



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.

PARISH CATECHESIS

Theme: **'Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it'**

The Gospel speaks about the family. The church teaches that family ties are important but not absolute. Families must be reminded that the first vocation of the Christian is to follow Jesus Christ (CCC#2232). These are the words of our blessed Lord: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me'. Jesus wants nothing to come between him and his followers. He desires total allegiance or commitment from his disciples or nothing else. Becoming a disciple of Jesus means accepting the invitation to belong to God's family, and to live in conformity with his way of life, especially in this changing culture (CCC#2233). The German Lutheran pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was imprisoned and put to death by the Nazi regime in Germany, once said in his book, *The Cost of Discipleship*: 'The cross creates division in the institution where one is to experience unity. God's love for humanity means the cross and the way of discipleship. While most Christians are not called to die for the Faith, all must be prepared to bear witness to and suffer for Christ'.

Jesus promises his disciples that their mission will not be ineffectual. Whoever welcomes Christ's messengers (whether apostles, prophets, disciples or priests), will be rewarded with eternal life. To be worthy of that reward, one must take up one's cross graciously and follow Jesus Christ. Every disciple of Christ has a lasting bond with the Church, a sacrament of salvation, the sign and the instrument of the communion of God and humankind (CCC#780). May our lasting bond with Jesus in the divine sacrifice, bear fruit that lasts forever.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY INSIGHT

This week 70 students from across our Catholic schools will meet with Bishop David for our Schools Assembly. Please pray for all our young people across the diocese. 'The programme of Jesus—is a heart which sees. This heart sees where love is needed and acts accordingly.'
Deus Caritas Est: 31b

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR JULY—SEAFARERS

Eternal Lord God, ruler of the earth and sky, be pleased to receive into your protection all who go down to the sea in ships to work or to seek refuge. Preserve them in body and soul; prosper their labours with good success; in time of danger be their help and defence and bring them safely into port; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday 1 July	2.00 pm	First Holy Communion
Saturday 1 July	5.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 2 July	9.00 am	Special Intentions
Sunday 2 July	11.00 am	John Morris, Recently Deceased, RIP
Tuesday 4 July	9.30 pm	Harry Woolfries, Recently Deceased, RIP
Wednesday 5 July	9.30 am	Youth of the Parish
Thursday 6 July	9.30 am	Bridget Margaret Russel, RIP
Friday 7 July	10.00 am	Steven Rushby, RIP



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PRAYER LINE

Please ring 01525 643 186.

SVP

Members provide help to anyone in need. Tel. 01525 873 830

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

- **SECOND COLLECTION—PETER'S PENCE**

On 1 and 2 July there will be a second collection where donations will be made to the Holy See. Thank you for your generosity.

- **SEWING GROUP**

The sewing group will meet on 3 July from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. For details, phone Hilary Brennan on 01525 717 919.

- **FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

It will take place on Friday 7 July after 10.00 am Mass till 11.30 am.

- **SEA SUNDAY—9 JULY**

Sea Sunday is when we have the opportunity to pray for seafarers, their families and those who support them. On this day, Catholic churches usually take a second collection with all funds going to the Apostleship of the Sea to support their work. It is a day of remembrance, celebration and prayer. Please be as generous as you can.

- **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.

- **CTAF — CHURCHES TOGETHER OF AMPHILL AND FLITWICK**

CTAF breakfast meeting will take place on Saturday 8 July from 8.45 to 10.00 am. Light breakfast will be served. All welcome.

- **PARISH DAY**

Parish Day will take place on Sunday 10 September at 10.00 am followed by refreshments. More information to follow. Please

OTHER NOTICES

- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Please remember in your prayers children of our parish who on 1 July, for the first time, will receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

- **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/>

- **THE WELL**

Michelle Moran is speaking at the Well meeting on 4 July from 7.15 pm to 9.15 pm at the **Parish Centre, St. John the Apostle Church**, 296 Sundon Park Road, Luton LU3 3AL. Michelle is a passionate evangelist who Pope Francis asked to work closely with him for a number of years.

- **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. A full programme is displayed on the notice board in the porch. It is also available on the diocesan website. Please collect the leaflet from the church.

- **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.

- **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.

- **TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC**

At St. Mary's Church Woburn Sands in aid of the School of Joy in Bethlehem. It will take place on **Saturday 15 July at 1.00 pm**. Please see the poster in the porch.

- **MEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND WITH FR. EAMON MULCAHY**

It will take place from 14 to 16 July. All rooms ensuite at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. Book online at www.harvesters.org.uk. For more information call Gerald on 07736 714 000.

MASS OFFERINGS

Standing orders are £860.00 weekly

The first collection was £298.50 and the second collection for the Mission Appeal was £467.60

Thank you very much for your generosity

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