

Bulletin

24 July 2022

Seventeenth 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. Standing orders are £860.00 weekly. The collection last week was £258.20 and Sea Sunday collection was £248. Thank you.

PARISH CATECHESIS BY FR. JERRY

Theme: 'Lord teach us to pray ...'

Prayer is an essential element of our faith journey and our relationship. Some people pray based on their personal relationship with the living and true God. Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God (CCC#2559). In prayer, we encounter the faithful love of God, which always comes first; our own first step is always a response. As God gradually reveals himself and reveals man to himself, prayer appears as a reciprocal call, a covenant drama (CCC#2567). The Church teaches that just as Jesus prays to the Father and gives thanks before receiving his gifts, so he teaches us filial boldness (CCC#2610). We need to ask boldly, we need to seek diligently, and knock trustfully.

Jesus concludes the Gospel with a reference to the Holy Spirit. After telling his disciples the kinds of things a son might ask of his Father, he quickly added how the Father delights in giving the Holy Spirit to those who ask. Indeed, the Holy Spirit is the most precious and ultimate gift of God.

The Spirit reveals to us everything about the Father. He gives us knowledge of the things of God. Through the Spirit, we are led to greater prayerful devotion and a deeper reverence for the things of God. Without God's Spirit, we are dead; with God's Spirit, we are recreated and filled with life.

Let us always pray that God will give us an abundance the gift of the Holy Spirit.

MASS TIMES

THIS WEEK

- † Tuesday at 9.30 am
- † Wednesday at 9.30 am
- † Thursday at 9.30 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.

Masses will be offered this week for ...

23 July	5.00 pm	Feast of St Bridget of Sweden Patricia Rooney, Recently Deceased, RIP
24 July	9.00 am	Joseph Forde, Recently Deceased, RIP
24 July	11.00 pm	Intentions of Craig Keech, Who is Ill
26 July	9.30 am	Feast of Sts Anna and Joachim Brian Swannell, Recently Deceased, RIP
27 July	9.30 am	Private Intentions
28 July	9.30 am	Peace in Ukraine
29 July	10.00 am	Feast of St Martha People of the Parish

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.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Our pilgrimage to Walsingham is on 10 September. We have a few seats left. If you would like to attend, please put £20 for the coach in an envelope and hand it to Fr. Jerry, Hugh Davies or Suzanne. Make sure the envelope is marked with your name and *Walsingham*.

Feast of Saints Anna and Joachim – 26 July

An ancient tradition already known in the second century gives these names to the parents of the Virgin Mary. The cult of St Anna became popular in the sixth century in the East, and in the tenth century in the West, where she is the patron saint of Brittany. Joachim was added a long time later.



Although the information about Mary's parents is found in an early apocryphal writing that gives many miraculous and highly coloured stories about the early life of the Virgin Mary, there is no reason to suppose that such a straightforward fact as her parents' names should be wrong, since there was nothing to be gained from falsifying it. It does not occur in the Gospels simply because the most reliable evangelists (the only ones whom we have allowed into the Bible), felt they had more important things to talk about.

But what, after all, could be more important than the parents who brought up the Virgin Mary to be the woman she was? At the moment of consenting to the Incarnation, she took the most important decision ever taken by any human being, and the fact that she took it is to a great extent the work of her parents. The Holy Spirit gave her the strength to take the decision, but her parents' training gave her the wisdom to choose.

Those of us who have children must seek to bring them up to the best of our ability, to meet challenges that, like these of Anna and Joachim, we have no way of even imagining.

Adapted from Catholic Calendar app. by Universalis Publishing

Newsletter copy deadline

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

Pilgrimage 2023



Our 40th Anniversary celebrations will continue with our pilgrimage to France from 22 May to 27 May 2023.

We will travel to Macon on Monday, then on Tuesday to Paray Le Monial, where devotion to the Sacred Heart began. On Wednesday, we travel to Cluny and on Thursday we spend the day with the Taizé community. Before returning home on Friday we will travel to Ars Sur Formans.

Put it in your diary!

Contact Suzanne on secretary@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk or on 07919263147 for a full itinerary.

Feast of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus – 29 July

Martha was the sister of Mary of Bethany and Lazarus. In the West, her feast day comes a week after that of St Mary Magdalene because of the old and probably erroneous tradition that Mary Magdalene was the same person as Martha's sister.



Modern scholarship having made matters clearer, Martha, Mary and Lazarus have since 2021 been celebrated together on this day, which was formerly assigned to Martha alone.

Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. The sisters felt free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seemed to spell almost certain death.

Legends abound about the life of Lazarus after the death and resurrection of Jesus. He is supposed to have left a written account of what he saw in the next world before he was called back to life. Some say he followed Peter into Syria. Another story is that despite being put into a leaking boat by the Jews at Jaffa, he, his sisters, and others landed safely in Cyprus. There he died peacefully after serving as bishop for 30 years.

Adapted from Universalis and St Francis media

For Sale

Our 40th Anniversary Book £5.00 each. Available in the foyer



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SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

with Fr. Jerry on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm

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.

SEWING GROUP

The sewing group will meet on **1 August** 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 07944 792 776 .



MOTHERS' PRAYERS will

meet on **29 July** 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.

