



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 1 May standing orders were £860.00 and the second collection was £372.70. Thank you, the finance committee.

PARISH CATECHESIS BY FR. JERRY

Theme: 'Love one another just as I have loved you'.

The exit of Judas Iscariot marks a crucial turning point in Jesus' intimate final moment with the eleven disciples. Jesus saw his death as a glorification and the manifestation of God's merciful love for the world. Jesus Christ is the reliable model for this new law of love. 'Love one another just as I have loved you...' this love fulfils the Law (CCC#2196). This love, unlike the love in the world, implies an effective offering of oneself after his example. Sometimes to experience love, 'we all have to experience many hardships'. Although Jesus was glorified in being scourged, beaten, spat upon, and mocked in his obedience to the Father's will, he loved his own to the end. Because of love, Jesus endured abandonment, desolation, and rejection. By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus, which they themselves receive (CCC#1823). Jesus gives us a legacy of love. This is his new commandment, to love one another as he has loved us. Jesus compels us to love others as he has loved us completely to the cross. When we believe in Jesus Christ, partake of his mysteries, and keep his commandments, the saviour himself comes to love, in us, his Father and his brethren, our Father and our brethren (CCC#2074). It is only with the Holy Spirit by whom we could live and have the same mind as that in Christ Jesus (CCC#2842). As we accept the love that Jesus offers us, may we be empowered by the Holy Spirit to give this same love freely to others.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2022 FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



MASS TIMES

THIS WEEK

- † Tuesday at 9.30 am
- † Wednesday at 9.30 am
- † Thursday at 9.30 am
- † Friday at 10.00 am
- † 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 Olivia and Charlotte Ashby, daughters of Sian and Kevin who will be baptised into the Catholic community on 15 May.



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

Masses will be offered this week for ...

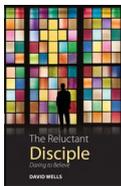
- 14 May 5.00 pm Andrew McGowan, Recently Deceased, RIP
- 15 May 9.00 am Peace in Ukraine
- 15 May 11.00 am Young People of the Parish
- 17 May 9.30 am Private Intentions
- 18 May 9.30 am Private Intentions
- 19 May 9.30 am Ray Mahony, Anniversary, RIP
- 20 May 10.00 am Peace in Ukraine

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.



FEAST OF ST DUNSTAN 19 MAY

Dunstan was a Benedictine monk, reformer and Archbishop of Canterbury. He was born near Glastonbury and educated at the abbey. He joined the king's household, but was soon expelled from court, accused of being a magician. Later he was ordained priest at Winchester. He returned to Glastonbury briefly but was soon recalled to court. King Edmund took a great interest in Glastonbury, and when the abbacy fell vacant he appointed Dunstan as abbot. Dunstan set about restoring monastic life, which had been almost extinguished under Danish invasions, and this is considered to be one of his greatest achievements. In 995 his fortunes changed again, and through intrigue at court he was exiled to Mont Blandin (Ghent), and he saw for the first time a reformed monastery of the continent. Recalled by King Edgar, he became successively, Bishop of Worcester, Bishop of London, and Archbishop of Canterbury. He composed the Coronation Rite for King Edgar at Bath, which is the basis of the Coronation Rite still in use. So began the fruitful collaboration between king and archbishop which reformed the Church in England, largely through the monastic orders, and was regarded after the Conquest as a 'golden age'. The promulgation of *Regularis Concordia* in about 970 marked the success of the movement Dunstan had started in Glastonbury years before. He collaborated with the king in making laws, administering justice and reforming the Church, and remained active until he died at Canterbury on 19 May 988. After his death, his cult grew rapidly, and under Anselm's rule it became nationwide. He was one of the most popular Anglo-Saxon saints, and many legends have grown up around him.



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MISSIO

MISSIO is very excited for the upcoming beatification of one of its founders, Venerable Pauline Jaricot on 22 May 2022 in Lyon, France. More details at missio.org.uk/pauline

Save the Date

2022 is the 40th anniversary of Sacred Heart Catholic church in Flitwick and we are having several events over the twelve months. The church was opened in 1982 and consecrated in 1983. To start the year, 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**. We will have sponsorship cards available for all who are able to help in this very important cause next week.



Sacred Heart Flitwick 200 CLUB

The latest draw took place on 8 May and the lucky winners were

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| 1st. | Kathleen Milligan |
| 2nd. | Grace McKenna |
| 3rd. | Mary Kehoe |
| 4th. | Helen Wilson. |

Congratulations!

Mass for the Sick

The SVP are again 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 Suite.

The SVP has lists of people who have come before but if you want your name to be added, or to make sure you get an invitation, please ring Maureen on 01525 873830 or John on 01525 406810. Either speak direct or leave a message and we'll get back to you.

And everyone is welcome at the Mass – this is a parish event for everyone.

SISTERS OF ST CLARE

To all the people of Luton – and beyond – we, Sisters Kathleen and Antoinette, send our sincere and heartfelt thanks for walking with us in so many ways, and for so many years. As we all continue our life's journey, please be assured of our thoughts and prayers, and we know that you will keep us in your hearts too. May God continue to bless you and your families until we all meet again in Heaven – so, let us be sure that we all get there!

Newsletter copy deadline

Thursday midday Contact: Suzanne Yates 01525 840 661 / 07919 263 147, smyates47@gmail.com

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

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
Luton and Dunstable Hospital – Deacon Jim Hannigan on 07756 685 220 or 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

Tea and Coffee available after 11.00 am Mass. Contact Suzanne if you can help. See Suzanne's details

SEWING GROUP

The sewing group will meet on **6 June** 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.

