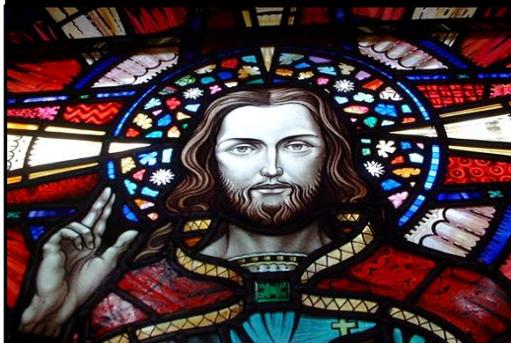




27 January 2019

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year C



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 20 January it was £326.80 and standing orders were £623.00. With thanks, the Finance committee.

Presentation of the Lord also known as Candlemas – 2 February

According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and the parents had to 'buy him back' on the fortieth day after his birth by offering a sacrifice of 'a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons' in the temple, thus, the presentation of the child (Luke 2:24). On that same day, the mother would be ritually purified, thus, the purification.

Mary and Joseph kept this law, though since Mary remained a virgin after the birth of Christ she would not have had to go through ritual purification. In his Gospel, Luke recounts the story (Luke 2:22-39). By the last quarter of the fourth century, the Church at Rome had begun to celebrate the Nativity on 25 December, so the Feast of the Presentation was celebrated on 2 February, 40 days later. When Christ was presented in the temple, Simeon embraced the child and prayed the Cantic of Simeon: 'Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace; because my eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel' (Luke 2:29-32).



Why Candlemas?

Inspired by the words of the canticle (a light to the revelation of the Gentiles), by the 11th century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Cantic of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas. Candlemas is still an important feast in many European countries.

Adapted from <http://catholicism.about.com>

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers		
Mass	This Sunday, 27 January	Next Sunday, 3 February
1 st Reading	Eamonn Diver	Suzanne Yates
2 nd Reading	Pat Crowe	Kate Mansford
Eucharistic	John Flanagan	Maggie Dullaghan
Eucharistic	Hilary Brennan	Adrian Hamilton
Driver	Kate Mansford	David Toland

Grace Before Meals for this week
 Your goodness never stops overflowing. Day by day we sit down to good food, and we gladly thank you. You are the holy God of all creation, and Jesus brings us into your company and sits us at your table. Amen.

Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	27 January	9.00 am	Intentions of Bridie Kehoe
Tuesday	29 January	9.30 am	Michael Goode, Recently Deceased, RIP Barnett Family, Anniversary, RIP
Wednesday	30 January	9.30 am	Service of the Word and Communion
Friday	1 February	10.00 am	Deceased of the Dix Family, RIP and Special Intentions

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.

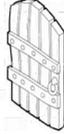


ANNUAL QUIET DAY

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 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 contact members to remind them of the arrangements, and I hope all will renew their membership.

New members are welcome and if any parishioners would like to join this parish fundraising, then please contact me for the application forms. Any member who wishes additional numbers can contact me.

Email pjleatherlan@gmail.com.
Mobile 07879 442 666.

Over the years, we have raised a much for the ongoing refurbishment of the St Francis Suite. Some funds have been used to support youth activities.

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;
suz_yates@btinternet.com

THE DOWRY TOUR OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TRIDUUM 7 TO 9 FEBRUARY

During the course of 2018 to 2020 the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham will be taken to each cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer, as part of the preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020. Each visit will take place between a Thursday and Saturday.



'A moment of great promise ... for the Church in this country and for our mission' Cardinal Vincent Nichols said.

The statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at Walsingham will be in Northampton at the cathedral, in a little house, for three days. There will be prayers, Masses, litanies, rosaries, Angelus prayers and talks by Mgr John Armitage on the rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary, by all our Bishops, at Walsingham next year.

See church door for the programme for the three days in Northampton.

More information available at <http://dowrytour.org.uk>

We have four young people (aged 11-18 years old) from our parish attending the



Lux residential weekend for young Catholics from across the diocese of Northampton. It is at the Kings Park Centre in Northampton from Friday evening 1 February till Sunday afternoon.

Please keep them in your prayers.

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.



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.



Mothers' Prayers will next meet on **Monday 4 February**. 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 **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.