

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES



The First Communion classes, which re-start in September, comprise of a two year course, beginning with the first year for 6 year olds upwards (School Year 2). As ever, regular attendance at the classes over the two years, and at weekend Mass, is essential. The classes run on Saturdays, during term time, in the Parish Hall from 11.00am to 12 noon.

The programme asks you, the parents, to be generous with your time and your commitment, staying with your child for the sessions, and following up at home, so that they receive the maximum benefit from the course. Enrolment forms are available on the entrance table. Please take one and return to Theresa or Fr John before the end of this school term.

SKILLS AND TALENTS QUESTIONNAIRE

In our parish, many already contribute their time and talents in some way. If anyone else is willing to offer any support, please fill in the form, given out by the Welcomers – this does not indicate any commitment, just general interest.

SACRED HEART: 70TH ANNIVERSARY 1953-2023



A first mention of Catholicism in Leighton Buzzard was recorded in 1862, when a visiting priest said an occasional Mass in one of the surrounding villages. From 1881 onwards Mass



was celebrated in Linslade by the Rev. Canon Stokes from Wolverton. Around this time Mrs Elizabeth White, the widow of a local wine merchant, persuaded Father Parkes, the parish priest at Wolverton, to say Mass in Leighton Buzzard on a regular monthly basis. In 1892 she donated her investment in the then Midland Railway, with a value of £436, to the Diocese, to make possible to hire a room as a Mass centre. This was in North Street, which later became the Co-op clothes' shop, and is now Kings' Opticians. The first celebration of what was to become monthly Mass took place on 22nd May 1892, with Father Parkes.

By October 1895 Leighton was provided with a resident priest, Rev Charles E. Reilly. He bought a plot of land, 60 feet by 138 feet, in Beaudesert, costing £250, on which a permanent church could be built – the "Tin Chapel", which went on to serve the Catholic community until the 1950s.

In 1952 permission was granted for a new, larger brick-built church with capacity for 200-250, costing £7,000. Built in 1953 - our present church.

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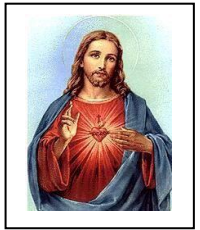
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Sacred Heart Leighton Buzzard



11th Sunday, Year A 18th June 2023

Saturday	17 th	11 th Sunday	Confessions Mass	5.45-6.00pm 6.15pm	Aldina Stevens int
Sunday	18 th	11 th Sunday	Mass Mass	9.00am 11.00am	Y. Thompson RIP Antonia Kyprianou RIP
Monday	19 th	Cathedral Dedication	Mass	10.00am	Henry Byrne RIP
Thursday	22 nd	St J. Fisher & T. More	Mass	10.00am	John & Irene Danford RIP
Friday	23 rd	Feria	Rosary Mass	9.30am 10.00am	Marie & Louise Delion RIP
Saturday	24 th	12 th Sunday	Confessions Mass	10-10.30am 5.45-6.00pm 6.15pm	Hugh Davies & Family int
Sunday	25 th	12 th Sunday	Mass Mass	9.00am 11.00am	C & J Condon RIP

A DAY FOR LIFE

This weekend the Church in Britain and Ireland celebrates a Day for Life, focusing on the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. The second collection will be to assist the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy meet again today during the 11 o'clock Mass.

WELCOMERS' SUMMER MEETING & SOCIAL: Friday 30th June

At 7.15 pm for a 7.30pm start. A brief meeting followed by our annual social gathering. Please bring a savoury or sweet contribution and/or a bottle. Parishioners interested in becoming a Welcomer are welcome to attend too!

100 CLUB

If you would like to join the 100 Club, forms are available at the back of church.

MY DAY BY DAY

Copies of the July issue are available on the entrance table, price £1.00.