

Church Bulletin



21 May 2023

Seventh 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 £172.80.

Thank you very much for your generosity, Finance Committee

Parish Catechesis from Fr. Jerry

Theme: '*... Glorify your Son, so that your Son may glorify you...*'

The focus of the Gospel is the priestly prayer of Jesus Christ to the Father. His prayer, the longest transmitted by the Gospel, embraces the whole economy of creation and salvation, as well as his death and Resurrection (CCC#2746).

In this prayer, Jesus consecrates himself through his redemptive death and recommends his disciples to his Father. This prayer reflects an elaborated meditation on the thoughts and aspirations of Jesus Christ. According to the Church, when Jesus openly entrusts to his disciples the mystery of prayer to the Father, he reveals to them what their prayer and ours must be, once he has returned to the Father in his glorified humanity.

What is new is, we are reminded to ask everything in his name. Faith in the Son introduces the disciples to the knowledge of the Father because Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (CCC#2614). During the special Hour of Jesus' prayer, we are reminded about the generosity of Jesus praying for us. Jesus prays in our place and on our behalf. In this time of Novena to the Holy Spirit, all our petitions were gathered up, once all, in his cry on the cross and, in his Resurrection, heard by the Father. He continues to intercede for us with the Father.

If our prayer is resolutely united with that of Jesus, in trust and boldness as children, we obtain all that we ask in his name, even more than any particular thing like the Holy Spirit himself, who contains all gifts (CCC#2741). According to John's Gospel, the special 'Hour' of Jesus refers to the suffering, crucifixion and glorification of Jesus Christ as one and the same event when the Father will glorify him. Our contemporary world is moving at a fast pace and many Christians are not easily convinced that they need some quiet time to reflect on their lives and the value and meaning of life. As Jesus prays for his disciples at the end of his earthly journey, he invites us to pause a while and prayerfully meditate on our individual mission on earth. May the Holy Spirit guide us to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Mass Times

This week

Saturday at 5.00 pm

Sunday at 9.00 am

Sunday at 11.00 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.

Next Saturday and Sunday is Pentecost and we ask everyone to try and wear some red to Mass. Thank you

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

From 19 May till 26 May, we will be saying a novena to the Holy Spirit.

Masses will be offered this week for

20 May	5.00 pm	Teresa Nicholls, RIP
21 May	9.00 am	Thanksgiving Mass
21 May	11.00 am	Tina Stanyer, RIP
23 May	9.30 am	NO MASS
24 May	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Communion
25 May	9.30 am	NO MASS
26 May	10.00 am	Service of the Word with Communion

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

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.
Friday, 26 May	Mothers' Prayers We will meet after 10.00 am Service of the Word with Communion. Please ring Sue Barely on 07762 419101 for information or to ask for prayer.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY INSIGHT

Week 5

This week our delegates begin their preparation for the Assembly. Please pray for them and our whole diocese that we may all be open to the Holy Spirit.

'But the laity, by their very vocation, seek the kingdom of God... They live in the ordinary circumstances of family and social life, from which the very web of their existence is woven. They are called there by God that they may work for the sanctification of the world from within as a leaven. In this way they may make Christ known to others.' *Lumen Gentium 31*

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.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20&30s)

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life
Location: Liverpool
Date: 26 –28 May
For more information contact Sr Lynne at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com

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.



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.

Newsletter copy deadline

Wednesday afternoon

Contact: Aggie Keeble

07858 392 180

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CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL AND OVERFLOW CONFERENCE

OVERFLOW Conference with bishop David Oakley as a main speaker is taking place on **1 July in Birmingham**. We want those in our parishes to have a wonderful experience of the joy of the Gospel and the life-changing power of the Spirit, which we look forward to experiencing at **OVERFLOW**.

To book tickets please follow the link <http://www.ccr.org.uk/articles/overflow2/>

CHRISTIAN AID

Over the weekend there will be a second collection for Christian Aid. Please leave the envelopes in the foyer. **Thank you for your generosity.**

MASS FOR THE SICK

Mass will take place on **Friday 23 June at 2pm**. 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. If you want your name to be added to the attendees or to make sure you get an invitation, please ring **Maureen on 01525 873830** or **Ann 07988 845708**. Either speak directly or leave a message and we'll get back to you. **Everyone is welcome** at the Mass-this is a parish event for everyone.

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**

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

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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.

SACRED HEART FLITWICK 200 CLUB WINNERS - MAY

1st David Keenlside

2nd Don Perrett

3rd Kath Greenwood

Congratulations!

SAVE THE DATE

Parish Day on Sunday **10th September** at **10 am** followed by refreshments. More information to follow.