18 June 2023

Sacred Heart Flitwick 11 Sunday in Ordinary Time



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: He summoned his twelve disciples and sent out

The Christian religion involves reaching out to the world that desperately longs for God and compassion. In the Gospel reading, Jesus summons his twelve disciples and sent them out. He prepared the disciples to go out and share the Good News of God's love with the world. He gives the Twelve a share in his authority and sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness (CCC#551).

The Twelve who had formerly been called disciples were now given the title of Apostles, meaning those who are sent. The number twelve (12) corresponds to the twelve tribes of Israel, indicating the Church of Christ that is founded, is the new Israel. Representing the twelve tribes of Israel, they are the foundation stones of the new Jerusalem. The Lord Jesus endowed his community with a structure that will remain until the kingdom is fully achieved. The Twelve and the other disciples share in Christ's mission and his power (CCC#765).

Saint Matthew reminds us that the mission of the Apostles was directed to the Jews first and later to the Gentiles. *You received without charge, give without charge...* The disciples were charged to be attentive to the sick, lepers and to give 'to give without charge' although those who were able, should contribute toward the basic needs of those who minister to them.

As the Northampton diocese launches its local mission appeal, we are reminded of our vision for a mission that can only be achieved through the hard work and dedication of local clergy, their parishioners, and our schools. This is because the whole people of God participate in the three offices of Christ and bear the responsibilities for the mission and service that flow from them (CCC#784).

Let me end by saying that God never asks more from us than the talents he has already given us in his service. Each of us has something to offer the world that nobody else can. I am very sure of my gifts. What is your gift?

May the celebration of the Holy Eucharist bring about the unity of different talents in the Church.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY INSIGHT

Our assembly reflections also include our diocesan resources, including people, property and finances. We pray that we may be open to the Holy Spirit as we discern a missionary future for our diocese. 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age'.

Matthew 28: 19-20

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 17 June	5.00 pm	Mary McCarthy, RIP
Sunday 18 June	9.00 am	John Joseph McGuigan, Recently Deceased, RIP
Sunday 18 June	11.00 am	Margaret Mmanu Okolo, RIP
Monday 19 June	2.00 pm	Funeral service for John Joseph McGuigan
Tuesday 20 June	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 21 June	9.30 am	Robert Lennon, RIP
Thursday 22 June	9.30 am	No Mass
Friday 23 June	2.00 pm	SVP Mass for the Sick



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Members provide help to anyone in need. Tel.

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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

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

We will meet on **Friday 23 June at 12.15 pm.** 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.

PARISH DAY

Parish Day will take place on Sunday **10 September** at **10 am** followed by refreshments. More information to follow. Please save the date for the diary.

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.

Please remember John McGuigan in your prayers. All our sympathy goes to his family.

MISSION APPEAL

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Mission Appeal which focuses on such causes as Youth Ministry, Social Action, Catholic Education as well as Evangelisation and Outreach. Please visit the diocesan website for more information. The link is available on the Sacred Heart homepage. If you wish to contribute, please collect the envelope and bring it back next week. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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/

THOMAS BECKET FESTIVAL—FEAST OF TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS

It will take place **from 7 till 10** July at **Northampton Cathedral.** The weekend will begin with Mass to celebrate the translation of the relics of Saint Thomas Becket at 11.00 on Friday morning. The Mass will be celebrated by the new Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, his excellency, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia. Please collect the leaflet from the porch or back of the church for more detail.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION WITH FR. JERRY

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

200 CLUB WINNERS

Here are the winners for the 200 Club: **1st Sue Norman, 2nd Grace McKenna and 3rd Fr. John Danford.** Congratulations!

THE FLITWICK SINGERS

Come and join us at **Flitwick Church**, Church Road on **Saturday 8 July at 7.30 pm.** Tea and cakes afterwards. We will be raising money for Motor Neuron Disease. Please see the poster in the porch for more information.

MASS OFFERINGS

Standing orders are £860.00 weekly

The first collection was £214.50 and the second collection for Day for Life was £171.30

Thank you very much for your generosity

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