

# newsletter



27 October 2019

30<sup>th</sup> 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 October was £250.60 standing orders were £750.00. With thanks, Finance Committee

## FEAST OF ALL SAINTS – 1 NOVEMBER

## HOLY DAY

This feast dates back to the seventh century, and the occasion of its introduction was the conversion of the ancient Pantheon at Rome to a Christian church. This famous temple, which possibly existed in the time of the Republic, is generally considered to have been built by Marcus Agrippa in his third consulate in 27 BC, but it is not improbable that he merely restored and added to it. Historians do not agree the origin of its name, but Pliny tells us that Agrippa dedicated it to Jupiter the Avenger; Septimus Severus and his son Caracalla afterwards repaired it.

In the beginning of the seventh century, the Emperor Phocas gave it to Pope Boniface IV, who converted it into a church and dedicated it to the Blessed Virgin and all the saints, about the year AD 608.

The feast of this dedication was kept on 13 May; before that event the feast of all the Apostles had been celebrated on the first of the same month.

About AD 731, Pope Gregory III consecrated a chapel in St Peter's church in honour of all the saints, and since then the Feast of All Saints has been celebrated in Rome. Gregory IV, while in France in AD 837, greatly encouraged the celebration of this feast in that country. The Greeks celebrated the feast of All Saints on the Sunday after Pentecost.

**PRAYER:** *God, you allow us to honour all your saints in one common festival. Through the prayers of so many intercessors, grant us an abundance of your merciful favours which we so greatly desire.*

Adapted from <http://www.paulandpeters.com/blog/feast-saints/>



Friday 1 November is All Saints Day with Mass at Sacred Heart at 10.00 am and Service of the Word with Communion at 7.30 pm.

All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Saturday 2 November with Mass at 10.00 am.

This will be followed by a procession to Flitwick Cemetery for prayers and blessing for our deceased relatives led by Deacon Philip and we will meet at Amptill Cemetery at 11.00 am for prayers and blessing for our deceased relatives, led by Suzanne.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers		
Mass	This Sunday, 27 October	Next Sunday, 3 November
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Michael Burgess	Suzanne Yates
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Pauline Rowntree	Noelette Hanley
Eucharistic	Helen Burgess	C./H. Davies
Eucharistic	Noreen Weighell	Nicky Paterson
Driver	Louis Chadwick	C./ J. Gallagher

**CATECHESIS PROGRAMME 2019/2020**  
 Our catechesis programme will start this autumn, with preparation for children

- in Year 3 and above for reconciliation and First Holy Communion
- in Year 8 and above for Confirmation

If you have a child in these age groups please register at [sacraments@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk](mailto:sacraments@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk)

## Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	27 October	9.00 am	Kathleen McEveley, Recently Deceased, RIP, Thomas and Mary Kerrigan, Anniversary, RIP, Joan Nutt, Recently Deceased, RIP
Tuesday	29 October	9.30 am	Barbara Crayfield, RIP, John Herlihy, Anniversary, RIP, Intentions of Tom and Sylvia Eastwood
Wednesday	30 October	9.30 am	Service of the Word and Communion
Friday	1 November	10.00 am	Deceased of the Parish
Friday	1 November	7.30 pm	Service of the Word and Communion
Saturday	2 November	10.00 am	Deceased of the Parish

## Circle of Prayer for October The Harvest and Workers on the Land

O Lord, good Father, who in your providence have entrusted the earth to the human race, we give thanks for the gift of the harvest and the work of farmers and landowners, we pray that working together we will ensure with these gifts will be shared equally among the people of the earth. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME – OCTOBER

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



### Pray the Rosary



The SVP will lead the Rosary this week, on Monday 28 October starting at 7.00 pm. (please note earlier time) They will say the Joyful Mysteries which were in the newsletter of 29 September.

### Remembering ...

In November we take special care to remember those we have loved and cared for, but who have died. We recall them and celebrate their lives and the way they loved us, cared for us and taught us. This is why the Church begins November with the feast day of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls.

By recalling their memory we build a personal shrine, not as a table in a corner, but as a place in our hearts for those we love.

Use the slip, which is part of the leaflet available next weekend, to record the names of your family, friends and acquaintances you wish to be remembered in prayer throughout the month of November.

Place the slip in the basket provided in the sanctuary, where it will remain throughout the month. The names will be dedicated to our prayers at the Mass of Commemoration of All Souls to be celebrated on Saturday 2 November at 10.00 am.

### Memorial Masses for the Dead

It is traditional in the Church for families to request a Mass for the deceased members of their families and for their deceased friends.

Envelopes will be provided in church for you to include a list of their names and to place a Mass offering. The diocese suggests a gift of between £5.00 and £10.00, or as much as you can afford. These should be handed to Deacon Philip who will then arrange Mass for the Intentions listed, and for those requesting the memorial Mass.

Deacon Philip will be happy to tell you more about how to request a Mass.



We welcome Sophie, daughter of Amy McDonnell and Carlos Bygrave, who will be baptised into the Catholic community today, Sunday 27 October.



We ask the parish to pray for her and her family on this special day, and wish George and her family all God's blessings on their journey of faith.

**Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday.**  
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## PARKING PROTOCOL

Due to the size of our car park, parking at Sacred Heart is always difficult. With only one Mass on Sunday the car park will be available to visitors and those with parking permits.

- There is car parking in the grounds of Flitwick Lower School, five minutes walk away
- If you live near church and are in good health, consider walking instead of driving to church
- If you have to drive, consider offering to car share
- Keep the access route from the road to the church door clear for emergency vehicles
- Please respect our neighbours in Pope Close and do not park in front of these houses
- If parking in nearby roads, do so in a way that follows the road rules and respects our neighbours
- If you require a parking permit, please see Deacon Philip

These are guidelines rather than rules as, for instance, vehicle size may influence where it is practical to park.

## GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY

It's that time again, time to fill a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes need to be returned to the back of the church or to Clare Bevan by **10 November**. Leaflets advising what and what not to put in your box and decorated shoeboxes will be available from **this weekend** at a cost of 50p each.



## Pray and Play at Sacred Heart



Sessions run once a month on Sunday afternoon, for families with children up to the age of Year 6.

Sessions 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  
17 November – Remembrance  
8 December – Advent

## 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](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 28**

**October** 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 **28 October** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. Contact Clare Bevan 01525 403 589.



### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

This group will meet again on **20 November**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

