



### 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 1 May standing orders were £860.00 and the second collection was £350.00. Thank you, the finance committee.

### PARISH CATECHESIS BY FR. JERRY

### MASS TIMES

#### Theme: My sheep listen to my voice

Our Gospel reading today underscores the intimate relationship between Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and his Church and her followers, the flock. The church is a sheepfold, where Christ himself is the shepherd even though governed by human shepherds; it is unfailingly nourished and led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for his sheep (CCC#754).

Just as a shepherd gathers around the shepherd, so Jesus encourages unity among his followers. Our relationship with Jesus is quite intimate and important that Jesus is able to say 'My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish'. The place of the good shepherd is the parish, as a definite community of Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a particular church. Under the authority of the diocesan bishop, a parish is entrusted to a pastor, as its own shepherd (CCC#2179). Whenever the priest celebrates the sacrament of penance or reconciliation with the community, he is fulfilling the ministry of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost sheep. This is because the priest is the sign and the instrument of God's merciful love for the sinner (CCC#1464). Jesus, the Good Shepherd offers everything for his beloved flock. What Jesus expects from us, his flock is that we will listen to him and believe that he alone truly gives us life eternal.

May the Holy Spirit help us to always deepen our relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

#### THIS WEEK

- † Tuesday at 9.30 am
- † Wednesday at 9.30 am
- † Thursday at 9.30 am
- † Friday at 10.00 am
- † Saturday at 5.00 pm
- † Sunday at 9.00 am and 11.00 am

#### CONFESSION

Confession is available before Mass on Friday and Saturday and on request.

#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2022 FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



### Baptism

We welcome Bethany Nicholls, daughter of Helena and Kris who will be baptised into the Catholic community on 8 May.



We ask the parish to pray for her and her family on this special day and wish Bethany and her family all God's blessings on their journey of faith.

### Masses will be offered this week for ...

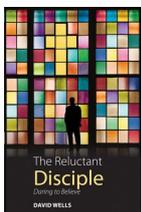
- 7 May 5.00 pm Andrew McGowan, Recently Deceased, RIP
- 8 May 9.00 am Intentions of Myriam Rincon
- 8 May 11.00 am People of the Parish
- 10 May 9.30 am Intentions of Alex Barley
- 11 May 9.30 am Sheila Drummy, Recently Deceased, RIP
- 12 May 9.30 am Peace in Ukraine
- 13 May 10.00 am Veronica McCann, Recently Deceased, RIP

### CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR MAY VOCATIONS

O God, you sent your Son, Jesus, to bring eternal life to those who believe. I join him in praying for labourers for your harvest. May your Holy Spirit inspire women and men to continue his mission through your priesthood, diaconate, religious life and lay ministry. May this same Spirit make known your will for my life. Amen.

## Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 26 May at 7.30 pm in Pulloxhill. The next book to read is *The Reluctant Disciple: Daring to Believe* by David Wells.



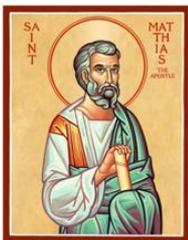
## Healing Garden Open Day 15 May 2022, 3.00 pm Northampton Cathedral

We hope the healing garden will be a place of spiritual and emotional calming relief, reduce stress and anxiety and improve a person's sense of well-being and hopefulness.



## Feast of the St Matthias 14 May

He was not one of the Twelve, but after the treachery and death of Judas Iscariot someone was needed to take his place. Two candidates were selected, and lots were drawn to see which of them should be made one of the Twelve; the choice fell on Matthias. Nothing is known for certain about his subsequent history.



Drawing lots to select a candidate for an office sounds strange to us, but it was a recognised Jewish custom, for example, the priest who was to enter the Temple sanctuary and burn incense there was not chosen by some rota but by lot. Random events, independent of any obvious natural or human cause, were seen as a direct expression of God's will. Drawing lots was not a substitute for human decision – human beings had chosen Matthias as a candidate, human beings decided which priests were eligible on which days – but a way of putting the final choice into the hands of God.

When we attain some high or responsible position, we may be tempted to congratulate ourselves on being the best candidate for the job. We would do well to remember that we have got there because of the people we have met and the things we have found ourselves doing, and, more fundamentally, because of the gifts and talents that God has given us. These things are essentially random: like Matthias, we have been chosen by lot.

Adapted from <https://stjuliansparishchurch.co.uk>

### Newsletter copy deadline

Thursday midday Contact: Suzanne Yates 01525 840 661 / 07919 263 147, [smyates47@gmail.com](mailto:smyates47@gmail.com)

## Missio Red Box Holders

It was my privilege to represent you all when I carried up a Red Box during the offertory procession at the Maundy Thursday Mass.

Last year's total was an amazing £3,776.45 and so far, this year we have sent £2,161.07 during Lent.



H.Q. wishes me to pass on their grateful thanks.

If you still need to empty your box, you can hand the envelope in at church, or contact me via the phone number on the bottom of the box.

God Bless you all. Pat King

## Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we trust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Mass for the Sick

The SVP are again organising this event. On Friday 17 June, Mass will be at 2.00 pm and all are welcome. There will be a special focus on praying for the sick and there will be an invitation to be anointed. After Mass there will be afternoon tea in the Canon Denis Suite.

The SVP has lists of people who have come before but if you want your name to be added, or to make sure you get an invitation, please ring Maureen on 01525 873830 or John on 01525 406810. Either speak direct or leave a message and we'll get back to you.

And everyone is welcome at the Mass – this is a parish event for everyone.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK BIG BREKKIE

CTA&F are holding a breakfast to begin Christian Aid Week in the Canon Denis Room on 14 May from at 9.00 am. You MUST book a time slot between 9.00 am and 11.00 am by emailing [CTAF2021@outlook.com](mailto:CTAF2021@outlook.com). There are about 24 places per half hour. To donate to Christian Aid follow this link <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/amphill-and-district-ca-group?channel=copy>

## INFORMATION

### CONFESSION

Confessions are available before Mass on Friday and Saturday and on request.

### 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 OR HOUSEBOUND?

Please let us know of anyone who needs a visit.

### HOSPITAL CONTACTS

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)

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Members provide help, support and friendship to anyone in need. If you or someone you know needs help at this time, please talk to us by ringing 07770 499 239. We are here to help.

### MASS INTENTIONS

For Mass Intentions, email Hugh Davies who will arrange for Fr. Jerry to say a Mass. There are special envelopes in the foyer that you can fill in and leave in the sacristy. Hugh will organise Mass cards will Suzanne is away.

Tea and Coffee available after 11.00 am Mass. Contact Suzanne if you can help. See Suzanne's details

### SEWING GROUP

The sewing group will meet on **9 May** from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. For details, phone Hilary Brennan on 01525 717 919



### COME AND SEE

For details of dates and times contact Debbie Lewis on 07944792776 for information.



### MOTHERS' PRAYERS will meet on 20 May after 10.00 am

Mass. Join us for a welcoming cup of coffee before praying for your family. We aim to end by 11.45 am. Ring Sue Barley 01525 634186 for information.

