



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5TH - 11TH FEB 2012

EUCCHARISTIC COMMUNITY  
OF SAINTS

FRANCIS DE SALES AND MARY MAGDALENE



## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

	<b>St Francis de Sales Weekdays Open</b> 9am- 3pm	<b>St Mary Magdalene Weekdays Open</b> Church is open 9am-7pm	<b>Mass Intentions</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> (Green) 4th February		<b>6.30pm Mass</b>	<b>MATT ARMOUR RIP</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> (Green) 5th February	<b>11.00am Mass</b> <i>12.15pm Divine Mercy</i>  <b>5.30pm Mass</b>	<b>9.15am Mass</b>	<b>MARY &amp; DANNY O'KEEFFE</b>  <b>SANDRA &amp; ALEX SMITH</b>  <b>PARISHIONERS</b>
<b>5th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			<b>Psalter wk 1</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> (Red) 6th February	<b>Ss PAUL MIKI &amp; COMPANIONS</b>  <i>7.30pm - 8.30pm Confessions</i>	9.15am Morning Prayer  11.45am Terce and Angelus <b>12 noon Mass</b>	<b>1. ANGELA MORETON- SMITH RIP</b> <b>2. RITA BARRY RIP</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> (Green) 7th February		9.15am Morning Prayer  <b>10.30am Requiem Mass for Ana Romero Simarro</b> 12.15pm Interment at Crownhill Crematorium (Oak Chapel)	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> (Green) 8th February	11.45am Terce and Angelus <b>12 noon Mass</b>	<b>Adoration 7.00am to 3.00pm</b>  <b>4.30pm Reception of the body of Bernie Harris</b> 7.30pm Rosary around the coffin 8.00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy	<b>JESSIE McBAIN RIP</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> (Green) 9th February		<b>10.30am Requiem Mass for Bernadette Harris</b> 12.15pm Interment at Crownhill Crematorium (Oak Chapel)	
<b>FRIDAY</b> (White) 10th February	<b>ST SCHOLASTICA</b>	9.15am Morning Prayer  <b>7.30pm Healing Mass</b>	<b>1. MAUREEN BARTLETT RIP</b> <b>2. MIKE &amp; LYN KEARNS &amp; FAMILY</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> (Blue) 11th February	<b>OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b>	9.45am Morning Prayer <b>10.00am Mass</b> <i>10.45 - 11.30 Confessions</i>	<b>JOSEPH DONOGHUE</b>

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL FUND**

**Note: Adoration closes at 3pm this Wednesday**



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# SUNDAY REFLECTION

## RAISED TO SERVE

BY DR SCOTT HAHN

### Readings:

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Psalm 147: 1-6

Mark 1:29-39

In today's First Reading, Job describes the futility of life before Christ.

His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin (see Genesis 3:17-19). Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes.

But, as we sing in today's Psalm, He who created the stars, promised to heal the brokenhearted and gather those lost in exile from Him (see Isaiah 11:12; 61:1). We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel.

Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself.

But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand (see Isaiah 42:6), Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated "help" is actually Greek for raising up. The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise (see Mark 5:41-42). It's used again to describe His own resurrection (see Mark 14:28; 16:7).

What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity - raised all of us who lay dead through our sins (see Ephesians 2:5).

Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The whole town gathers; all the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the whole of Galilee. Everyone is looking for Christ.

We too have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence (see Hosea 6:1-2).

Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel.

Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today's Epistle. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come - that others, too, may have a share in this salvation.

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: FOR THOSE UNABLE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT MASS.**

MY JESUS, I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE PRESENT IN THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT. I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS: I DESIRE TO RECEIVE YOU INTO MY SOUL. SINCE I CANNOT RECEIVE YOU SACRAMENTALLY, COME AT LEAST INTO MY HEART. I EMBRACE YOU, AND I UNITE MYSELF ENTIRELY, TO YOU, AS IF YOU HAD ALREADY COME. DO NOT PERMIT ME TO BE EVER SEPARATED FROM YOU.



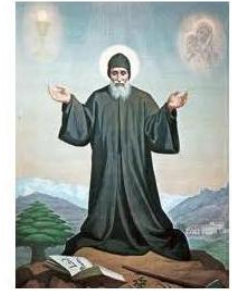
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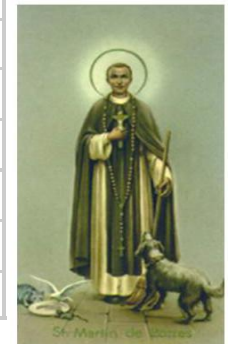
# PARISH - LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Through the intercession of the Parish Saints, let us call upon their help as a Parish as we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord and may we include special intentions for: Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Children, Students and Teachers, The Unemployed and the The Sick and Their Carers.

PART A	
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy	Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
God our Father in heaven	Have mercy on us
God the Son, Redeemer of the world	Have mercy on us
God the Holy Spirit	Have mercy on us
Holy Trinity, one God	Have mercy on us
Sacred Heart of Jesus	Have mercy on us
Divine Mercy	Have mercy on us



PART B - Response to the below - "Pray for us" (read down the first column and then down the second column and so on)		
Our Lady of The Immaculate Conception	St Mary Magdalene	St Francis of Assisi
Our Lady Mother of God	St Peter	St Edmund of Abdingdon
Our Lady and the Child Jesus	St Paul	St Jane Francis de Chantal
Our Lady Queen of Peace	St John the Evangelist	St Martin de Porres
Our Lady of Guadalupe	St Thomas of Canterbury	St Camillus de Lellis
St Michael	St Felix	St Charboul
St Gabriel	St Constantia	St Faustina
St Raphael	St George	Holy Souls
St Joseph	St Gregory the Great	All Holy Men and Women
St Francis de Sales	St Benedict	



## PART C - Let us Pray

O God, you have made us the church of your dear Son.

Make our parish a family of one heart and mind in love towards you and a Eucharistic Community of Faith, Hope and Charity to others.

Grant that our common life and service may be an example to all as to how Christians are called to love one another. Guide our Priests in their sacred ministry and keep them safe from all harm and from the snares of the enemy.

Give us the courage to use the gifts you have given us to serve you in the vineyard of our parish and in the fields of mission where we work, rest and play.

We ask you to hear the intercessions of our parish patrons in our Parish Litany especially St Francis de Sales and St Mary Magdalene; and keep us safe and secure in your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

## OUR WEEKLY CALL TO ACTION

As we leave Mass today, let us remember to reflect upon the readings in the week. Aim in the week through one **Act of Random Kindness** to be a shining light to each other, our family, friends and work colleagues, through our call to be brothers and sisters in Christ



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# PARISH MEETINGS AND EVENTS

GROUP GATHERINGS, MEETINGS AND INFORMATION	
<b>SVP CONTACT DETAILS</b>	Tel: 07919 557288 or email: <a href="mailto:svp@diginet2.co.uk">svp@diginet2.co.uk</a>
<b>MARRIAGE COURSE</b>	Enquiries about getting married: <a href="mailto:marriage@diginet2.co.uk">marriage@diginet2.co.uk</a> or tel. Janet (510216)
<b>BAPTISM COURSE</b>	Finishes Tuesday @ 7.30pm at St Mary's. Contact Pauline (511897) or Christine (371896).
<b>RCIA AND CONVERTS</b>	Next sessions are: <b>11th &amp; 25th February and 10th, 17th &amp; 31st March, all at 12 noon.</b>
<b>NET MEETING</b>	Saturday 11th February @ 2.15pm - Parish Meeting Room, Stony Stratford
<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	<b>Mass Intention slots</b> are full until <b>APRIL.</b>
<b>CHILDREN'S ROSARY</b>	2nd Sunday of the month, with refreshments and games. Next one 12th Feb. in the parish hall.
<b>BIBLE STUDY - THE GREAT ADVENTURE</b>	<b>A Quick Journey through the Bible - Bible course (2nd run-through)</b> Sundays in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm on: 29th Jan, 5th, 19th and 26th February, 4th and 18th March, with a final Q&A session with Fr Bernard on 25th March.
<b>CONFIRMATION COURSE</b>	Those who wish to be confirmed (school year 8 and above - including any adults who missed out earlier!) are invited to pick up an application form at the back of the Church. Please return these to the parish office, together with a <b>PHOTOCOPY</b> (not the original) of your baptism certificate. The induction session is <b>Saturday 24th March 10am - 12 noon</b> at the parish hall. <b>DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORMS - SO WE CAN SEE IF THERE ARE ENOUGH PEOPLE INTERESTED FOR A COURSE TO BE RUN!</b>
<b>FEBRUARY PARISH MAGAZINE</b>	The February issue of the Parish magazine "Signs of the Times" will be on sale next weekend. The cost is 50p per copy - it contains lots of interesting articles and review of parish events etc. Also details of forthcoming events this month and next month.
<b>PARISH MAY PROCESSION</b>	Saturday 5th May at the Diocesan Shrine at Great Billing. The day starts with Mass at 10am and we will be back about 4pm. We have booked a coach - seats are £10 per person. See Dawn or Derick with your money to book a place!
<b>SHROVE TUESDAY - ECUMENICAL FISH SUPPER</b>	This is 21st February at 7pm at New Life Church, The Ridgeway Centre, Wolverton Mill. Cost: £4.75 per adult / £2 per child to include fish and chips / cheese salad, dessert buffet, tea/coffee & entertainment. See Dawn with your money to book. See the posters in the porch for full details.
<b>LENT SOUP LUNCHES</b>	We are hoping to be able to hold the "Soup lunches" on Mondays in Lent in the parish hall after the midday Mass. If anyone is able to help in preparing and serving soup on the Monday during Lent, please contact Mary Stone on MK 260091 or 07921 480027. Many thanks.
<b>FEBRUARY HEALING MASS</b>	Mass for Healing of the Family Tree, followed by Exposition and prayers for healing, is on <b>Friday, 10th February at 7.30pm</b> at St Mary Magdalene. All welcome.
<b>CATECHISTS ASSEMBLY - ANCHOR PROGRAM: SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY</b>	The Bishop's Council for Catechists is holding a day for Catechists, Readers & others interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith & the importance of Scripture - this year, it is on the Anchor Program - a new catechetical program for adults. The day is free, but donations are welcome on the day. Bring a packed lunch. Soup, and hot & cold drinks available. Sr Hyacinthe and Sr Veronica of the Dominican sisters of St Joseph are leading the day. Please let the parish office know if you wish to go, as the organisers need to know the numbers!
<b>ANNUAL 'THEOLOGY OF THE BODY' LECTURE</b>	The Diocese of Westminster Department of Pastoral Affairs, is holding its Annual Theology of the Body lecture on The Human Body: Mystery of Dignity, Suffering and Redemption, at Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, London on Wednesday 7th March. Speaker: Dr Eduardo Echeverria, Professor of Philosophy & Theology, Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit. Welcome & refreshments: 6.30pm. Cost: £5 on the door. See posters in porch for more details.
<b>TEA DANCE</b>	The Legion of Mary are holding a Tea Dance in the parish hall on Saturday 18th February. There is no charge, but please let Mary Stone know if you are coming, so we can arrange the catering! Transport can be arranged if needed! Call Mary on 01908 260091 or 07921 480027 or email <a href="mailto:mary.stone@diginet2.co.uk">mary.stone@diginet2.co.uk</a>
<b>GOING INTO MK HOSPITAL?</b>	If you are going into hospital call Daphne (Catholic chaplaincy team) on 243700. Fr Allan Jones visits on Fridays and a lay team brings Holy Communion Sundays.
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACTS:</b>	Need a priest urgently? Call Dawn (07921 583307), Derick (265819), Janet (510216), Elaine Schmidt (318524) or Mary Barker (312171) <a href="http://www.saints-francis-and-mary.org.uk">http://www.saints-francis-and-mary.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.diginet2.co.uk">http://www.diginet2.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:bernard.barrett@diginet2.co.uk">bernard.barrett@diginet2.co.uk</a>

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