



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

CATECHESIS FROM FR. JERRY

Theme: *He breathed on them and said, Receive the Holy Spirit.*

Pentecost Sunday is a celebration of the fulfilment of Christ's promised gift of the Holy Spirit and the commissioning of the disciples to proclaim the Gospel. Jesus Christ promised the coming of the Holy Spirit when the hour has arrived for his glorification (CCC#729). On this day, the disciples are thus empowered to renew the face of the world. The Gospel of John places the coming of the Holy Spirit on Easter day. Jesus appears to his disciples and imparts to them the gift of peace, joy, and forgiveness in the Holy Spirit. At the sight of Jesus, the disciples were filled with joy. The Church reminds us that when the Holy Spirit comes, we shall know him. The Holy Spirit will be with us forever. He will teach us everything, remind us of all that Christ said to us and bear witness to him (CCC#729). Surely, the power of his resurrection and appearance will chase away all fears.

As the Father has commissioned the Son to bring salvation to the world, Jesus commissions his disciples to be his messengers of forgiveness. Jesus commissions his disciples by breathing on them the power of the Holy Spirit. This gesture carries a deeper meaning. After God had created man, he breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, which is God's own life (c.f Gen. 2:7). In Ezekiel's vision of the Valley of Dry Bones, God's breath comes from the corners of the world to bring life to the dry bones (c.f Ezek. 37:5). The term 'Spirit' translates the Hebrew word, *ruah*, which in its primary sense, means breath, air or wind. On the other hand, "Spirit" and "Holy" are divine attributes common to the three divine persons (CCC#691). Jesus breathes on his disciples, recreates them, and brings them back to new life from their old lifestyle of fear and doubt. On the day of Pentecost, when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given and communicated as a divine person in its fullness, Christ, the Lord, poured out in abundance (CCC#3731). As a community, when the work which the Father gave the Son to do on earth was accomplished, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost in order that he might continually sanctify the Church (CCC#767). So that she can fulfil her mission, the Holy Spirit 'bestows upon the Church varied hierarchic and charismatic gifts, and in this way directs her (CCC#768).

During the celebration of the holy Eucharist, Jesus breathes on us the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, removing all fear and anxiety from us and consecrates us to be his instruments of peace, unity and forgiveness.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY INSIGHT

Bishop David has challenged us to become a more outward-facing, missionary community. We pray for him as he leads our assembly. 'The Church's vocation is to bring joy to the world.' *Pope Benedict XVI, Message for the 27th World Youth Day*

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.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday 27 May	5.00 pm	Kathy McGrath, RIP
Sunday 28 May	9.00 am	Maureen Herlihy, Anniversary, RIP
Sunday 28 May	11.00 am	Special intentions
Tuesday 30 May	9.30 am	Joe Maher, RIP
Wednesday 31 May	9.30 am	Roy Stanyer, Anniversary, RIP
Thursday 1 June	9.30 am	Youth of the Parish
Friday 2 June	10.00 am	Patrick Michael Flynn, Recently Deceased, RIP



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SVP

Members provide help to
anyone in need. Tel.
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CONFESSIONS

Before Mass on Friday and
Saturday or on request.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Wednesday afternoon
Please contact Aggie Keeble.

THIS WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Standing orders **£860.00**
Collection was **£243.80**
Thank you for your generosity.
Finance Committee.

DIARY DATES

- **SEWING GROUP**

The sewing group will meet on **5 June from 2.00 till 4.00 pm**. For details, phone Hilary Brennan on 01525 717 919.

- **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.

- **MOTHERS' PRAYERS**

Friday 9 June after 10:00 am Mass. Please ring Sue Barley on 07762 419101 for information or to ask for a prayer.

- **SUPPER WITH BISHOP DAVID**

On Friday **16 June at 7.30 pm**, **Bishop David** will celebrate Mass with us to conclude our fortieth anniversary celebrations. If you would like to join us for supper afterwards, please contact **Suzanne by 10 June at secretary@sacredheartflitwick.co.uk** to organise a ticket.

- **MASS FOR THE SICK**

Mass will take place on **Friday 23 June at 2pm**. There will be an invitation to be anointed and afternoon tea afterwards. If you want your name to be added to the attendees, please ring **Maureen on 01525 873830** or **Ann 07988 845708**.

- **CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024**

Please contact **Kath Greenwood at catechist.sacredheartflitwick@northamptondiocese.org**. More details are in the letter attached to the email or on the notice board.

OTHER NOTICES

- **CHRISTIAN AID**

A special thank you to all who donated to Christian Aid. We raised **£445** at the Big Brekkie and **£107.90** (first weekend) from the collections. Thank you!

- **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL AND OVERFLOW CONFERENCE**

OVERFLOW Conference with bishop David Oakley as a main speaker is taking place on **1 July in Birmingham**. To book tickets please follow the link <http://www.ccr.org.uk/articles/overflow2/>

- **PARISH DAY**

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

- **SUZANNE'S THANK YOU PARTY**

Here is a photo from Suzanne's retirement party that took place on 13 May 2023. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with preparation.

