

6th/7th March 2010
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Sacred Heart Church

newsletter

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART
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.



Second Sunday of Lent

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Mass Service Times

Saturday 27th February	6.00pm	St. Andrew's Amphill	Private Intentions
Sunday 28th February	9.00am	Sacred Heart Church	Natasha Watson, RIP
	11.00am	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions
	5.00pm	Sacred Heart Church	Private Intentions – Latin Mass
Monday 1st March	9.30am	Sacred Heart Church	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 2nd March	9.30am	Sacred Heart Church	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 3rd March	9.30am	Sacred Heart Church	Eucharistic Service
	12.00pm	Sacred Heart Church	Memorial Mass for Catherine Mary Depp, RIP
Thursday 4th March	9.30am	Sacred Heart Church	Eucharistic Service
Friday 5th March	9.30am	Sacred Heart Church	Eucharistic Service
Saturday 6th March	9.30am	Sacred Heart Church	Eucharistic Service

A Reflection by Fr. Denis

Einstein was arguably the greatest mind of the twentieth century. Yet he didn't learn to talk until he was two years old. His parents were so worried about him that they consulted a doctor. Later, one of his teachers was so disappointed in him that he said, 'You'll never amount to anything.' As yet, there were no signs of his future greatness. But his parents and teacher had judged him too soon. Some people develop slowly and late, but are all the better for that.

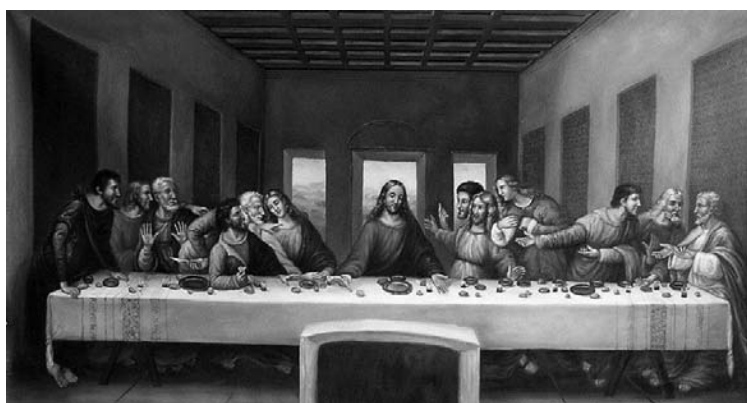
What such people need is someone to believe in them, someone to have patience with them. Otherwise a lot of talent will go down the drain.

We tend to be harsh on others until we need a second chance ourselves. We must extend to others the kind of patience and leniency we would like for ourselves.

But the parable also makes it clear that there is such a thing as a last chance. If people refuse chance after chance, the day finally comes, not when God has shut them out, but when they have by deliberate choice shut themselves out. But which of us would want to be barren when we might be fruitful?

Fr. Denis writes

When Leonardo da Vinci was painting his masterpiece, The Last Supper, he looked for a model for his Christ. At last, he located a chorister in one of the Churches in Rome. He was a young man named Pietro Bandinelli. Years passed, and the painting was unfinished. All the disciples had been painted save one – Judas Iscariot. Now da Vinci started to look for a man with a hardened face, one distorted by sin – and at last he found a beggar on the streets of Rome. The face was so villainous that da Vinci shuddered when he looked at him. He hired the man to sit for him as he painted the face of Judas.



When he was about to dismiss him, da Vinci said, 'I have not yet found out your name.' 'I am Pietro Bandinelli. I also sat for you to model Christ.'

People change over the years; others do not seem to change at all. Yet, within we change, and it is hoped that we can grow into the image of Jesus, when we try to follow His words, and imitate His actions. The story of da Vinci's model could be told over and over again, with different names in different places. We pray that when Easter comes, we will have grown more into the likeness of The Lord.

Confessions: There will be no confessions on Saturday morning whilst Canon Denis is unwell. The nearest church for confessions is **Shefford** and take place on Wednesday from 7 pm to 7.25 pm and Saturday from 10.30 am to 10.55 pm.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TUESDAY 12.00 MIDDAY

In Suzanne's absence on holiday, the contact for the newsletter will be Bernadette Johnson.

Newsletter contact: Bernadette Johnson, email leemoll@aol.com; telephone 01525 862 862 / 07850 572984

CONFESSIONS

Saturday mornings from 11.00 am - please see newsletter for notification of any alterations.

PRAYER LINE

Please ring for intercessory prayer on 01525 634186. We have had some wonderful answers to prayers. Be assured of full confidentiality.

HOSPITAL, SICK OR HOUSEBOUND

Please let us know of anyone who needs a visit or requires Holy Communion at home.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP meets every Monday at 7.45pm. If you would like to join us or would like more details, contact John Flanagan on 01525 406810

LITTLE UN'S

Meets every Friday 10.15 - 11.45 in term time, in the Church Hall. For further information, please contact Debbie Lewis on 01525 406815 or Kerry Skidmore on 01525 635095

CARDS AND GIFTS etc.

Are available for sale in Sacred Heart Church Hall after 9.00am and 11.00am masses. All are priced. Please put money in the repository box in the porch or see Margaret.

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

The church newsletter is available online from the website

<http://www.sacredheartflitwick.co.uk>



TEA & TALK – Our next meeting will be on **Monday 15th March**, from 2.00pm at Sacred Heart Church Hall Flitwick.

Newcomers welcome.

Offertory collection for 27th/28th February - £530.63 and the 2nd for CAFOD = £148.99 Many Thanks. Fr. Denis

PARISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP is currently following a study on the Eucharist.

All welcome to join them for this informative time of sharing. For information contact Helen Burgess: 01525 405 823.

Our next meeting is on 15th March from 8.00 – 9.30 pm.

Church Cleaning

The Easter cleaning takes place on

Wednesday 31st March at 7.30 pm.

Due to the snow the Church did not get

it's Christmas clean so there is lots to do this time and as many volunteers as possible would be welcome.



MOTHERS' PRAYERS –

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 9th March** at 7.30 pm at 80, George St., Maulden

Please ring Sue on 01525 634186 for further information.



MISSION RED BOX ANNUAL COLLECTION

Pat King will be at all the masses again this weekend to collect the contents of the red MISSION boxes.

If you would like a red box please phone 01525 402598

Pre-Communion - Next meeting

The group is for 5-to 7ish yearolds and meets in the Church on Sunday mornings from 9.45 am to 10.30 am. The next meeting is on **Sunday, 14th March.**



SUNDAY LATIN MASS – The Latin Mass is celebrated here by Fr Armand de Malleray, of the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter, each Sunday at 5.00pm. The Mass, from the Missal of 1962, fulfils the Sunday Obligation.



Please make a cake and help build the Church extension

A cake stall will be held on **Mothering Sunday 14th March** after the 9am and 11am masses (providing we have enough cakes). Cakes may be left in the kitchen at the back of the church or delivered to **Clare Bevan, 73 Fallowfield, Amptill. Tel no. 01525 403589.** Thank you very much for your help and support.

Papal Visit

During the recent Ad Limina Visit, the Holy Father announced his forthcoming trip to the UK, possibly sometime in September 2010. Sadly there is already opposition headed by the Secular Society of Great Britain to this visit. The Secular Society have an online petition which has already attracted over 20.000 signatures

and yet a petition supporting the visit only has attracted 1,200 signatures.

You are asked to visit the website and sign the supporting petition as we welcome the Holy Father to our country.

www.petitiononline.com/PopeinUK/petition.html



Thoughts From The Homily

by Fr Denis



The gospel is an invitation, with RSVP written all over it. Not to respond is, in itself, a response. Jesus says, 'I will not have to judge them. The word I have spoken to them will be their judge. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have an excuse for their sins.' By coming to church here this morning, there is some evidence of response on our part. Mere presence, of course, as you know, would not be enough, but at least we have made a start.

Christianity is about walking the walk, and not just about talking the talk. Faith is not some sort of mental concept up in my head, like, for example, knowing Jesus is God. Satan knows that too! Faith has more to do with my feet than with my head, when the message has come through the heart, down to the feet, that inspires some sort of stepping out, leading to Christianity in action. Remember, I am responsible for what I do, and for what I have failed to do.

The inspiration for this response is the work of the Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert, or into the Temple, so can

I be led into actions, decisions, conversions, and renewal, when I am ready and willing to be lead by the Spirit of truth. Notice I use the word ready, because, if I am ready, I will hear and heed the prompting of the Spirit; and if I am not ready, I'll hear nothing, because there are none so deaf as they who don't want to hear.

A man returned to his car in the car-park of a supermarket, to discover that the side had been badly dented by some other car. Naturally, he was very upset. He was somewhat relieved, however, to see that there was a note under one of the wipers. At least, whoever was responsible had owned up, and there was a chance that the other person's insurance would take care of the damage. He opened the piece of paper, and it read, 'The people who saw me bumping into the side of your car are watching me now. They think that I am leaving my name and address for you, when you arrive. They are wrong!'

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and drivers for this week, 6th and 7th March

	6.00pm Mass - Ampthill	9.00am Mass - Flitwick	11.00am Mass Flitwick
1st Reader	Christopher McMellon	Dee Brady	Felicity Detemple
2nd Reader	Angela Bartlett	Darren Campbell	Anne Gadsden
Eucharistic	Don Perret	Noreen Glover	M./N.Lawton
Eucharistic	Nicki Paterson	Tom Eastwood	Tony Davies
Driver		William Doyle	

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and drivers for 13th and 14th March

	6.00pm Mass - Ampthill	9.00am Mass - Flitwick	11.00am Mass Flitwick
1st Reader	John Devine	Bea Cheshire	Judith Latham
2nd Reader	Charles Waterford	Eamonn Diver	Pauline Chambers
Eucharistic	Martin Stynes	Clare Bevan	Roslyn Penn
Eucharistic	Noreen Weighell	John Flanagan	Helen Wilson
Driver		Brendan Spillane	