

Church Bulletin



7 May 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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 our Christian mission.



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Thank you very much for your generosity, Finance Committee

Parish Catechesis

John 14: 1-12

Today we begin to examine the discourse of Jesus to his disciples at the Last Supper in John's Gospel. The discourse, which is examined for the next two weeks also, is an explanation of what was to happen after Jesus had left his disciples and returned to his Father.

In today's extract we find the promise that has given comfort to millions of Christians throughout history. Jesus will prepare a place for his disciples in his Father's house and he will return and take them to heaven.

Then, after Thomas shows he does not fully understand, Jesus proclaims himself in a further 'I am' saying, a feature of the fourth Gospel. 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' In short, this saying claims that the fullness of salvation is found in Jesus alone.

Again, after Philip fails to understand Jesus' comments about God, the Father, Jesus gives an insight into the relationship he enjoys with his Father. He is in the Father and the Father is in him. *Adapted from The Word of God by Robin Cooper*

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY INSIGHT

Week 3

Delegates to the Assembly are asked to take part in four sessions of preparation which will be happening right across the diocese. We pray for all involved in these sessions. 'I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules. Language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self preservation.'

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 27

Mass Times

This week

Saturday at 5.00 pm

Sunday at 9.00 am

Sunday at 11.00 am

Tuesday at 9.30

Wednesday **NO MASS**

Thursday at 9.30

Friday at 10.00 am

Confession

Confession is available before Mass on Saturday and on request.

ROSARY

In May, 10 minutes before each Mass, we will be praying one decade of the Rosary.



Masses will be offered this week for

6 May	5.00 pm	John Nolan, RIP
7 May	9.00 am	Bill O'Connor, RIP
7 May	11.00 am	May and Martin Stynes, Anniversary, RIP
9 May	9.30 am	Conchita Rincon and Cesar Rincon RIP
10 May	9.30 am	NO MASS
11 May	9.30 am	Sean Dowd and Kay Traynor, RIP
12 May	10.00 am	Peter Mount, Recently Deceased, RIP

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR MAY COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Lord, we thank you for the unprecedented advances in networks of communication and pray that we make the most of the opportunities they present for encounter and solidarity, and to spread your Gospel to the ends of the earth. Through all media, we can be instruments of good and not in any way injure others. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, 12 May	Mothers' Prayers We will meet after 10.00 am Mass. Please ring Sue Barely on 07762 419101 for information or to ask for prayer.
Monday, 15 May	Sewing Group The sewing group will meet from 2.00 till 4.00 pm. For details, phone Hilary Brennan on 01525 717 919
Wednesday, 17 May	Come and See We will meet at 7.30 pm. Contact Debbie on 07944 792 776
Saturday, 20 May	Belong and Believe We will meet at 11 am in the parish resource room.
Saturday, 20 May	Christian Aid Big Breakfast It will take place between 9 and 11 am. Please email Debbie at ctaf2021@outlook.com

BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is on **8 June at 7.30n pm**. The next book is **Tides of Blessings** by Russ Fairman with James McKenna. Contact Suzanne for venue. This is the story of Russ Fairman who, as part of the CELEBRATE Christian Conference which meets at various venues around the country, sailed his boat, named 'What if it's true' for the journey around the shore of the United Kingdom and met groups of Christians along the way, some of whom sailed with him on different legs of the journey. Read his amazing stories of God's guidance, provision, and protection for him and those sailing with him.

Quote from Sue Whitehead:

'I couldn't stop reading this book once I started! Such joy in every chapter - so many tangible descriptions of God's presence on the journey.'



So many lives touched and changed by his love. Listening to Russ talking about the trip, one phrase really stayed with me. He said that sometimes we need to be intentionally vulnerable for God to show us how close his is to us. Help us, Lord, to hear and trust your calling.'

PRAYER FOR KING CHARLES III

Please take a prayer card for King Charles III and Queen Camilla from the foyer.

OPPORTUNITY TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE DIACONATE IN OUR DIOCESE

There will be an information morning for people interested in the diaconate, organised by Fr. Tony Brennan. It will take place on **Saturday 13 May, 10.00-12.30 pm** at St Mary's RC Church, 82 West Street, Dunstable, LU6 1NY. Please contact Fr. Tony on 01582 662 710

Newsletter copy deadline

Wednesday afternoon

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BELONG AND BELIEVE

WHAT'S NEXT?

During our Lenten Conversation we agreed to meet to develop and work on ideas to help the parish to continue to be a vibrant and welcoming community. A meeting will be held on **Saturday 20 May at 11 am** in the parish resource room. Coffee and pastries will be served. **All parishioners welcome.**

CHRISTIAN AID BIG BREKKIE!

Want to change the world over breakfast? Then come and tuck in at our Big Brekkie! We will be serving a delicious meal, while raising money to fight poverty and injustice worldwide. It will take place on **Saturday 20 May 2023 from 9 till 11 am.**

All welcome! Please book a half hour time slot by emailing Debbie at ctaf2021@outlook.com

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

You are invited to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on 10 June 2023 from 12.00 till 5.00 pm. Leaflets are available at the back of the church. If you are interested, please contact Aggie Keeble at parish.sacredheartflitwick@northamptondioecese.org or 07858 392 180

SYNODAL REPRESENTATION

We are invited to send delegates to the **Diocesan Assembly** which is going to take place on **Saturday 15 July 2023**, Thornton College. In preparation for this, the delegates will need to attend four sessions of formation in the local pastoral area on Wednesday evenings. If you want further information, please contact Aggie at parish.sacredheartflitwick@northamptondioecese.org, who will forward further information.

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.flitwick@northamptondioecese.org

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
Luton and Dunstable Hospital – Fr. Liam Castle on frliam.castle@northamptondioecese.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 01525 873 830. We are here to help.

MASS INTENTIONS

For Mass Intentions, call or email Aggie who will arrange for a Mass to be said. There are special envelopes in the foyer that you can fill in and leave in the sacristy.

