

newsletter

22 September 2019

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year



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 15 September was £276.90 standing orders were £750.00. With thanks, Finance Committee

THE FEAST OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL – 27 SEPTEMBER

Born in France in 1581 into a farming family in Pouy, Vincent's initial desire to be a priest was mainly for social advancement and monetary gain. Through a process of careful planning and being in the right place at the right time, Vincent was ordained a priest at the ripe old age of nineteen by an elderly bishop who could barely see or hear.

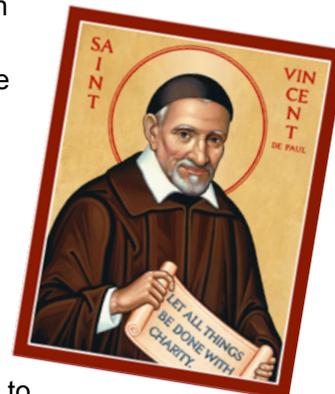
Beginning his ordained life with less than pure motives, Vincent's change of heart began in the middle of one of his visits to the poor tenants of a wealthy estate-holder.

When Vincent was called to hear the confession of a dying man, the spiritual naivety of the penitent shocked Vincent. The poor man knew next to nothing about his religion. Not long after, Vincent preached a sermon on general confession from the pulpit in the village chapel of Folleville. In it, he asked the people to take to heart the necessity of repentance. The response overwhelmed him.

For hours the villagers stood in line to go to confession. Inside they poured out their longing for the Gospel and for good priests to minister to them. Vincent had not guessed at their hunger or their need. Based on this conversion of heart, Vincent gathered a little band of missionary priests to his side.

In 1626, Vincent and three priests pledged to, in his own words, 'Aggregate and associate to ourselves and to the aforesaid work to live together as a Congregation and to devote ourselves to the salvation of the poor country folk'. The Congregation of the Mission was born. More men became priests to join Vincent and his three original companions, and began preaching across France. Within Vincent's lifetime the Congregation of the Mission had spread throughout the world.

At Vincent's funeral, the preacher declared that Vincent had just about 'transformed the face of the Church'. No one disputed this claim. His basic vision was simply that the Good News of Jesus Christ should be announced to the poor through word and service.



Adapted from <https://famvin.org>

When St Vincent was canonised by Pope Leo XIII, he became the patron of charitable societies and it was actually Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, an admirer of the saint, who founded the Society of St Vincent de Paul in 1833, in his honour.

Adapted from <https://epicpew.com>

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers		
Mass	This Sunday, 22 September	Next Sunday, 29 September
1 st Reading	Pat Crowe	Martin Brennan
2 nd Reading	Eamonn Diver	Ann Leatherland
Eucharistic	Suzanne Yates	John Flanagan
Eucharistic	Jane Crow	Hilary Brennan
Driver	Louis Chadwick	C.J. Gallagher

Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	22 September	9.00 am	James Stynes, Anniversary, RIP Intentions of Clare and Alan Bevan
Tuesday	24 September	9.30 am	Peggy Thomas, RIP
Wednesday	25 September	9.30 am	Service of the Word and Communion
Friday	27 September	10.00 am	Intention of Carmel and John Gallagher

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER TEACHERS, PUPILS AND EDUCATORS

Lord, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. You sent us your Son to teach us that true wisdom comes from you alone. Send your Spirit upon pupils, teachers and educators and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and share what they have learnt.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME – SEPTEMBER

Pope Francis suggests that for September we should try to use greener cleaners.



Pray the Rosary



OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the Month of the Rosary, and along with each of the parish groups we are saying rosary most weeks. More Information next week.

The word rosary is derived from the Latin word *rosarium* meaning crown of roses. Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose, and that each complete rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, the rosary is the rose of all devotions and therefore the most important one. The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. It is a simple prayer, humble like Mary. It is a prayer we can all say together with her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite her to pray for us. Our Lady always grants our request. She joins her prayer to ours. Therefore it becomes ever more useful, because what Mary asks she always receives; Jesus can never say no to whatever his mother asks for. In every apparition, the heavenly Mother has invited us to say the rosary as a powerful weapon against evil, to bring us to true peace.

Pope St John Paul II on 16 October 2002 with the Apostolic Letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae, on the Most Holy Rosary, added five new mysteries of the rosary: the Mysteries of the Light.

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

DO YOU KNOW A BUDDING YOUNG WRITER?

We are keen to publish articles, snippets, poems, from the younger members of the parish. It could be what they like doing or don't like doing, or what they think of the world around them, or how grown-ups run things. Even about the Church. Anything will be considered. Any age. With a photo if possible. Contact Suzanne Yates.



As part of our Macmillan Coffee morning Deacon Philip will *Brave the Shave* on 27 September.

To sponsor him go to

- <https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk>
- Type in Philip Pugh and then click on the name and donate.

Celebrate St Albans – 19 and 20 October

Celebrate St Albans is a Catholic Charismatic conference that welcomes all: newcomers; familiar faces; all ages; all denominations. It is open to both individuals and families. We hope that the weekend will help you find fresh inspiration and renewal in your faith, in a relaxed and friendly environment. Forget about the news and bask in the Good News of Our Lord!

Come and join a few parishioners at this uplifting and hope-filled weekend Catholic conference. It is easy to reach by train to St Albans then a short walk to the Loreto convent. Ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186 to find out more and to travel together.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Sacred Heart Church, Flitwick

TEA
COFFEE



CAKE
RAFFLE

27 September

After 10.00 am Mass on FRIDAY

PLEASE COME ALONG AND BRING A FRIEND

If you would like to donate a raffle prize or volunteer to bake a cake please, contact Suzanne Yates on 07919263147.

Raffle tickets available this Sunday.

Pray and Play at Sacred Heart



We are going to trial a special group once a month on a Sunday afternoon, for families with children up to the age of Year 6.

Sessions will start at 2.00 pm for one hour, with activities suitable for the children on the theme of the session, as well as prayers in the church.

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

The next dates are

13 October – Changing Seasons

17 November – Remembrance

8 December – Advent

We look forward to meeting as many who can attend on 13 October.

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

CONFESSION

Confession will be at 8.30 am on Sundays and at 9.30 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 30**

September 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 **23 September** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. Contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

This group will meet again on **2 October**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

