

newsletter



17 March 2019

Second Sunday of Lent – 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 10 March it was £337.70 and standing orders were £623.00. With thanks, Finance Committee

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH – 19 MARCH



Nothing is known of St Joseph except what is said of him in the Gospels. He was a carpenter; he accepted the will of God; and he supported Mary and brought up Jesus.

From the human character of his son we can see that he was a good and responsible father. Although he is not officially a patron saint of anything in particular (though he is a patron of the Church as a whole), he is widely venerated as a patron of artisans who honourably do good work with the gifts God has given them, and of workers in general.

Adapted from Catholic Calendar app by Universalis Publishing

SOUP FOR SUDAN

The suffering of the people of Sudan and South Sudan continues, and so this Lent the SVP again offers you a simple meal of soup and bread in exchange for donations, which all go to the SVP in those very poor countries.



By coming along, you will help the SVP to continue running projects that bring some hope and peace into lives torn apart by war.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on **Tuesday 26 March from 12.00 to 1.30.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

We will be saying the Stations of the Cross during Lent. They will be led by different groups from the church.



The services will be held at 7.30 pm on the following days:

- † **Thursday 21 March**
led by the PPC
- † **Monday 25 March**
led by SVP
- † **Wednesday 3 April**
led by the Charismatic Prayer Group
- † **Friday 19 April – Good Friday**

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Mass	This Sunday, 17 March	Next Sunday, 24 March
1 st Reading	Kate Mansford	Noelette Hanley
2 nd Reading	Ann Leatherland	Alison Braniff
Eucharistic	Hilary Brennan	Adrian Hamilton
Eucharistic	John Flanagan	Maggie Dullaghan
Driver	William Doyle	Louis Chadwick



LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION TUESDAY 9 APRIL AT 7.30 PM

Prepare for the season of Easter by joining us for the service of reconciliation. After a short liturgy of prayer, readings and preparation there is the opportunity for a personal act of confession with our local priests.

Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	17 March	9.00 am	Rita Brennan, RIP
Tuesday	19 March	9.30 am	Peggy Thomas, Recently Deceased, RIP
Tuesday	19 March	12.15 pm	Funeral Service for Edward Brooks, RIP
Wednesday	20 March	9.30 am	Service of the Word and Communion
Friday	22 March	10.00 am	Peggy Thomas, Recently Deceased, RIP

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR MARCH

CANDIDATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Lord, we praise and thank you for the precious gifts of your sacraments for each of us. As our brothers and sisters prepare to join us in receiving these wonderful gifts, may they experience the power of your presence and blessing. Amen.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME – MARCH

Pope Francis suggests that for March we try to use fewer one use plastic items.



RCIA

Our catechumen, Beatrice, will receive a personal copy of the Lord's Prayer as part of her preparation to be received into the church at Easter at Mass on Friday 22 March. Please remember her in your prayers.



EDWARD BROOKS, RIP

Please remember Edward in your prayers. His funeral service will take place here on Tuesday 19 March at 12.55 pm. All our sympathy and prayers go to Edwards's family.



Bishop Peter warmly invites you to **The Diocesan Mass for Married Life** at St Mary's Catholic Church, Aspley Hill, Woburn Sands, MK1 7BNN on Saturday 6 April 2019.

Gathering from 11.30 am followed by Mass at 12 noon. Bishop Peter will give his pastoral blessing to those couples celebrating anniversaries in their marriage i.e. 1, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 years etc. If you are celebrating such a milestone, please contact Eamonn and Paola McMorrow on 07412 151 517 or at mfl@northamptondiocese.com. All are very welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available after Mass.

Sacred Heart Flitwick 100 CLUB

The latest draw took place on 10 March and the lucky winners were

First. **Francis McKenna**,
Second. **Pauline Nicholson** and
Third. **Kate Mansford**.

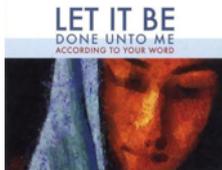
LET IT BE – INSPIRING NEW COURSE ON MARY

During Lent, we are running the CaFE film on the life of Mary past and present. It is filmed around the world with experts and down-to-earth testimonies

about how the example and prayer of Mary can help us grow in our everyday faith. As part of the course, you will get your own *Let It Be* book which includes the main content of the film, useful follow-on information and optional daily prayer reflections. Why not bring a friend and come and check out session one?

Next session **19 March** in the Parish Room from 7.30 pm. Refreshments included.

Other sessions will be on 26 March and 2 April.



PLANNED GIVING/GIFT AID

Boxes of offertory envelopes will be available next Sunday, **24 March**.

Many thanks to those parishioners who have elected to make their offerings by standing order. This really does help us in reducing the amount of cash handled each week, and we are still encouraging you to change to this method. With around 90 individuals and families now offering by standing order, we are able to reduce the number of offertory envelope boxes. As usual, boxes are in alphabetical order.



Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer and have not made a Gift Aid declaration, please consider completing a simple form. The parish will receive an additional 25p for every £1 offered.

After Mass next weekend, John Fletcher will provide copies of the forms and further information on planned giving. He can be contacted on 01525 715 309 or by email plannedgiving@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN AMPHILL AND FLITWICK (CTA&F)

Joint Services and Prayers During Lent

Date	Church	Time
17 March	St Peter and St Paul, Flitwick. Celtic Prayer Evening for St Patrick	6.00 pm
24 March	Ampt Hill Baptist – Prayer Spaces on the Persecuted Church	6.30 pm
31 March	Ampt Hill Methodist	6.00 pm
7 April	Flitwick Methodist	6.00 pm
14 April	St Andrews, Ampt Hill	6.30 pm

You are invited to join together to worship and pray with Christians from other churches.

SVP LENTEN RETREAT DAY

A Lenten Retreat Day has been organised by the Bedford members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). It will take place on **Saturday 23 March** at the Holy Cross Church, 355 Goldington Road, Bedford MK41 0DP

The day starts at 1.30 pm and ends with Mass at 6.00 pm. The event includes the rosary, anointing of the sick and confession. Although organised by the SVP, the event is open to everyone and you can just turn up! Car parking is available at the church. Refreshments will also be provided. For more information, contact Brendan Spillane.



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 18 March**. 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 **25 March** 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 **20 March**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750



Churches Together in Flitwick and Ampt Hill

Good Friday
Walk of Witness
Friday 19 April at 10.00 am



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