

# newsletter



25 November 2018

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King



## 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 18 November the offertory was £364.80 and standing orders were £623.00. With thanks, the Finance Committee.

## GLOBAL HEALING – ADVENT CONVERSATION

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!



## FEAST OF ST ANDREW 30 NOVEMBER

St Andrew, the Apostle was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, and worked as a fisherman. He may have been a disciple of St John the Baptist. He became one of the first to follow Jesus and introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to him. As one of the twelve Apostles he was widely venerated in ancient times, and became patron saint of Scotland, because according to legend some of his bones were brought there and buried at the place where the town of St Andrew's now stands.



### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 25 November	Next Sunday, 2 December
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Dee Brady	Una McAlinden
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Martin Brennan	Judith Latham
Eucharistic	Hilary Brennan	Adrian Hamilton
Eucharistic	Pat King	Catherine Davies
Driver	C./J/ Gallagher	Louis Chadwick

### 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.



### Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	25 November	9.00 am	Deceased Family and Friends of Mintern, Doody and Brophy Families Deceased Family and Friends of Concetta and Brooker Families Catherine and James McPartland and Deceased Family and Friends of McPartland and Brown Families
Tuesday	27 November	9.30 am	Service of the Word and Communion
Wednesday	28 November	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion with Adoration
Friday	30 November	10.00 am	Deceased Clergy of the Parish, Deceased Family and Friends of Kehoe and Dillon Families, Mr and Mrs James Campbell and Mr and Mrs Michael Sexton, Deceased Family and Friends of the Rees and Orchard Families and the Deceased Family and Friends of Nolan and Flitton Families

### 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.

**BOOK CLUB – NEXT MEETING**  
**Thursday 13 December 2018**  
**at 7.30 pm in the home of Ros Penn**

*(please ask Suzanne Yates, Pastoral Administrator for the address)*

New members are made very welcome and we will chat about this book. (Tea/coffee and snacks)  
The next book we have for you to read is: *WALKING BACKWARDS TO CHRISTMAS* by Stephen Cottrell



We welcome Rosalie, daughter of Elaine and Stephen Hill, who was baptised into the Catholic community on 24 November.



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

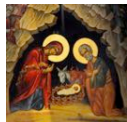
**ADVENT EXPOSITION**

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.

Lessons and Carols Service with Nativity Tableau  
Sunday 16 December  
At 3.00 pm  
Followed by Refreshments



**SIMONE WILLIAMSON-NOBLE RIP**

Please remember Simone Williamson-noble in your prayers. Her funeral will be held on Monday 26 November at 2.00 pm at St Andrews Parish Church, Ampthill. All our sympathy and prayers go to Simone's family.



**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 today. For more information please visit [https://www.tailored-travel.co.uk/sacredheart\\_oberammergaubavaria\\_020720](https://www.tailored-travel.co.uk/sacredheart_oberammergaubavaria_020720)

**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 some tins of corned beef, packets of biscuits and small bars of chocolate.

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

**CHRISTMAS MASSES 2018**

**AT SACRED HEART**

**Monday 24 December, Christmas Eve**

6.00 pm Mass especially for Children and Families

9.00 pm Midnight Mass

**Tuesday 25 December, Christmas Day**

9.00 am Mass During the Day

**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 can be short of includes coffee, sugar, tomatoes, tinned fruit, and vegetables, tinned puddings, fish. All gratefully received.

**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.

**Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday.**  
Newsletter contact: Suzanne Yates; 01525 840 661; [suz\\_yates@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 **5 December**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

