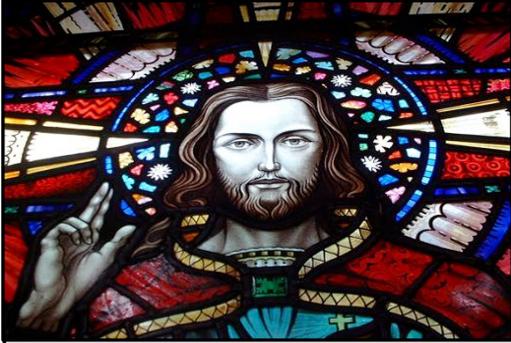


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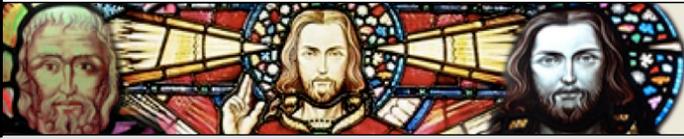
23 June 2019

Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



**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 16 June it was £291.20 and standing orders were £750.00. The second collection was £161.10. With thanks.

## THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART – 28 JUNE

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus goes back at least to the 11<sup>th</sup> century, but until the 16<sup>th</sup> century, it remained a private devotion.

### HISTORY OF THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

The first feast of the Sacred Heart was celebrated on 31 August 1670, in Rennes, France, through the efforts of Fr. Jean Eudes (1602-1680). From Rennes the devotion spread but it took the visions of St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) for the devotion to become universal.

In all of these visions in which Jesus appeared to St Margaret Mary, the Sacred Heart of Jesus played a central role. The great apparition, which took place on 16 June 1675 during the octave of the Feast of Corpus Christi, is the source of the modern Feast of the Sacred Heart. In that vision, Christ asked St Margaret Mary to request that the Feast of the Sacred Heart be celebrated on the Friday after the octave (or eighth day) of the Feast of Corpus Christi, in reparation for the ingratitude of men for the sacrifice that Christ had made for them.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents not simply his physical heart but also his love for all mankind. The devotion became quite popular after St Margaret Mary's death in 1690. But, because the Church initially had doubts about the validity of St Margaret Mary's visions, it wasn't until 1765 that the feast was celebrated officially in France.

Almost 100 years later in 1856, Pope Pius IX, at the request of the French bishops, extended the feast to the universal Church. It is celebrated on the day requested by our Lord, the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi, or nineteen days after Pentecost Sunday.



Adapted from <https://www.thoughtco.com>

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers		
Mass	This Sunday, 23 June	Next Sunday, 30 June
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Noelette Hanley	Catherine Davies
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Alison Braniff	Brendan Spillane
Eucharistic	John Flanagan	Adrian Hamilton
Eucharistic	Hilary Brennan	Anne Gadsden
Driver	C./J. Gallagher	David Toland

**JUST ONE HOUSE**

Marie Gracie, the inspiration behind Just One House, will be joining us after Mass next Sunday 30 June and we will be handing over a cheque for £3,500 for the British Red Cross, who are responsible for fitting out the House, and a cheque for £1,100 for Refugees Welcome MK for their commitments to the families.

### Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	23 June	9.00 am	Intentions of Mary Kate Casey Intentions of Anne O'Sullivan
Tuesday	25 June	9.30 am	In Thanksgiving and Joan Bone, Anniversary, RIP
Wednesday	26 June	9.30 am	Service of the Word and Communion
Friday	28 June	10.00 am	Kathleen Keane, Recently Deceased, RIP

### CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR JUNE THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE

Lord and giver of all life, help us to value each person, created in love by you. In your mercy, guide and assist our efforts to promote the dignity and value of all human life, born and unborn. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME – JUNE

Pope Francis suggests that for June we think and plan our journeys in an environmental and sustainable way.



### Nativity of St John the Baptist 24 June

John the Baptist is the only saint in the calendar (apart from St Joseph) who has two feasts to himself. One, in August, celebrates his death, and one, in June, celebrates his birth. And this is as it should be, for as Christ himself said, 'John was the greatest of the sons of men.'



The greatest, but also the most tragic. A prophet from before his birth, leaping in the womb to announce the coming of the incarnate God, his task was to proclaim the fulfilment of all prophecies – and thus his own obsolescence. And with unequalled courage he spread the news that he, the greatest of all men, was the least in the kingdom of heaven. His disciples, and the devil, would have preferred him to fight, to build his sect, to defeat this upstart whom he himself had baptised, to seize his place in history. But he did not – and so, rightly, he *has* his place, and he has glory in heaven.

We envy the great and the talented, and sometimes we think that they themselves are beyond envy. But when they come across someone with greater gifts, as one day most of them will, they will see for the first time what it means to feel like us. Let us pray that they, like John the Baptist, may pass that test.

Adapted from the Universalis App



First Holy Communion will take place this Saturday, 29 June at a special Mass celebrated by Fr. John.

We congratulate Anthony, Bailey, David, Millie, Nathan, Nicola, Oliver and Rebecca and ask you to keep them in your prayers.

**Newsletter copy deadline** – Thursday midday.  
Newsletter contact: Suzanne Yates; 01525 840 661;  
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## SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection next Sunday **30 June for Peter's Pence.**



Through the Peter's Pence Collection, we unite with the Holy Father as he reaches out to our brothers and sisters suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. We stand in solidarity with Catholics all over the world to support the charitable works and outreach of the Holy See. The Peter's Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth-century England, King Alfred the Great collected money, a 'penny', from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease.

Adapted from <http://www.saintpats.org>

## NOVENA PRAYER

Most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing,  
We adore you, we love you,  
and with a lively sorrow for our sins,  
we offer ourselves to you.  
Make us humble, patient, pure, and obedient to your Will.  
Grant, dear Jesus that we may live in you and for you.  
Protect us in the midst of danger;  
comfort us in our afflictions; give us health of body,  
assistance in our temporal needs,  
your blessing on all that we do,  
and the grace of a holy death.

Most Holy Heart of Jesus, shower your blessings abundantly upon your holy Church, upon the Supreme Pontiff, and upon all the clergy and religious.

Grant perseverance to the just, convert sinners, and enlighten unbelievers.  
Bless our relatives, friends, and benefactors.  
Assist the dying, deliver the holy souls in purgatory,  
and extend over all hearts the gentle empire of your love.  
To you, most merciful Heart of Jesus, we commend all these souls.

## 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](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 next meet on **Monday 1 July**.

at 7.30 pm at 80 George Street, Maulden. You are very welcome to join us to pray for your family Intentions, in full confidentiality. Ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186. We meet fortnightly.



The sewing group will meet on **24 June** 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 **3 July**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

