

Church Bulletin



14 May 2023

Sixth 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 for your contribution to the parish.

Standing orders are £860.00 weekly and the collection was £241.50.

Thank you very much for your generosity, Finance Committee

Parish Catechesis from Fr. Jerry

Mass Times

Theme: I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate

As we anticipate his Ascension, Jesus promises to give another Advocate to his disciples who will be with them forever. Whenever Christ proclaims and promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, he calls him the 'Paraclete', literally, 'he who is called to one's side', advocatus. Paraclete is commonly translated by 'consoler' and Jesus is the first consoler (CCC#692). This Advocate is the Holy Spirit who is sometimes called the Paraclete, Intercessor, Counsellor, or Protector. The Holy Spirit is revealed as another divine person with Jesus and the Father (CCC#243). He will take the place of the physical presence of Jesus among his disciples teaching and guiding them 'into all the truth'. He will intercede for them, strengthening and supporting them. Thus, the Advocate comes to continue the earthly ministry of Jesus.

Jesus describes the Advocate as the Spirit of Truth whom the world can never receive. Those who will receive him are persons who believe in Jesus. When the Holy Spirit comes, we shall recognise him. The Advocate will abide with his disciples forever. He will be with us forever; he will remain with us. The Spirit will teach us everything, remind us of all that Christ said to us and bear witness to him. The Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth and will glorify Christ. He will prove the world wrong about sin, righteousness, and judgment (CCC#729).

He further promises his disciples that he will not leave them orphans but will come back to them. The disciples will see him in his risen life not merely with their physical eyes but with the inward eyes of faith. Jesus Christ describes the relationship between him and the disciples as like that between him and his Father. His relationship with his disciples is based on keeping his commandments with love. The promised Advocate will also come because of love for him and the desire to keep his commandments.

In our journey of faith, we are encouraged to be sensitive to the presence of the Holy Spirit or the Advocate, or the Paraclete in every human endeavour. We should be aware of those elements that distract our minds from the presence of Jesus Christ.

This week

Saturday at 5.00 pm

Sunday at 9.00 am

Sunday at 11.00 am

Tuesday at 9.30 am

Wednesday 9.30 am

Ascension (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday at 9.30 am

Thursday at 7.00 pm

Friday at 10.00 am

Confession

Confession is available before Mass on Saturday and on request.

Spiritual Direction with Fr. Jerry

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.00 till 7.00 pm. Please contact Fr. Jerry or Aggie to book it.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

From 19 May till 27 May, we will be saying a novena to the Holy Spirit.

Masses will be offered this week for

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| 13 May | 5.00 pm | Jack Howell, RIP |
| 14 May | 9.00 am | Intentions of Natalie Turner |
| 14 May | 11.00 am | Margarita (Peggy) Thomas, 100th Birthday Anniversary, RIP |
| 16 May | 9.30 am | Special intention |
| 17 May | 9.30 am | Father Peter Maher, Recently Deceased, RIP |
| 18 May | 9.30 am 7.00 pm | ASCENSION—Holy Day of Obligation People of the Parish |
| 19 May | 10.00 am | Ray Mahony, Anniversary, 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

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| 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 |

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY INSIGHT

Week 4

Five working parties were convened to reflect further on some of the key themes arising from our listening last year, including diocesan finances, lay involvement in decision making and women's ministry. We pray for ongoing discernment of the Holy Spirit in their work.

'But God has put the body together... so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.' *1 Corinthians, 12:24-27*

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

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20&30s)

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life

Locatin: Liverpool

Date: 26 -28 May

For more information contact Sr Lynne

at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com

40 ANNIVERSARY OF SACRED HEART FLITWICK



On Friday, **16 June at 7.30 pm**, the feast of the Sacred Heart, **Bishop David** will celebrate Mass with us to conclude our fortieth anniversary celebrations. Mass will be followed by supper. If you would like to join us for supper please RSVP to **Suzanne by 10 June at secretary@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk** to organise a ticket. There is no charge for the ticket but they are necessary for catering purposes.

Looking forward to a great celebration.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

There will be a second collection for Christian Aid after all Masses this week.

Please be as generous as you can CTA&F

BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is on **8 June at 7.30 pm**. The next book is **Tides of Blessings** by Russ Fairman with James McKenna. Contact Suzanne for venue.



MASS FOR THE SICK

Mass will take place on **Friday 23 June at 2 pm**. After Mass there will be afternoon tea in the Canon Denis Suite. More information to follow.

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@northamptondiocese.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@northamptondiocese.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

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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@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 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.

Newsletter copy deadline

Wednesday afternoon

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