lateran Basilica, we celebrate the Lord who brought the Church into being in order to gather together in unity all God's daughters and sons, wherever they may be.

<http://liturgybrisbane.net.au/liturgylines/dedication-of-the-lateran-basilica-2/>

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 4 November	Next Sunday, 11 November
1 st Reading	Brendan Spillane	Catherine Davies
2 nd Reading	Martin Brennan	Siobhan Campbell
Eucharistic	Myriam Rincon	Noreen Weighell
Eucharistic	Carlos Rincon	Chris Till
Driver	Ros Penn	Kate Mansford

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY



Our parish raised £612.97 which will mean more families around the world have what they need to survive and thrive, now and into the future.

Thank you to everyone who gave. Your gifts will change lives.

Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	4 November	9.00 am	Deceased Family and Friends of the Ormai Family Deceased Family and Friends of the Yates Family
Tuesday	6 November	9.30 am	No Mass Today
Wednesday	7 November	9.30 am	Deceased Family and Friends of the Lynch and Stynes Family and Phyllis Reed and Maisie Simmonds, RIP
Friday	9 November	10.00 am	Deceased Family and Friends of the Gallagher Family and Alan Turner, Recently Deceased, RIP

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER – ALL WHO HAVE DIED

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

**DO YOU WISH
TO DEEPEN
YOUR PRAYER
LIFE?**

**BOOK NOW
19-23
November**



The forthcoming 'Week of Guided Prayer' aims to help people, no matter what stage of prayer they are at, to enrich and deepen their spirituality, so that those moments of experiencing God's love and receiving insights into faith and life, can also become richer and deeper.

It is a week when you can spend a little time every day developing your prayer life with guidance from a prayer companion. The companions are wise, spiritual, friendly, and have experience of the many differing approaches to prayer.

All in all the aim, is to help you to enrich your spirituality.

You can register on line by requesting a booking form at guidedprayerweek@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk. For more information talk to Deacon Philip, on 07711 953 926

Remembrance Sunday 2018

The hundredth Anniversary of the end of the First World War is on Remembrance Sunday, 11 November.

On this day we remember all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war and those who were left behind to grieve and mourn.



In England and Wales one Mass for the Dead may be celebrated on this Sunday.

Prayer

O God, merciful and strong,
who crushes wars and casts down the proud,
be pleased to banish violence
swiftly from our midst
and to wipe away all tears,
so that we may all truly deserve to
be called your children.

Amphill – the service at Amphill war memorial begins just before 11.00 am. This service starts at the Duke of Bedford's War memorial at 9.30 am.

Flitwick – the service in Flitwick starts at the war memorial at 11.00 am

Christmas cards, Advent calendars, etc. will be on sale after Mass on 11, 18 and 25 November and 2 December.

Remembering ...

In November we take special care to remember those we have loved and cared for, but who have died. We recall them and celebrate their lives and the way they loved us, cared for us and taught us. This is why the Church begins November with the feast day of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls.



By recalling their memory we build a personal shrine, not as a table in a corner, but as a place in our hearts for those we love.

Use the slip, which is part of the leaflet available next weekend, to record the names of your family, friends and acquaintances you wish to be remembered in prayer throughout the month of November.

Place the slip in the basket provided in the sanctuary, where it will remain throughout the month.

Memorial Masses for the Dead

It is traditional in the Church for families to request a Mass for the deceased members of their families and for their deceased friends.

Envelopes will be provided in church for you to include a list of their names and to place a Mass offering. The diocese suggests a gift of between £5.00 and £10.00, or as much as you can afford. These should be handed to Suzanne Yates who will then arrange Mass for the Intentions listed.

**RETIRING COLLECTION FOR
BISHOP'S MAINTENANCE
FUND – NEXT WEEKEND
11 NOVEMBER**



This collection is for the maintenance of Bishop's House, finance, HR and safeguarding. Gift Aid envelopes will be available at the back of the church so that if you wish, you can make your donation go further.

GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY

It's that time again, fill a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes need to be back to the church or to Clare Bevan by **NEXT Sunday 11 November.**



CHANGE OF MASS TIME

Due another commitment, Fr. John will be saying Mass this week on **WEDNESDAY 7 November** at 9.30 am instead of Tuesday. There will be no Service of the Word and Communion on Wednesday evening.

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 for tea and coffee after Sunday Mass.



The next meeting of Mothers' Prayers will be on Monday, **5 November.**

We are having a special Mothers' Prayers meeting, joining a new group at Turvey Abbey at 2.00 pm on Monday, 12 November. Lifts will be available and lunch is at Turvey beforehand.

New members are always welcome. Ring Sue Barley on 01525 634 186.



The sewing group will meet on **12 November** 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 **7 November.** Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

