

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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27th Sunday Yr. C



6th October 2019

Mass Book: 146 Psalter Week 3

Readings:

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4
Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9 *resp vv 7-8*
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

Mass Times

Saturday	5 th Oct	6:00 pm	Mass	June Holt
Sunday	6 th Oct	8:30 am	Mass	People of the Parish
		10:30 am	Mass	Patrick McGinty
Monday	7 th Oct	NO MASS		
Tuesday	8 th Oct	11:00 am	FUNERAL MASS	Gillian Lane
Wednesday	9 th Oct	9:15 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	
		9:30 am	Mass	
Thursday	10 th Oct	NO MASS		
Friday	11 th Oct	9:30am	Eucharistic Service & Liturgy of the Word	
Saturday	12 th Oct	6:00 pm	Mass	
Sunday	13 th Oct	8:30 am	Mass	Gill Lane
		10:30 am	Mass	People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00-5.45pm

Offertory Collection: *Thank you for your generous support.*

Envelopes (Gift Aid) £ 17.00 (NGA) £ 5.00

Loose £ 247.92 **Contactless £ 35.00**

R&R Appeal (GA) £ 27.50 (NGA) £ 15.00 Loose £ 0.00

Second Collection (Education Sunday) GA £34.00 Loose £261.27

Standing Orders for September 2019 = £3,048.00. Very many thanks.

If you would like to take out a standing order, it is very straightforward.

Second Collection: Today there is a collection for CAFOD.

Contactless Payments: You can now use your Debit/Credit Card. *Just ask!*

Please pray for: *The Sick & Housebound of our Parish Community:*

Melene Clifford, Rosemary Daniel, Jane de Souza, Jean Marie D'Souza, Margaret Evans, Rita Good, Gill Harrison, Evelyn Lochrin, Tom Mannion, Joan McDonald, Caroline Mieczkowska, Diana Newbury, Halina Seligman, Jackie Tidbury, and Carl Veys.

If you know of anyone who is sick, do let us know.

Those who have died: **Gill Lane, Margaret Frances Posgate.**

Anniversaries that occur at this time:

Diane de Stefano, Patrick McGinty, Alex Mears

May they rest in peace

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day. – *The Second Collection today.*

Last Friday was the CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day, the second collection follows this weekend. For many years you have been most generous for all the collections for those in need and particularly in respect for your support of CAFOD. Such consistent and ongoing support has encouraged me to try and raise the profile of CAFOD and its social action projects.

Sacred Heart School Choir

The School Choir will lead the music and singing at the 10.30am Mass once a month, throughout this academic year. They will begin today.

Our Lady of Walsingham – *Pray for Sacred Heart, Henley on Thames.*

As part of our extraordinary Month of Mission in the South Oxfordshire Deanery, the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham, from St Edmund Campion Church Watlington, will visit each parish and will be the focus of prayer. The first parish to receive the statue is **Sacred Heart Henley on Thames**. It's good to know that all the parishes in the Deanery are praying for us today.

October = An Extraordinary Month of Mission.

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Novena of Prayer to mark the Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman

Nine days of prayer, by which we will ask the intercession of Blessed John Henry begins this week. Please take a prayer card and a copy of the novena.

The Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman - 13 October 2019

It is wonderful to think that we shall have a local saint, Blessed John Henry Newman who will be canonised next Sunday. I shall be travelling to Rome this week to attend the Canonisation in St. Peter's Square, together with many priests of the Archdiocese. I remember his Beatification in Birmingham in 2010 because I was one of many people who played a small role in preparing for the Papal Visit. I don't think I have bored you with my many stories, as yet!

Next Sunday we have a very special guest. Can you guess who?

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The mission of the Church has always been to draw others into the life of Christ, to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel and be a transforming influence for good in our society. This prophetic voice is so necessary in our world. It is the work of Evangelisation. This month Pope Francis wants us renew our missionary commitment. One obvious question is ... how?

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I begin with *welcome*, because before we think of our witness and outreach, it is important to consider what we have to offer. This is our communion with Jesus Christ, with Francis our Pope and with one another as brother and sisters in Jesus Christ. We need to realise that evangelisation isn't always as difficult as we make it sound.

Rightly we focus outwardly, to seek to bring others to Christ; but we forget just how many people cross the threshold of the Church every week ... visitors, guests, family members, friends and strangers, as well as new parishioners arriving for the first time. The warmth of our welcome, the sense of openness and belonging we offer, a kind word of encouragement will make such a difference in a manner we cannot fully know.

This is also true of those who have links with the parish, but whose presence is occasional; or who for whatever reason have stopped coming regularly; or are just returning. Maybe those younger families who have just arrived because they have children at Sacred Heart School; or children and families who are about to receive the Sacraments in the coming twelve months. Such persons can feel nervous about coming to Church or looking for a way back/or in. The welcome we offer can make such a difference.

Each of us is, in this sense, a 'welcomer' in the parish. We also realise the important role played by those who greet others at the church door, those who make coffee and tea and those who invite and befriend others.

If you would like to join them, you would be very welcome!

Fr Paul