

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 6 January it was £394.10 and standing orders were £623.00. The collection for Just One House was £293.30.

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL – 25 JANUARY

Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in one experience, his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: '...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment' (Acts 8:3). Now he himself was entered, possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal, being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Saviour.



One sentence determined his theology: 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting' (Acts 9:5). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people, the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfilment of all he had been blindly pursuing. From then on, his only work was to 'present everyone perfect in Christ'.

Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ, the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new. So Paul's great message to the world was: 'You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do'.

Adapted from <https://www.franciscanmedia.org>

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 20 January	Next Sunday, 27 January
1 st Reading	Michael Burgess	Judith Latham
2 nd Reading	Emma Burgess	Pat Crowe
Eucharistic	Helen Burgess	John Flanagan
Eucharistic	Pat King	Hilary Brennan
Driver	William Doyle	Kate Mansford

Grace Before Meals for this week

Lord, you give us all kinds of plants for food: grains, vegetables, fruits and berries. All come from your good earth, and we praise you. Amen

Sacred Heart Flitwick 100 CLUB

The latest draw took place on 13 January and the lucky winners were

First. **Jacqueline Rafferty**,
Second. **Mary Aylward** and
Third. **Dermot Whelan**.

Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	20 January	9.00 am	For the deceased members of the Crehan Family
Tuesday	22 January	9.30 am	Intentions of Liam and Hanna Doran and Intentions of Judith Latham
Wednesday	23 January	9.30 am	Service of the Word and Communion
Friday	25 January	10.00 am	Joe Homes, RIP and May Canterbury, Recently Deceased, RIP

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR JANUARY PEACE ON EARTH

O Almighty God, turn, we pray, the hearts of all peoples and their rulers, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, peace may be established among all nations on the foundation of justice, righteousness and truth, through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME – JANUARY

Pope Francis suggests that for January we say grace before meals so we can begin to connect ourselves to God's creation.



THE 52ND WORLD DAY FOR PEACE

The bishops of England and Wales invite us to make today a day of prayer for peace, and to reflect on the theme Pope Francis has chosen for the annual World Day of Peace with the challenging title: **'Good politics serves peace'**.



The Gospel for this Sunday gives us a most wonderful basis for reflection on our calling to work together for peace (and to get involved in the political process, too, in order to seek that goal). We meet Jesus, his mother and his disciples at the Wedding Feast of Cana. He shares in our human joys, the joys of family, the joys of human love and the pledge of fidelity that unites one heart to another. But he also shares in our sorrows, Mary's cry: 'They have no wine'; the realisation that our own resources are run dry, our bonds of love prove fragile, our promises are all too easily betrayed.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE FOR NEW PARENTS

The next baptism preparation classes will be held on Saturdays **26 January and 2 February**, starting at 10.00 am for one hour in the St Francis Suite.



The parish encourages all new parents asking for baptism of their child, to attend. We also welcome parents who may wish to renew their preparation for baptism as their families grow larger. Asking for baptism for your child is the start of your child's sacramental journey in the Church. The sessions look at your role in the development of your child's faith, what you ask of the Church and the promises you make on behalf of your child.

We look forward to seeing you and your family. Godparents and grandparents are welcome to join us.

BOOK CLUB – NEXT MEETING

Is on Thursday 4 April at 7.30 pm in the home Ros Penn. Tea, coffee and snacks are served. (Please ask Suzanne Yates, Pastoral Administrator for the address) Our next book is, *The Things He Carried* by Stephen Cottrell.

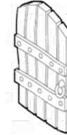


ANNUAL QUIET DAY

Saturday 9 February
11.00 am till 3.00 pm

What is a Quiet Day?

Our quiet day is an opportunity to have a time away from the bustle of everyday life without having to travel too far. It provides an opportunity for us to regain some balance between doing and being. In the familiar setting of our church, you can make this personal time of an hour or more, to recharge your spiritual batteries in the depth of the winter.



A number of 'bases' around the church will guide you through reflections on six of Jesus' description of himself Jesus said I am:

- ... the Bread
- ... the Light
- ... the Gate
- ... the Shepherd,
- ... the Way, the Truth and the Life
- ... the Vine



The bases are arranged around the church. You are encouraged to visit the bases in the order that will be set out on the day.

It will be a quiet and reflective time in the church, and we hope you enjoy the spaces as a pilgrim during your visit.

Sacred Heart Flitwick 100 CLUB

We are now at the end of the current 100 Club Draw year and subscriptions are due for renewal on 1 February.

I will be contacting all members to remind them of the arrangements, and I hope all those currently involved will renew their membership.

New members are always welcome and if any parishioners would like to join this parish fundraising, then please contact me and I will provide them with the application forms. This also applies to any current member who wishes to take out additional numbers. My email is pjleatherlan@gmail.com or my mobile 07879 442 666.

Over the years, we have raised a considerable amount primarily for the ongoing refurbishment of the St Francis Suite. Some funds have also been used to support youth activities within the parish.

The PPC thanks all those for their support to their parish.

Peter Leatherland.

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

CONFESSION

Confession will be at 8.40 am on Sundays and at 9.45 am on Fridays.

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.



The next meeting of Mothers' Prayers will be at the home of Ros Penn at 33, Maple Close in Pulloxhill on Monday, **21 January** at 7.30pm. Ring Sue Barley on 01525 634 186 for details.



The sewing group will meet on **28 January** 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 **6 February**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

