



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.

CATECHESIS FROM FR. JERRY

Theme: 'For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink...'

On the solemnity of the body and blood of Christ, the Church celebrates God's presence among humanity in his Son, Jesus Christ. This is God's greatest desire to share intimately in the ordinary lives of. In a depersonalised society where most people suffer from absence where there should be presence. People hunger and thirst for companionship, lack of love and concern, personal understanding and respect from society, the Eucharist is a gift of friendship. In the Gospel reading, Jesus Christ identified himself as the 'bread which came down from heaven'. At the Last Supper, he took the bread and the cup filled with wine and said, 'This is my body, this is my blood of the covenant'. Each time the priest repeats these words of consecration in the Mass, the substance of the bread and wine is changed into the body and blood of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit (CCC#1375). Jesus affirms that the one who partakes in his body and blood will have eternal life. It is important to note that the words 'flesh', 'body' and 'blood' stand for the whole person. The Church teaches that in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really and substantially contained (CCC#1374).

Jesus invites us to share in an intimate relationship and friendship with him through the sacrament of his body and blood. At the human level, intimate relationships and friendships are very important for our emotional and mental well-being. Without a chain of close relationships with relatives, friends and well-wishers, our life will be stale and filled with stress. As St Thomas Aquinas wrote, 'It is the law of friendship that friends should live together. As friends, Christ has not left us without his bodily presence in this our pilgrimage of life, but he joins us to himself in this sacrament in the reality of his body and blood' (Summa Theologiae, III q. 75, a. 1).

In the Eucharist, the Church both receives the gift of Jesus Christ and gives grateful thanks to God for such a blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of himself in the celebration of the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine, Christ gives us the gift of eternal life. Jesus Christ, therefore, insists that continuous encounter with him through the sacrament of his body and blood will strengthen us to experience real life, that is, everlasting life. Let us avail ourselves to share in this so great feast with Jesus Christ in his body and blood, soul and divinity at the Eucharist, so that we may have life in its fullness.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY INSIGHT

Many groups of volunteers are starting to prepare for our assembly, from those running the tech desk and the youth stream, to those stewarding and providing hospitality. We thank God for their generosity and faithfulness. 'Holiness is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace'. *Pope Francis, Rejoice and Exult 34*

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR JUNE - SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

O God of mercy and grace, help us to forgive those who participate in abortion, euthanasia, the destruction of embryonic life and whom, by other means, violate the sanctity of human life, that in all things the world would know the height, the depth, the breadth and width of your love, your mercy and your grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday 10 June	5.00 pm	John Morris, RIP
Sunday 11 June	9.00 am	Matthew Callaghan, Recently Deceased, RIP
Sunday 11 June	11.00 am	Arthur Brooker, 80th Birthday Anniversary, RIP
Tuesday 13 June	9.30 am	Josephine Parsons Who Is Very Ill
Wednesday 14 June	9.30 am	John Williams, RIP
Thursday 15 June	9.30 am	Special intentions, Joan, Peter and David Bone, RIP
Friday 16 June	7.30 pm	Feast of Sacred Heart Bishop David will celebrate Mass



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SVP

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CONFESSIONS

Before Mass on Friday and
Saturday or on request.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Wednesday afternoon
Please contact Aggie Keeble.

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.

DIARY DATES

- **COME AND SEE**

We will meet on Wednesday, 21 June at 7.30 pm. Please contact Debbie on 07944 792 776.

- **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.

- **MOTHERS' PRAYERS**

Friday 23 June after 10:00 am Mass. Please ring Sue Barley on 07762 419101 for information or to ask for a prayer.

- **MASS FOR THE SICK**

Mass will take place on **Friday 23 June at 2 pm**. 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 2024**

If you have a child who is in Year 8 or above whom you would like to register for confirmation, please contact **Kath Greenwood** at catechist.sacredheartflitwick@northamptondiocese.org. More details are in the letter on the noticeboard.

OTHER NOTICES

- **JOHN JOSEPH MCGUIGAN, RIP**

We are sad to announce the passing of our parishioner, John Joseph McGuigan. The funeral service will take place on Monday 19 June at 2 pm at Sacred Heart Flitwick. May he rest in peace. Amen.

- **JOHN MORRIS, RIP**

The funeral of John Morris who was our parishioner, will take place on Friday 16 June 2023 at St Andrew's church in Amptill at 11 am. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

- **TIMOTHY DALY, RIP**

Funeral service of Timothy Daly took place on Friday, 2 June at Sacred Heart Flitwick. May he rest in peace.

Please remember John McGuigan, John Morris and Timothy Daly in your prayers. All our sympathy go to their families.

- **NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART**

From 7 till 15 June, before each Mass, we will be praying a novena to the Sacred Heart.

- **LIVE SIMPLY UPDATE JUNE 2023**

There are now plenty of wild plants emerging in the two areas of the parish grounds. (Please do not refer to them as weeds.) The area adjacent to the lawn through the gate at the side of the Church includes corn cockle, herb robert, willowherb, blue alkanet, creeping buttercup and evening primrose. The area behind the Canon Denis Room has an abundant display of the white flowers of corn camomile, now being joined by cornflower and poppy. We are also pleased to report that birds have taken up residence in some of the nesting boxes.

- **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION WITH FR. JERRY**

Spiritual Direction takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.00 till 7.00 pm. Please contact Fr. Jerry or Aggie to book it.

- **PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE**

On 22 May, 25 pilgrims from Sacred Heart churches in Flitwick, Leighton Buzzard and Stopsley visited Paray Le Monial, Cluny, Taizé and Ars in Southern Burgundy. Our spiritual leaders were Fr. Jerry, Fr. Jon and Deacon Philip and we were able to join together for Mass, evening prayer and the rosary. This photograph was taken at the Abbey of Cluny.



MASS OFFERINGS

Standing orders are
£860.00 weekly and the
collection was £231.20.
Thank you very much for
your generosity.
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