

# Bulletin



7 June 2020

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity



**Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart – Our 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



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Thank you for your contribution to the parish. For 31 May standing orders were £790.00.

With thanks, Finance Committee.

## OPENING THE CHURCH FOR PRAYER – PREPARING FOR THE NEW NORMAL

Our Bishops' Conference have been negotiating with the government and its health advisors in order to gain the approval for opening Catholic churches for private prayer.

Though the decision is still to be ratified and made part of the easing of the 'lockdown' the bishops have issued guidance for how we can prepare our church for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

We have a small working group translating the instructions into a plan for Sacred Heart at Flitwick in order that we can start opening the church as soon as the go-ahead is given. We are able to organise the parish room in such a way as to meet all of the requirements.

We will need stewards to help spread the workload of having someone present throughout the times we are open.

If you would like to volunteer, you need to be under 70 and not subject to any restrictions or isolated because of any underlying health conditions or Covid 19 symptoms.

We will start with a single morning for opening; **Saturday between 8.00 am and 12 midday.**

Stewards will be need to be prepared to:

- † Be available for **one hour only** between these times
- † open the church, manage the space and the cleaning materials
- † manage the people attending, advising them of the protocols and the entry and exit
- † manage any queue of waiting parishioners
- † assist in the cleaning of the chairs and the parish room

If you are willing to join the group of stewards making the opening possible, then email [deaconphilippugh@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:deaconphilippugh@northamptondiocese.org). He will organise the group, agree with you when you will attend and your responsibilities while at the church.

Let us all pray for a speedy announcement that will enable us to start developing the 'new normal'.



Diocese of Northampton  
Virtual Pilgrimage  
to Walsingham  
13 June  
see attached poster

You are all Invited to the Parish Pastoral Council's AGM

**On 11 June 2020 at 7.30 pm**

on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/9974164533>

(Email Suzanne for the password).

We will start with evening prayer and the beginning of our Novena to the Sacred Heart

Papers are available on the website under drop down menus

*About our Parish*

# AGM

## Mass Intentions, please pray for ...

Sunday	7 June	Private Intentions
Tuesday	9 June	Mary Murphy, Recently Deceased, RIP
Friday	12 June	Agnes Milne, Recently Deceased, RIP (Mary Bray's sister)

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR JUNE – THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE

Lord and giver of all life, help us to value each person, created in love by you.

In your mercy, guide and assist our efforts to promote the dignity and value of all human life, born and unborn.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Fr. John's Homily for Trinity Sunday

Now, I wanna tell you a little story (as Max Bygraves used to say): Are you sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin.

The Holy Trinity were sitting around a table in the heavenly garden, discussing which language would be best suited to explain the mystery of the Trinity to Humankind.

The Father was looking somewhat stern: 'This is a very important issue we need to resolve, and sadly, since that little incident at Babel, there are now hundreds of languages to choose from!'

'How about English?' suggested Jesus, 'It's very popular, and also poetic (look at Shakespeare), and it has the greatest number of words of any language in history. That ought to help.' 'Hmm, poetry can help and hinder' pondered the Holy Spirit, 'There are some who don't really understand it.' 'The Holy Spirit is right', said the Father, 'And too many words can obscure as easily as reveal meaning.'

'Well, what about German?' opined Jesus, 'It's very logical, and haven't all the greatest theologians used it to great advantage: Rahner, Kung, von Balthasar?' 'I'm not so sure', murmured the Holy Spirit, 'what about those awful compound nouns?' 'I agree', said the Father, 'sometimes precision can give the illusion of complete understanding, and only we can have that!'

'How about Italian?' said Jesus, 'a nice bright language!' 'But it's all about cooking,' frowned the Holy Spirit, 'okay for the Eucharist, maybe, but beyond that?' 'Yes', said the Father (again!), 'indeed the very thought of it is making me hungry!'

'French?' offered Jesus, getting a little cheesed off, 'for that touch of 'je ne sais quoi'?' 'Yer wot?' said the Holy Spirit. 'Je ne sais nothing!' humphed the Father, 'we are trying to define the undefinable! Je ne sais quoi, indeed! Oh la la!'

'Oh, yes,' said Jesus, 'Well, I used to speak in Aramaic, plus a bit of Greek, would either of those do?' The Holy Spirit didn't say anything, he'd sort of drifted off... 'Would either of those do?' quoted the Father, 'would either of those do? We can't just make do! Anyway, neither have enough words.' 'But you said that English had too many...' Jesus nearly said, but thought the better of it.

Then, just as they looked stumped, Our Lady wandered into the garden, humming tunefully to herself, as was her habit. The three members of the Trinity looked at each other as the same thought occurred:

(Now imagine you can hear Pachebel's 'Canon' for flute, violin and cello playing in the background...)

Of course! Music is the universal language which everyone understands, three instruments playing together, each essential to the piece, yet each sounding different, uniting in one mellifluous sound.

Ain't that the Trinity all over?!

*Fr. John*

## THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – JUNE

The Lord your God is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength (Mark 12:30).



## NOVENA FOR THE SACRED HEART

To help commemorate the patronal feast day of the parish we will be observing a novena up to the day of the commemoration, **Friday 19 June**.



This is a prayer that is recited over nine days, in this case starting before the PPC AGM on **11 June**, and then every day on Zoom until the solemnity.

The prayer booklet is available to download from the parish website if you would like to join in the prayer, but cannot attend the daily reciting of the prayer.

Please join us as you can to help to celebrate our parish feast day.

## NOVENA PRAYER

Most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, we adore you, we love you, and with a lively sorrow for our sins, we offer ourselves to you. Make us humble, patient, pure, and obedient to your Will.

Grant, dear Jesus that we may live in you and for you. Protect us in the midst of danger; comfort us in our afflictions; give us health of body, assistance in our temporal needs, your blessing on all that we do, and the grace of a holy death.

Most Holy Heart of Jesus, shower your blessings abundantly upon your holy Church, upon the Supreme Pontiff, and upon all the clergy and religious.

Grant perseverance to the just, convert sinners, and enlighten unbelievers.

Bless our relatives, friends, and benefactors.

Assist the dying, deliver the holy souls in purgatory, and extend over all hearts the gentle empire of your love.

To you, most merciful Heart of Jesus, we commend all these souls.

## NOVENA FOR THE SACRED HEART DATE AND TIMES

Thursday, 11 June	7.30 pm
Friday, 12 June	9.00 am
Saturday, 13 June	midday
Sunday, 14 June	9.00 am
Monday, 15 June	7.30 pm
Tuesday, 16 June	9.00 am
Wednesday, 17 June	9.00 am
Thursday, 18 June	9.00 am
Friday, 19 June	9.00 am

## THINGS TO DO!

Our exercise continues this week. Don't agonise over it. It's designed to be helpful, but not add any stress in this difficult time.

### This week's activity ...

Make a spiritual garden inside or outside to aid your prayer life for this week.

## Pray and Play at Sacred Heart



Our next session for 2020 will be **14 June – The Eucharist**

The session starts at 2.00 pm for one hour. All children up to Year 6 are welcome.

**WE WILL BE MEETING BY ZOOM**  
**YOU HAVE BEEN SENT THE NECESSARY MATERIALS AND HOW TO ACCESS ZOOM**  
**– SEE YOU ON 14 JUNE**

## Let us Pray ... TOGETHER

Schedule of open sessions on Zoom each week. To access please open Zoom and click this link

<https://zoom.us/j/9974164533> (you may need to copy and paste it and put it into your browser).

Email Suzanne for the password.

- † Sunday – 9.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church
- † Tuesday – 9.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church
- † Thursday – 9.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church

Fr. John made a YouTube video of his homily, and Sunday Mass is available.

You can see it by clicking the YouTube button on the first page of our website. The button looks like this...



## Canon Bennie's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee

Next Saturday 13 June is Canon Bennie's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. He will be saying Mass at 11.00 am and you can access it on

<https://www.facebook.com/peter.cremin.121>

**Newsletter copy deadline** – Thursday midday.  
Newsletter contact: Suzanne Yates; 01525 840 661;  
[smyates47@gmail.com](mailto:smyates47@gmail.com)

## INFORMATION

### CONFESSION

Confessions have been suspended until further notice.

### PRAYER LINE

Please ring for intercessory prayer on 01525 634 186. We have some wonderful answers to prayers. Be assured of full confidentiality.

### SAFEGUARDING

For information contact Paula Bates [safeguarding@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk)

### CHURCH NEWSLETTER ONLINE

<http://www.sacredheartflitwick.co.uk>

### IN HOSPITAL, SICK OR HOUSE-BOUND?

Please let us know of anyone who needs a visit. See box below for hospital contacts.

### THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP

Members provide help, support and friendship to anyone in need. They offer this support through befriending visits. Call Brendan Spillane, 01525 861 949 to find out more about their work.

### LITTLE 'UNS

This has been postponed for the time being.

### MASS INTENTIONS

For Mass Intentions, call or email Suzanne who will arrange for Fr. John to say a Mass. She has Mass cards at home so call or email if you need one.

## Hospital Contacts

If you have anyone in hospital you can contact the following.

Bedford Hospital – Deacon Tony Quinlan on 01234 950 453 or [tonyquinlan15@gmail.com](mailto:tonyquinlan15@gmail.com)

Luton and Dunstable Hospital – Deacon Jim Hannigan on 07756 685 220 or

[deaconjimhannigan@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:deaconjimhannigan@northamptondiocese.org)

Mothers' Prayers will next meet on **Tuesday 9 June** at 8.00 pm by Zoom. Ring Sue Barley on 01525 634186. We meet weekly at this time.



The sewing group is postponed until further notice due to Covid-19.

For details, phone Hilary Brennan on 01525 717 919.



### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

This group will meet again on **17 June**. Please contact Nicky Paterson on 01525 750 654.

