

# Bulletin



1 May 2022

Third Sunday of Easter



## 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 24 April standing orders were £860.00 and the second collection was £231.00. The retiring collection was £385.10.

Thank you.

## PARISH CATECHESIS BY FR. JERRY

## MASS TIMES

**Theme:** Jesus showed himself again to the disciples.

The story of the resurrection is not ended. It can be compared to popular TV series, like 'Coronation Street' which continues to influence every stage and conversation of most Christians. Today in the Gospel reading, the risen Lord invites his disciples to recognise him. The risen Lord is not a ghost and possesses new properties of a glorified body. It is very true that even faced with the reality of the risen Jesus the disciples are still doubtful, so impossible did the thing seem. They thought they were seeing a ghost. On the contrary, their faith in the Resurrection was born, under the action of divine grace, from their direct experience of the reality of the risen Jesus (CCC#644).

For the disciples, the miraculous catch of fish demonstrates new things happening among them after the resurrection. After toiling fruitlessly for a catch, the disciples responded to the invitation of Jesus: 'Cast your net over the right side of the boat and you will find something'. The outcome was overwhelming. It is important to note that despite the size of the catch, the disciples' net did not break.

It is with great interest that the risen Jesus continues to establish direct contact with his disciples. He does this by means of physical touch and sharing of a meal. Initially, the disciples were terrified by the presence of the risen Christ, but they became confident after Jesus said, 'Come and have breakfast'; they eat and drink together. In the face of apparent fear and anxiety, we oftentimes lose our sense of judgment.

Like Peter, whenever we hear the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we flee. Our risen Jesus renewed his commitment to Peter towards the Church. The Church continues to be taught, sanctified, and guided by the apostles until Christ's return, through successors in pastoral office; the college of bishops, assisted by priests, in union with the successor of Peter, the Church's supreme pastor (CCC#854). By virtue of our baptism, the risen Lord has made us witnesses by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our encounter with the risen Christ is the basis of our Christian hope of resurrection. (CCC#995)

We pray that despite our diverse backgrounds as followers of Christ, our vibrant Christian community will be witnesses to Christ's resurrection. This is because we have eaten and drunk with him at every Eucharistic celebration. Our encounter with the risen Christ is one of the characteristics of the Christian hope of resurrection. We shall rise like him, with, and through him (CCC#995).

### THIS WEEK

- † There is no morning Mass this week.
- † Saturday at 5.00 pm
- † Sunday at 9.00 am and 11.00 am

### CONFESSION

Confession is available before Mass on Friday and Saturday and on request.

## Baptism

We welcome Bethany Nicholls, daughter of Helena and Kris who will be baptised into the Catholic community on 1 May.



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

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

30 April	5.00 pm	Ray Mahony, Birthday Anniversary, RIP
1 May	9.00 am	Michael Quinlan, Anniversary, RIP
1 May	11.00 am	Peace in Ukraine
3 May		NO MASS
4 May		NO MASS
5 May		NO MASS
6 May		NO MASS

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR MAY VOCATIONS

O God, you sent your Son, Jesus, to bring eternal life to those who believe. I join him in praying for labourers for your harvest. May your Holy Spirit inspire women and men to continue his mission through your priesthood, diaconate, religious life and lay ministry. May this same Spirit make known your will for my life. Amen.

## Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 26 May at 7.30 pm in Pulloxhill. The next book to read is *The Reluctant Disciple: Daring to Believe* by David Wells.



## Mass for the Sick

The SVP are organising this event. On Friday 17 June, Mass will be at 2.00 pm and all are welcome. There will be a special focus on praying for the sick and there will be an invitation to be anointed. After Mass there will be afternoon tea in the Canon Denis room.

The SVP has lists of people who have come before but if you want your name to be added to the list or just want to make sure you get an invitation, please ring Maureen on 01525 873 830 or John on 01525 406 810 and either speak direct or leave a message and we'll get back to you. Everyone is welcome at the Mass – this is a parish event for everyone.

## Feast of the English Martyrs – 4 May

The Feast of the English Martyrs is celebrated on 4 May. The 40 martyrs canonised under Paul VI in 1973,

previously celebrated on 25 October, are celebrated with the 85 beatified



martyrs of the Reformation and the other martyrs of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century. The feast coincides with the Church of England celebration of English saints and martyrs of the Reformation.

These are a significant group of saints in British Catholicism and include St Margaret Clitherow, the butcher's wife from York who became a Catholic at the age of 18 and was arrested for harbouring a priest. She was crushed to death under a large door loaded with weights. St John Houghton, St Robert Lawrence, St Augustine Webster, and St Richard Reynolds were Carthusian monks executed at Tyburn on 4 May 1535.

St Cuthbert Mayne, another martyr, was a young man from Devon who went to St John's College, Oxford in the late 1500s, where he met St Edmund Campion and eventually became a Catholic.

Fearing arrest after a letter from Gregory Martin addressed to him ended up in the hands of the Bishop of London, Cuthbert fled to Cornwall. From here he fled to the English College at Douai and was ordained a priest. He returned to the English mission and was discovered, tried at Launceston and sentenced to be hanged, drawn and quartered.

Adapted from <http://www.catholicherald.co.uk>

## Save the Date

2022 is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sacred Heart Catholic church in Flitwick and there will be several events over the next twelve months. Our church was opened in 1982 and consecrated in 1983. To start the celebrations, Bishop David will celebrate Mass on 24 June at 12 midday followed by lunch. Details to follow.



## Save the Date 2

We are going to *Walk for Water* on **Saturday 18 June**. More information soon. We will have sponsorship cards available for all who are able to help in this very important cause.



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BIG BREKKIE

Churches Together in Amphill and Flitwick will be holding a breakfast to begin Christian Aid Week in the Canon Denis Room on 14 May from at 9.00 am. You **MUST** book a time slot between 9.00 am and 11.00 am by emailing [CTAF2021@outlook.com](mailto:CTAF2021@outlook.com). There are about 24 places per half hour. Everyone welcome.

Christian Aid is calling for climate justice. Working together, we can restore justice to our world.

In Zimbabwe, the climate crisis is causing aching hunger for families like Jessica's.



And 7,000 miles away, the war in Ukraine will drive up food prices in Zimbabwe and around the globe.

Without the fertiliser and food, like wheat and cooking oil, that Ukraine and Russia produce, vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger.

**But hope does not disappoint. Hope lives in you.**

Your gifts this Christian Aid Week could help Jessica set up water taps on her farm, learn to grow food, and provide seeds that thrive in drought – giving her all she needs to turn her dry, dusty land into a garden of hope.

With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe.

## Help Please!

Tea and Coffee will continue to be available after 11.00 am Mass if we can get more helpers. Contact Suzanne if you can help. →

## INFORMATION

### CONFESSION

Confessions are available before Mass on Friday and Saturday and on request.

### 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 OR HOUSEBOUND?

Please let us know of anyone who needs a visit.

### HOSPITAL CONTACTS

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)

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Members provide help, support and friendship to anyone in need. If you or someone you know needs help at this time, please talk to us by ringing 07770 499 239. We are here to help.

### MASS INTENTIONS

For Mass Intentions, email Hugh Davies who will arrange for Fr. Jerry to say a Mass. There are special envelopes in the foyer that you can fill in and leave in the sacristy. Hugh will organise Mass cards will Suzanne is away

### SEWING GROUP

The sewing group will meet on **9 May** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For details, phone Hilary Brennan on 01525 717 919



### COME AND SEE

For details of dates and times contact Debbie Lewis on 07944792776 for information.



**MOTHERS' PRAYERS** will meet on **20 May** after 10.00 am

Mass. Join us for a welcoming cup of coffee before praying for your family. We aim to end by 11.45 am. Ring Sue Barley 01525 634186 for information.



### Newsletter copy deadline

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