

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

PARISH CATECHESIS BY FR. JERRY

MASS TIMES

Theme: We shall come to him and make our home with him.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus promises to make his home with the Father with those who love him and keep his commandments. The church teaches that Christ is the principle and source of our future resurrection. This is because the risen Christ lives in the hearts of his faithful while they await that fulfilment (CCC#655). It is our love and obedience to the commandments of God that will open the door for God's indwelling in us.

As we increasingly open ourselves to God and deepen our relationship with him, we will be transformed into his likeness. It will always be cordial and quickly turn into him. For by the virtue of the Holy Spirit, our Christian life is already now on earth a participation in the death and resurrection of Christ (CCC#1002).

How often have we observed the similarities between a parent and their children, or a daughter, and a mother? Mannerisms, speech, and even the way they talk are often very similar. It is the daily interaction and intimacy of a family that makes this possible. The more time we spent with God in prayer, the more we will become like him. May the Advocate, the gift of the Father transforms us into the likeness of Christ.

THIS WEEK

- † Tuesday at 9.30 am
- † Wednesday at 9.30 am
- † Thursday at **9.00 am** and 7.30 pm
- † 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.

The Ascension

Feast of the Ascension is on Thursday 26 May. This is a holy day of obligation and so Fr. Jerry will say Mass at **9.00 am** and again at 7.30 pm.

We will be saying a novena to the Holy Spirit starting on 27 May and finishing on 4 June. We will say it during Mass.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

To celebrate our 40th anniversary, we have organised a pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 10 September. We have booked a coach leaving at 8.00 am and returning in the early evening. It is £20 per person. We would love to have as many parishioners as possible coming along with us for this special event. Please see Suzanne or complete the form in the foyer.



Masses will be offered this week for ...

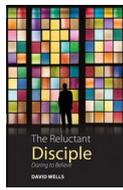
- 21 May 5.00 pm Margaret Gummery, Recently Deceased, RIP
- 22 May 9.00 am For the Deceased of the Parish
- 22 May 11.00 am Evelyn Fagan, RIP
- 24 May 9.30 am Margaret Gummery, Recently Deceased, RIP
- 25 May 9.30 am Private Intentions
- 26 May 9.00 am Private Intentions
- 26 May 7.30 pm Peace in Ukraine
- 27 May 10.00 am All Parishioners who are Poorly

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.

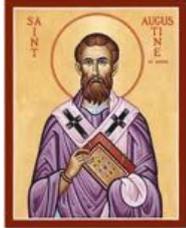
Book Club

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 AUGUSTINE 27 MAY

Christianity in Britain started early but was largely overthrown by the pagan Anglo-Saxon invasions of the fifth and sixth centuries. It remained alive only in the far west, because it was too remote and inaccessible.



It is said that Pope Gregory the Great saw some fair-haired Anglo-Saxon slaves for sale in a market in Rome. He asked where they were from, and when he was told, replied *non Angli, sed angeli* – ‘not Angles, but angels,’ and determined to secure their evangelisation.

Whatever the truth of that story, it is certain that Gregory did organise a party of thirty monks to travel to south-eastern England and spread the Gospel there, and chose as their leader Augustine, prior of the monastery of St Andrew in Rome. They landed in 597, and were welcomed by the King of Kent, Ethelbert, who became a Christian along with many of his subjects. A second wave of missionaries arrived in 601. Augustine went to Arles, in France, where he was consecrated Archbishop of the English, and then returned to Canterbury to set up his see.

The evangelisation of the country was planned in close agreement with Pope Gregory and took care to respect existing traditions. Pagan temples and holy places were not to be destroyed, but to be converted to Christian use; and pagan feasts were to be superseded by Christian ones. This is consistent with the pattern of evangelisation throughout the first millennium, which saw Christianity as a continuation of what went before, rather than a contradiction of it. Even in Rome itself, temples of Juno had a tendency to become churches dedicated to Our Lady.

In the far west of Britain, where British bishops had survived the pagan invasions – or where they had fled to escape them – Augustine was less successful in establishing his authority. The traditions of the Celtic church were different from the Roman ones, and bishops who had guided their people for generations were not about to submit to a jumped-up missionary from overseas. It took several generations for the whole of Great Britain to become Christian and for the English and British liturgical traditions to be reconciled.

Augustine died at Canterbury on 26 May 604 or 605.

Adapted from Universalis

Our 40th Anniversary

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.

If you would like to attend please contact Suzanne to book a place at the Mass and the lunch. Contact her on secretary@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk or on 07919263147.

Save the Date

We are going to *Walk for Water* on **Saturday 18 June**. We will have sponsorship cards available next week.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

There will be a second collection for Christian Aid after all Masses this week. Please be as generous as you can CTA&F raised £317.00 at the Big Brekkie. Thank you.

Mass for the Sick

This special Mass will be celebrated in the church on Friday 17 June at 2.00 pm. All parishioners are welcome. Starting at about 1.30 pm, Fr Jerry will be hearing confessions for those people who find it difficult to get to church.

During Mass there will be the anointing of the sick.

After Mass, afternoon tea will be served in the Canon Denis Room.

The SVP look forward to welcoming everyone to this special day. Please let Maureen (01525 873 830) or John (01525 406 810) know if you are coming so that the catering and transport can be arranged

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, call or email Suzanne 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.

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 **3 June** 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.

