

newsletter



17 November 2019

33rd 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 10 November it was £264.95 and standing orders were £750.00. With thanks, Finance Committee

LUKE 21: 5-9 – THE LAST THINGS

Today's Gospel is from Luke.

This passage comes from what is known as the Apocalyptic chapter of the Gospel. Apocalyptic means unveiling. The writing is in a sort of code that has to be understood. It is usually about the future in the sense of events that only God could know and was prepared to reveal.

The main problem with this section of Luke's account is that it seem to be dealing with two distinct themes. The first is the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70; the second deals with the expected return of Jesus as Son of Man.

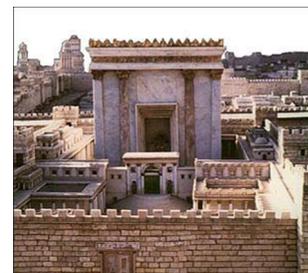
In verses 5-7, the discourse is introduced by the reporting of a conversation between Jesus and his disciples about the Temple. Some were commenting on the magnificence of the building when Jesus announced that there would come a time when it would be destroyed. The Temple was begun in the reign of Herod the Great. At the time of Jesus it was unfinished and Jesus, aware that the Jews' relationship with the Roman overlords would finally end in disaster, forecasts that the Temple will be destroyed. When asked when this will happen, the question does not receive a direct answer but seems to lead into other teaching about the end of the world.

In verse 8-19, many warnings are given to the disciples. Their teaching is clear.

The disciples must beware those who falsely claim to be the Christ. They must be on their guard, for they would suffer persecution, arrest, appearance in court and imprisonment. They must not be anxious for Jesus will give them eloquence to defend themselves. They must also be on their guard against betrayal. Families will be split. To be a Christian may bring hatred and even death.

This they must do quietly and effectively while they wait for the Lord Jesus.

Taken from *The Word of God – Year C, Luke's Gospel* By Robin Cooper



<i>Readers and Eucharistic Ministers</i>		
<i>Mass</i>	<i>This Sunday, 17 November</i>	<i>Next Sunday, 24 November</i>
1 st Reading	Ann Leatherland	Brendan Spillane
2 nd Reading	Pat Crowe	Catherine Davies
Eucharistic	Hilary Brennan	Adrian Hamilton
Eucharistic	John Flanagan	Gadsden
Driver	Kate Mansford	William Doyle

PARKING PERMITS

Parking Permits are now due for renewal. If you want one renewed please see Suzanne or Deacon Philip for a new permit for the beginning of December. If you do not have one and need one, see Suzanne.

Sacred Heart Flitwick 100 CLUB

The latest draw took place on 13 October and the lucky winners were 1st – Maria Shaw 2nd – Tom Eastwood and 3rd – Siobhan Campbell.

Mass Times at Sacred Heart

Sunday	17 November	9.00 am	Deceased Members of the McCann, Flaherty and Donohue Families Deceased Members of the Spillane, Ellis and Tooley Families Sr. Marie-Therese Bird
Tuesday	19 November	9.30 am	Kathleen and Phil Watson, Anniversary, Don Milligan, Jack and Molly Dorney and Deceased Members of the Johnson and Penn Families
Wednesday	20 November	9.30 am	Service of the Word and Communion
Friday	22 November	10.00 am	Deceased Members of the Herlihy, Aylward and Barnett Families Deceased Members of the Vine and Sweeney Families Private Remembrances

Circle of Prayer for November Our Young People

God, our Father, we thank you for the gift of our children. We ask you to send your holy angels to protect and guide them each day so that they will walk the narrow path of purity, self-control and obedience as was taught to us by your own Son, Jesus Christ. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME – NOVEMBER

Pope Francis suggests that for November we should try to have a sustainable Christmas



RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BISHOP'S MAINTENANCE FUND – NEXT WEEKEND 24 NOVEMBER

This collection is for the maintenance of Bishop's House, finance, HR and safeguarding. Gift Aid envelopes will be available at the back of the church so that if you wish, you can make your donation go further.



GIVING TREE – ADVANCE NOTICE

As usual, the SVP will be organising our Advent Giving Tree in support of the homeless. This year we will be forwarding the items donated to NOAH Enterprises who support the homeless in Luton. The items needed will be published next week but are the same as before. I know many of you like to start collecting early. Thanks in advance for your amazing support of this venture.



THE NEED PROJECT CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Need project expects to deliver around 500 food parcels this Christmas.



What do they need? In addition to the usual dried and tinned food, we like to include Christmas items such as tinned salmon, mince pies, Christmas cakes and tinned ham. Food they are often short of includes coffee, sugar, tomatoes, tinned fruit, and vegetables, tinned puddings, fish. Anything else is also gratefully received.

Luton Irish Forum, in partnership with Safe Home Ireland, will host a free 'Returning to Ireland' advice and information clinic to offer support on information about housing, healthcare, entitlement in Ireland and more. On 19 November, 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm at Luton Irish Forum, Kathleen Connolly House, 102 Hitchin Road, LU2 0ES. For more information, please call 01582 720447.

ADVENT CONVERSATIONS

Walking with the Prophets towards the Nativity

Our annual programme of adult formation begins with our Advent Conversations. Three Tuesday evenings leading the way to the celebration of the birth of Our Lord.

Sessions begin at 7.45 pm in the Parish room with warm drinks available for the cold nights! We aim to finish at 9.00 pm each evening.

26 November – Who are the Prophets? – their Biblical timeline

3 December – Isaiah, the herald of the Messiah – the words and the context

10 December – the infancy narratives of the Gospels – how Jesus is announced and introduced.

**BOOKING NOT ESSENTIAL
JUST COME ALONG**



Churches Together in Amptill and Flitwick are facilitating a series of small group discussions on varied themes to encourage Christian unity by improving our understanding of each other

Session Theme 1: Women in the Church

Thursday, 21 November
7.30 to 8.30 pm
Sacred Heart Church

The second collection for the Kiltergan fathers was £421.30. Thank you.

Christmas Cards For Sale

Christmas cards will be available after Mass today and then on 24 November and 1 December

YEAR OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

Calling all readers and anyone who would like to read at Mass!

There will be a reader's reflection next month on Saturday 23 November, in the Parish Room from 10.30 am to 12.45 pm.

The theme will be 'The Letters of Paul, in the correct order! Led by Deacon Philip Tea, coffee, and cake will be provided, and a warm snack before you depart. **Please RSVP to Deacon Philip or Suzanne.**

Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday.
Newsletter contact: Suzanne Yates; 01525 840 661;
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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 session is today and then on 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

CHURCH NEWSLETTER ONLINE

<http://www.sacredheartflitwick.co.uk>

IN HOSPITAL, SICK OR HOUSEBOUND?

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 25 November** 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 **25 November** 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.

