

# Sacred Heart Parish

Weekly  
Newsletter

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## Dear Parishioners,

Well, its been a busy time recently, hasn't it? Last weekend we said goodbye to our student David Doran who told me how much he enjoyed himself. Thank you all for making him so welcome. We also welcomed back Fr Andrew McCann for the weekend Masses, and this Sunday we extend a warm welcome to Fr Dominic Kavanagh who is coming to celebrate the 10.30am Mass.

Fr Dominic, as you know, is a Sacred Heart lad: he grew up and received his sacraments here and was ordained in this Church 25years ago. Together with Canon Tom Farrell and Fr Michael White he celebrates his silver jubilee as a priest.

When I was on retreat at Oscott the retreat giver told us an interesting story. There were two monks who went into the forest to pray when they noticed a rabbit being chased by a pack of dogs. They didn't think that much about it until they saw the rabbit running back towards them, but this time there was only one dog running after it. One monk asked the other why the rabbit was being persued by a single dog and his companion replied that only that dog had actually noticed the rabbit.

If we have truly noticed Jesus then we'll follow him everywhere, but if we haven't personally seen him we may run with the rest of the pack but we're bound to give up because we never really knew who we were looking for. Interesting thought!

The school holidays are upon us and I wish you all a good rest in the weeks ahead. If you can't get away this summer I'm hoping we can organise a BBQ after Mass one Sunday and possibly a Parish walk on another occasion. Sacred Heart Youth Group will

20th July 2008		
16th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A)		
Parish Mass Book (page 56)		
Saturday	5:00pm	Ernie and Veronica Mills, R.I.P.
Sunday	9:00am	For all the people of the Parish.
	10:30am	Phil Keenan, R.I.P.
Monday	9:00am	Muriel Eyre, R.I.P.
Tuesday	7:00pm	Reception of Jim McClurg's body.
Wednesday	10.45am	<b>St Bridget of Sweden Patroness of Europe</b> Requiem for Jim McClurg. <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	5:45pm	
	6:30pm	Bridget Brennan, Michael Keenan & Annie Connolly.
Thursday	9:00am	Special Intention (A.) For the Steele Family.
Friday	9:00am	<b>St James, Apostle</b> John MacDonald.
Saturday	8:15am	<b>SS Joachim &amp; Ann, Parents of Our Lady</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	9:00am	George W. Lander, R.I.P.
	9:30-10:00am	<i>Confessions</i>
27th July 2008		
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)		
Parish Mass Book (page 58)		
Saturday	4:30-4:50pm	<i>Confessions</i>
	5:00pm	Joe, Mary and Ann Cregan, R.I.P.
Sunday	9:00am	For all the people of the Parish.
	10:30am	Phil Keenan, R.I.P.

**Prayer Group:** meets again after the summer holidays.

**Sacred Heart Youth Group** meets again on 9th Sept.

**The Sunday Group** continues to meet Sunday evenings.

meet again on Tuesday, Sept 9th in the Hall. The Youth Group has taken off very well, and there may be some places available in September so if you will be in Y7 please see Carol Atkins or Jo Reilly.

God Bless,

Fr. Tony.

## From the Litany of the Sacred Heart:

Heart of Jesus. King and Centre of all hearts. *Have mercy on us.*



“The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea” (Romans 8:26)



Hearing Aid users. A Loop System is installed in the Church and in the Parish Hall. Please switch your hearing aid to ‘T’.



**This newsletter is available in large print. Ask at the Sacristy.**

**Last week's Offertory:** £1,006.02 [Gift-Aid envelopes: £287.20 Non Gift-Aid: £487.56 Bank Credits: £231.26] July collection towards Our Dream: £619.41 [Gift-Aid: £272.00 Non Gift-Aid: £347.41] Thank you very much.

**Counters this week: Team B.**

**Wow!** We have just received into the parish bank the Gift-Aid tax refund for the tax year 6th April 2007- 5th April 2008, and it's gone up! Last year our Gift-Aid refund for the tax year 06-07 was £5,428.79 and this year it has increased to £6,573.31 an increase of £1,144.52, mainly because those of you who have a Gift-Aid agreement are also kindly signing the back of the "Dream" envelopes so that has increased our refund. Many, many thanks. What a difference it makes, so if you are a taxpayer and don't Gift-Aid your donations, please do see me. It's so easy to do.

**7-day candles:  
(19th—26th July.)**

**Sacred Heart:** Coleman Family; Patsy Tully; Holy Souls.

**Our Lady:** In Thanksgiving (S); For many blessings.

**Please remember in your prayers** Phyllis Gill, Bernard McGrath, Breda Murray, Jim Ward, Dorival Guimares Junior, Brige Sutton, Anne Whale, Kay Corcoran, Eunan MacIntyre, Tom Nee, Tess Whatley, Edith Beaudout, Bridie McAndrew, Sheila Clancy, David Warrington and all who are sick, and for the repose of the souls of Bessie Fallon, Jim McClurg, Joe Fallon and all who have left this world.



Do you need a lift to Mass, or know anyone who does? Please give John Kelly a ring on 7644-5020.

**"Hearts & Rainbows"** Parent/Carer & Toddler Group meet on Tuesdays from 10.00am - 11.30am.

**Rosary Rally** at Grace Dieu Manor, Leicestershire on Sunday, 17th August. See poster for details.

**Baptisms.** If you would like to arrange a baptism

for your child please see the Baptism team in the Hall after the 10.30am Mass any Sunday.

**World Youth Day.** Arrangements are being made for daily video podcasts on the diocesan website from Sydney. This will be an easy way to keep in touch with events in World Youth Day. Please do access the diocesan website (link via Parish Website) to watch and listen to the broadcasts available there.

**St. Elizabeth's,** St Elizabeth's Road Foleshill invite you to a "Celebration of African" Day on 10th August. 11.00am "African Day Mass" and BBQ in the back garden.

**Maryvale Institute** offer distance learning courses in the Catholic Faith for all adults. Please see notice board for details or visit. [www.maryvale.ac.uk](http://www.maryvale.ac.uk)

**CTS Bookstall** is doing very well and I have re-ordered books to replace those sold. There is a good cross-section covering many aspects of our Faith.

**Our Baptism font** which came from the old church is in urgent need of repair; it has been quite badly damaged by damp due to its position surrounded by soil and so it is going to be removed and professionally restored by a stonemason. The 'garden' and soil need to be removed to prevent further damage happening again. So a special stone base is going to be carved on which the font can stand, near its present position on which there will also be room to have a display of flowers without the danger of causing damage, and also to site the Paschal Candle which is lit at every baptism. It will also be much safer because mothers holding their babies will be a lot closer to the font. This is an expensive undertaking which is being paid for in full by an anonymous donor. May God bless them.

**It's summertime** (I think) and not everyone can get away for a holiday, so what do you think of having a **barbecue** after the 10.30am Mass one Sunday in August and a **parish walk** along the canal on another occasion.



**Our Parish Prayer:** Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and rebuild the face of our parish. Renew what is weary and worn; restore what is old and stale; reclaim what has been lost. Fill us with your gifts; gifts to speak, gifts to love, gifts to heal, gifts to bind up broken hearts and rebuild your people.