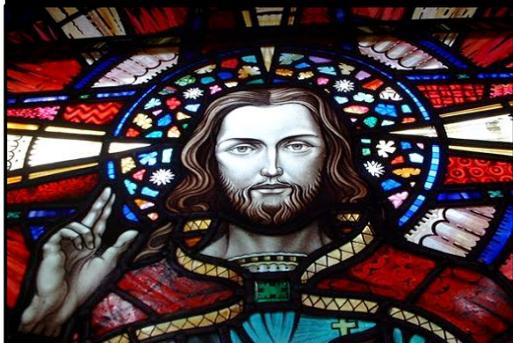


newsletter



11 November 2018

Thirty-Second 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 4 November the offertory was £403.85 and standing orders were £623.00. With thanks, the Finance Committee.

FEAST OF ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND – 15 NOVEMBER

St Margaret was the granddaughter of King Edmund Ironside of England, through his son Edward the Aethling. She was born in Hungary where her family had been exiled to when the Danes overran England. She was well educated and she returned to England during the reign of her great-uncle, Edward the Confessor, but, as one of the last remaining members of the Saxon royal family, she was forced to flee north to the Royal Court of Scotland at the time of the Norman Conquest.

Beautiful, intelligent and devout, she married the King of Scots, Malcolm Canmore in 1069. Their union was exceptionally happy and fruitful for both themselves and the Scottish nation. Margaret was one of the principal agents of the reform of the Church in Scotland. Church councils now promoted Easter communion and abstinence from servile work on a Sunday. Margaret founded churches, monasteries and pilgrimage hostels, including the revival of Iona, the building of the tiny chapel which still bears her name at Edinburgh Castle and the establishment of the Royal Mausoleum of Dunfermline Abbey, with monks from Canterbury.

In her private life, Margaret was much given to prayer, reading and ecclesiastical needlework. She also gave alms and liberated a number of Anglo-Saxon captives. Margaret bore the king eight children, all with English names. Alexander and David followed their father to the throne, whilst her daughter, Matilda, brought the ancient Anglo-Saxon royal bloodline into the veins of the Norman invaders of England when she married and bore children to King Henry I. Margaret died aged forty-seven, not long after learning of the deaths of her husband and son in a campaign against William Rufus of England. She was buried in Dunfermline Abbey and miracles at her tomb brought her canonisation by 1249. The base of her shrine can still be seen at the abbey. Her head, which had its own shrine, was acquired by the Jesuits of Douai Abbey.



Adapted from <http://www.britannia.com/bios/saints/margaret.html>

Please Note – Flitwick Road will be closed from the Flitwick cricket ground to Highfields, Westoning for 8 days from 15 November for resurfacing.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 11 November	Next Sunday, 18 November
1 st Reading	Catherine Davies	Michael Burgess
2 nd Reading	Siobhan Campbell	Emma Burgess
Eucharistic	Noreen Weighell	Helen Burgess
Eucharistic	Chris Till	John Flanagan
Driver	Kate Mansford	David Toland

GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY

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



Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Day	Date	Time	Notes
Sunday	11 November	9.00 am	For all the Fallen, Lost and Disabled Men and Women from the First World War
Tuesday	13 November	9.30 am	Deceased Family and Friends of the Johnson and Penn Families Victoria and William Harrison, RIP
Wednesday	14 November	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Friday	16 November	10.00 am	Deceased Family and Friends of the Flynn Family Deceased Family and Friends of the Harmen Family Francesco and Ines Mazza

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.

Overcoming our resistance to praying



The aim of participating in a Week of Guided Prayer is to help people to enrich and deepen their prayer life and their relationship with God, so that those moments of experiencing God's love and receiving insights into faith and life, can also become richer and deeper.

But taking part could be a real challenge to us. It is a choice that goes to the heart of our spirituality and of overcoming our human resistance, resistance that in the short term may be comforting us but in the long term undermine our spirituality and relationship with God. We tend to create reasons why we shouldn't take part, rather than the benefits that can be gained. For instance:

'I'm so busy, I haven't got time, I can't fit it in' – can ways of praying be discovered that can better suit a hectic lifestyle and establish a good prayerful discipline that would provide a strong support for those who are overburdened?

'I don't want to go out of my comfort zone' – how can you take the first steps of getting closer to God to really experience the fruits of prayer?

The week is from 19 to 23 November. You can register online at guidedprayerweek@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk. For more information talk to Deacon Philip, on 07711 953 926

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, reflection and friendship. (Suggested donation only £1.)

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

Remembrance Sunday 2018

This year it is the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War and it is next 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.



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

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

Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday.
Newsletter contact: Suzanne Yates; 01525 840 661;
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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.



PARKING AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

As you are aware, since we only have one Mass on Sundays we have had to put in place some restrictions for parking at the church. With the cooperation of Flitwick Lower School we are able to provide additional car parking, five minutes walk from the church.

Parking Permits are now due for renewal.

If you have one and want it renewed please see Suzanne Yates or Deacon Philip who will ensure you have a new permit for the beginning of December.

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BISHOP'S MAINTENANCE FUND THIS SUNDAY 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.



OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020

We have planned a trip for Leighton Buzzard and Flitwick, departing 2 July. This is not a pilgrimage but a fully escorted 5-day tour to Bavaria, finishing in Oberammergau for the Passion Play. The basic cost is £979 – places are already going very quickly and commitment has to be made by the beginning of December. If you would like a brochure with the details, please see Theresa 01296 688 839 or t.short705@btinternet.com.

She will be at Mass at Flitwick on 11 and 25 November. For more information please visit https://www.tailored-travel.co.uk/sacredheart_oberammergaubavaria_020720

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 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

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.

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 **21 November**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750

