

# Bulletin



12 July 2020

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A



## 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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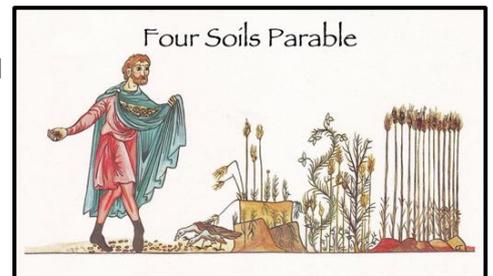
Thank you for your contribution to the parish. For 5 July standing orders were £790.00.

With thanks, Finance Committee.

## THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Today's Gospel is from Matthew 13:1-23

The Parable of the Sower is one of the most well known of all the parables. The seed falls on four different types of soil: the footpath, rocky ground, thistles and good soil. At first this may seem like careless farming with so much seed wasted. The parable makes sense, however, when seen against the method of farming followed in Palestine in Jesus' day when the sowing was done before the ploughing.



Later in the Gospel reading, Matthew gives an allegorical meaning; this may be a later addition to the story. Originally, the story was a simple parable which shows, on the one hand, the frustration of the sower's work, with its weeds, greedy birds and rocky ground; and on the other hand, in contrast to this, a picture of a rich harvest. The meaning of this simple story is that the kingdom of heaven will be successful in spite of all frustrations and difficulties. The allegorical interpretation of the parable likens the four types of soil to the four different kinds of hearer of Jesus' message.

First of all there is the unresponsive hearer, where the message is taken away from the hearer; secondly, the shallow hearer representing the person who has no roots; thirdly the worldly hearer who is seduced by the pleasures of this world, and, lastly, the responsive hearer who lives a life of faith.

Both meanings are valid for the Church of today. The kingdom of heaven will continue to grow and succeed and we must all seek to be the fertile ground in which the word of God may flourish.

Adapted from *The Word of God, Year A* by Robin Cooper

### MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK

All Masses are Sunday Mass.  
Remember you need to register.  
Friday 10.00 am  
Saturday 4.30 pm and 6.00 pm

### LIVE-STREAMED MASS

Mass will be live-streamed on Saturday at 4.30 pm. Go to the first page of our website and click on the YouTube button.



### Mass will be offered this week for...

10 July	10.00 am	Intentions of Maud Sexton on her birthday
11 July	4.30 pm	People Who have Worked in the Background to Sustain our Community
11 July	6.00 pm	Special Intentions

### CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR JULY – SEAFARERS

Eternal Lord God, ruler of the earth and sky, be pleased to receive into your protection all who go down to the sea in ships to work or to seek refuge. Preserve them in body and soul; prosper their labours with good success; in time of danger be their help and defence and bring them safely into port; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – JUNE

The Lord your God is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength (Mark 12:30).



## PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND AND KNOCK

24 TO 28 MAY 2020

Our pilgrimage for 2020 has been postponed until 2021. The cost for five days is £715. There are some spaces if you would be interested now that the dates have changed. Contact details are available from Suzanne, Pastoral Administrator.

## Red Box Holders

Hello Red Box Holders, You really are a wonderful set of people in our parish and we now have just over 100 households with a box.

Last year, you surpassed yourselves, with a magnificent total of £5,637, to be one of the best parishes in the diocese. You rallied to my call at the beginning of Lent, and we managed to get most of the yearly money in and banked before lockdown began; £1,713.68 so far.

### Thank You.

At the moment, money cannot be left at church so please keep it safe for now if you have any. If it is a problem, do not hesitate to contact me and we will sort something out.

I have just been able to order the magazines and these should be with you shortly.

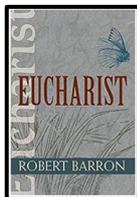
Keep safe and God bless,  
Pat King

## Book Club News

Our next book to read is *Eucharist* by Bishop Robert Barron.

The next Zoom Book Club meeting will be on Thursday, 20 August 2020. All are welcome to join us!

To Join the Zoom meeting you will need the meeting ID, please ask Suzanne for this.



## VICKY HINE, RIP

Please remember Vicky in your prayers, as she passed away on 5 July. Vicky was the parish housekeeper for many years. All our sympathy and prayers go to Vicky's family.



Newsletter copy deadline – Thursday midday.  
Newsletter contact: Suzanne Yates; 01525 840 661;  
smyates47@gmail.com

## Let us Pray ... TOGETHER

Mass will be live-streamed each Saturday at 4.30 pm.

Our prayer sessions are as follows

† Tuesday – 9.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church

† Sunday – 9.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church

To access please morning prayers open Zoom and click this link

<https://zoom.us/j/9974164533> (you may need to copy and paste it and put it into your browser). Email Suzanne for the password.

Sunday Mass is available on YouTube. You can see it by clicking the YouTube button on the first page of our website. The button looks like this:



## Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass said you can contact me on [secretary@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk](mailto:secretary@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk) and I will organise a Mass and send you a Mass card if you want one. You can also put the money in an envelope and put it through the presbytery door. Please put your name, the name of the Intention and your address and telephone number either on or in the envelope with your offering. I will contact you with the date of your Mass and a card if you wish.

Suzanne



## Sea Sunday 2020 will be celebrated this Sunday 12 July

Sea Sunday is when we have the opportunity to remember and pray for seafarers, their families and all who support them. On Sea Sunday, Catholic churches around the UK usually take up a second collection with all funds going to the Apostleship of the Sea, to support our work. It is a day of remembrance, prayer and celebration, and an opportunity to think about and thank those seafarers we often take for granted who work tirelessly throughout the year bringing us goods.

During this time, as we cannot have second collections, we are including their website so you can give online if you wish. If you follow this link you will find a Donate Now button.

<https://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/sea-sunday>

## INFORMATION

### CONFESSION

Confessions have been suspended until further notice.

### PRAYER LINE

Please ring for intercessory prayer on 01525 634 186. We have some wonderful answers to prayers. Be assured of full confidentiality.

### SAFEGUARDING

For information contact Paula Bates [safeguarding@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk](mailto: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. See box below for hospital contacts.

### THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP

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

This has been postponed for the time being.

### MASS INTENTIONS

For Mass Intentions, call or email Suzanne who will arrange for Fr. John to say a Mass. She has Mass cards at home so call or email if you need one.

## Hospital Contacts

If you have anyone in hospital, you can contact the following.  
Bedford Hospital – Deacon Tony Quinlan on 01234 950 453 or [tonyquinlan15@gmail.com](mailto:tonyquinlan15@gmail.com)  
Luton and Dunstable Hospital – Deacon Jim Hannigan on 07756 685 220 or [deaconjimhannigan@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:deaconjimhannigan@northamptondiocese.org)

Mothers' Prayers will next meet on **Tuesday 14 July**

at 8.00 pm by Zoom.  
Ring Sue Barley on 01525 634 186 for information. We are meeting weekly at this time.



The sewing group is postponed until further notice due to Covid-19. For details, phone Hilary Brennan on 01525 717 919



### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

This group will meet again on 15 July by Zoom. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

