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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 Ampthill	Private Intentions
Sunday 28th February	9.00am	Sacred Heart Church	The Fitzgerald Family
	11.00am	Sacred Heart Church	Jane Keefe, RIP
	5.00pm	Sacred Heart Church	Latin Mass - Private Intentions
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
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***

Monday 1st March will be St David's Day, commemorating the patron saint of Wales. He lived in the south corner of Wales, and founded several monasteries. He died about the year 588, in his own monastery at Menevia, where he was also Bishop. After his death the village was renamed, St David's. Although only a village, St David's has a huge cathedral – technically making it a city. The title, Menevia, was honoured when the Catholic diocese of that name was established. Some Welsh people will be wearing a daffodil, one of the national emblems of the country. As the month of March begins, we might think of the many signs that remind us that winter is past, and spring is upon us – signs such as daffodils and other bulbs that have flowered.



In Welsh, 'St David' is Dewi Sant (139)

## Fr. Denis writes

We are told that on Mount Tabor, Jesus' face shone like the sun. It's a mistake to think that that was the *real* face of Jesus. What the apostles saw was real. It did reveal something of His inner glory that at other times was hidden from them. But to say that it was the real face of Jesus implies that all other faces he wore were not real, which means they were false.

The face Jesus showed on Tabor was a very special one, but it was not His only face. He had all the faces that we have, except the false ones. At various times His face showed weariness, disappointment, anger, gentleness, compassion, sadness, fear, anguish, pain and it was pale and frozen in death. All of these faces were real. Behind all of them lay the person of Jesus, human like us (sin excepted) but also carrying within Him the splendour of divinity: 'This is my beloved Son'.

Even though the face is called the window of the soul, every face conceals more than it reveals. What is essential about another person remains invisible. Each person remains a mystery. Our own divine greatness as well as that of others is hidden from us.

Like Abraham, we have to live by faith. The faith that assures us that behind the most ordinary human face lies a son or daughter of God, a brother or a sister of Jesus, bound for eternal glory. (243)



### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TUESDAY 12.00 MIDDAY**

I will be away for the next few weeks and Bernadette has agreed to do the newsletter for me – please note the new details.

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 1st March**, from 2.00pm at Sacred Heart Church Hall Flitwick.

Newcomers welcome.

Offertory collection for 20th/21st February - £484.40  
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 2nd March from 8.00 – 9.30 pm.**

## **WANTED – Parish Christian Aid Representative**

The role involves meeting with representatives from other churches in the area to plan the Christian Aid Week's collection generally; to be responsible for organising the house-to-house collection in the areas allocated to our church. If you are interested, contact Canon Denis on 01525 715109 as soon as possible.



### **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 this weekend SAT 27th/SUN 28th Feb and SAT 6th/ SUN 7th March 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 this **Sunday, 28th February.**



### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

A Service – 'Let Everything that has Breath Praise God' prepared by the Christian Women of Cameroon is on Friday 5th March at 7.30 pm at St. Peter and Paul Church in Flitwick. Also there is a service at The Ampthill Baptist Church at 10.30 am. Everyone is welcome.

## **Free Transportation to Faith Schools under threat in Bedfordshire**

**The Bishops of Northampton and Bedford have written a long letter opposing this. The consultation has now been extended to 19th February. Parents and other interested parties may want to sign an e-petition that has been set up on the Downing Street website at <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk> under the name 'get to school'. If anyone would like a copy of the Bishop's letter, please contact Bernadette Johnson by email - [leemoll@aol.com](mailto:leemoll@aol.com)**

### **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.



# Thoughts From The Homily

by Fr Denis

Martin Luther King spoke of having been to the mountain. This is a way of saying that, like Moses, he had gone to meet God, and from there he could get a much clearer view of what was happening on the ground below. Life is like



a beautiful tapestry, but the view I have is from underneath, where all I can see are threads going all over the place. Only God can see the other side, and appreciate the beauty of the scene. Only if I spend some time with God, only if I am

prepared to go down into my heart in moments of quiet, will I ever get a glimpse of the God-view of things. We live in a very materialistic world, where time is of the essence, and achievement is the name of the game. Wasting time with God would be one way to describe prayer. In any meaningful relationship I have, I must surely find time to waste with and for the other. A time when nothing is actually achieved, but a time which is truly precious.

Did you ever ask yourself if you like your own company? Are you at ease with yourself? The surest way of driving someone insane is to lock up that person in solitary confinement long enough. A life without reflection is not worth living. If you believe in incarnation, then, no matter where you go, no matter where you are, Jesus is there with you. The kingdom of God is within you. Sometimes we hear of an alcoholic doing what is called a geographic: 'If I go to live in Canada or Australia, everything will be different'. Unfortunately, what is within also travels to the new place, and life there becomes all to like the life that was before. On the other hand, no matter where I go, or where I am, the Spirit of God is within me. I don't have to go aside to find the Lord. Rather I go aside, so that, in the silence and quiet, the Lord may find me. He may get my attention, and have access to my heart. Then, and only then, will I appreciate just how present He is in my life. (369)

## Readers and Drivers for this week, 27th/28th February

	6.00pm Mass - Ampthill	9.00am Mass - Flitwick	11.00am Mass Flitwick
<b>1st Reader</b>	Joel Ita	Dermot Whelan	Dennis Horner
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Michael Ita	Martin Brennan	Mary Bray
<b>Eucharistic</b>	Adrian Hamilton	Astrid Brown	C./H. Davies
<b>Eucharistic</b>	Pat King	Carlos Rincon	Grace McKenna
<b>Driver</b>		David Linda	

## Readers and Drivers for next week, 5th/6th March

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