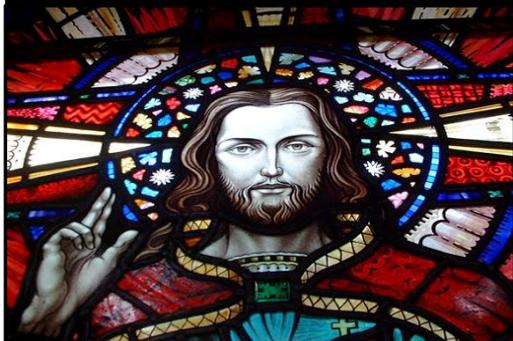


newsletter



18 November 2018

Thirty-Third 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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Last week the offertory was £322.70 and standing orders were £623.00. The second collection was £135.84. With thanks, the Finance Committee.

FEAST OF ST EDMUND – 20 NOVEMBER

Edmund the Martyr (died 20 November 869) was king of East Anglia from about 855 until his death. Almost nothing is known of Edmund. He is thought to be of East Anglian origin and was first mentioned in the annals of the *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*, written some years after his death. The kingdom of East Anglia was devastated by the Vikings, who destroyed any contemporary evidence of his reign. Later writers produced fictitious accounts of his life, asserting that he was born in 841, the son of Æthelweard, an obscure East Anglian king, whom it was said Edmund succeeded when he was fourteen. Later versions of Edmund's life relate that he was crowned on 25 December 855 at Burna, (probably Bures St Mary in Suffolk) which at that time functioned as the royal capital, and that he became a model king.



In 869, the Danish Army advanced on East Anglia and killed Edmund. He may have been slain by the Danes in battle, but by tradition he met his death at an unidentified place known as Haegelisdun, after he refused the Danes' demand that he renounce Christ: the Danes beat him, shot him with arrows and then beheaded him, on the orders of Ivar the Boneless and his brother Ubbe Ragnarsson. Commentators have noted how Edmund's death bears resemblance to the fate suffered by St Sebastian, St Denis and St Mary of Egypt.

A coinage commemorating Edmund was minted from around the time East Anglia was absorbed by the kingdom of Wessex and a popular cult emerged. In about 986, Abbo of Fleury wrote of his life and martyrdom. The saint's remains were temporarily moved from Bury St Edmunds to London for safekeeping, in 1010. His shrine was visited by many kings, including Canute, who was responsible for rebuilding the abbey: the stone church was rebuilt again in 1095. During the Middle Ages, when Edmund was regarded as the patron saint of England, Bury and its magnificent abbey grew wealthy, but during the Dissolution of the Monasteries, his shrine was destroyed. The mediaeval manuscripts and other works of art relating to Edmund that have survived include Abbo's *Passio Santi Eadmundi*, John Lydgate's 14th century *Life*, the *Wilton Diptych* and a number of church wall-paintings.

Adapted from <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk>

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 18 November	Next Sunday, 25 November
1 st Reading	Michael Burgess	Dee Brady
2 nd Reading	Emma Burgess	Martin Brennan
Eucharistic	Helen Burgess	Hilary Brennan
Eucharistic	John Flanagan	Pat King
Driver	David Toland	C./J. Gallagher

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are having a Christmas raffle this year to raise funds for the St Francis Suite.



Tickets will be on sale starting next week at £1 a ticket and will be drawn at the Carol Concert on 13 December.

Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	18 November	9.00 am	Deceased Family and Friends of Davies Family Deceased Family and Friends of Gilmore Family Deceased Family and Friends of Masucci and Bunker Families
Tuesday	20 November	9.30 am	Deceased Family and Friends of Chambers Family Deceased Family and Friends of McGrath and Campbell
Wednesday	21 November	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Friday	23 November	10.00 am	Deceased Family and Friends of Boyle and Devereux Families Deceased Family and Friends of Saunders and O'Sullivan Families and Jack and Molly Donney, 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

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.

We welcome Ethan, son of Sophie and Paul Gallagher, who was baptised into the Catholic community on 10 November.



We ask the parish to pray for him and his family on this special day, and wish him and his family all God's blessings on their journey of faith.

Thank You

We are very happy to say that we had 42 shoeboxes to donate to Christmas Child. Well done everyone!



THE NEED PROJECT CHRISTMAS APPEAL

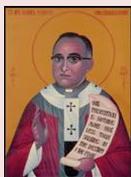
The Need project expects to deliver around 500 food parcels this Christmas.



What do they need? In addition to the usual dried and tinned food, we like to include Christmas items such as tinned salmon, mince pies, Christmas cakes and tinned ham. Food they are often short of includes coffee, sugar, tomatoes, tinned fruit, and vegetables, tinned puddings, fish. Anything else is also gratefully received.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be a Mass to celebrate the canonisation of Oscar Romero, led by Bishop Peter, at Sacred Heart, Leighton Buzzard, on Tuesday 20 November at 7.00pm. Everyone welcome to attend.



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

GIVING TREE – ADVANCE WARNING

As usual, the SVP will be organising our Advent Giving Tree in support of the homeless in Bedford. Two of our congregation regularly cook meals there and know the struggles faced by those in need. The items needed will be published next week and are the same as ever as I know many of you like to start collecting early, Thanks in advance for your amazing support of this venture.



GLOBAL HEALING ADVENT CONVERSATION 2018

In 2015 Pope Francis inspired people to change their attitudes and actions towards God's gift of creation. His encyclical *Laudato Si'* was a heartfelt and timely call for us all to recognise our responsibility for the earth and how we need to act, now.



Inspired by this clarion call the bishops of England and Wales have commissioned a thought-provoking documentary programme to refresh our commitment to the call to action. The DVD features contributions from a range of people exploring the teaching of *Laudato Si'* and its implications for the world and all its inhabitants.

The contributions are sometimes hard hitting about the dangers of our poor stewardship of the earth, and what we can do about it as concerned and committed Catholics.

Our reflection will take place over three Tuesdays in Advent from 7.45 pm to 9.30 pm

27 November: Our Common Home; part one of the GLOBAL HEALING DVD, with conversation

4 December: The Deeper Conversion; part two of the DVD with conversation and a shared supper

11 December: A New Spirit; part three of the DVD with a conversation about what we at Sacred Heart Flitwick will do to make a difference!

Sacred Heart Flitwick 100 CLUB

The latest draw took place on 12 November and the lucky winners were first **Maria Curtin**, second **Dermott Whelan** and third **Sue Norman**.

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 **26 November**. 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 **26 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

