



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 FROM FR. JERRY

Theme: *Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart*

Jesus reveals to humanity God, the Father who is gentle and humble in heart. In the Gospel reading for this weekend, we hear Jesus blessing the Father for revealing the mysteries or the secrets of the kingdom to the simple people and hiding them from the learned and the clever. Saint Matthews emphasises that it is Jesus who reveals the Father to those who, with childlike faith, accept humbly Christ and his teachings. Jesus Christ is the exclusive revelation of the Father because he said YES to the Father's will.

Jesus reveals the Father not only as being a creator, but he is an eternally Father in relation to his only Son, who is eternally Son only in relation to his Father. Hence, Jesus says, *no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him (CCC#240)*. In Christ's whole earthly life-his words and deeds, his silences, and sufferings and indeed his manner of being and speaking is a revelation of the Father.

God the Father always reveals himself to the simple people, childlike people and people who are ready to receive him and do his will. Because our Lord became man in order to do his Father's will, even the least characteristics of his mysteries manifest God's love among us (CCC#516). Also, Jesus invites us to find shelter in him. One must find rest in Jesus before attempting to obey the laws as Jesus explains it. We are to shoulder his yoke and learn from him. The 'Yoke' refers to Jesus' approach to interpreting the law. If one does not accept Jesus' interpretation of the law and be a lifelong learner of him, the keeping of the law will become quite a burden or bondage. The yoke of Jesus is easy for those who trust in his teaching. His commandments are not difficult. Jesus Christ is the fullest interpretation and expression of God's law. May the celebration of the Eucharist purify our hearts and minds to see the fullness of the Father's love in Jesus Christ.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY INSIGHT

Our assembly takes place on Saturday! Join us for live-streamed opening and closing sessions, and look out for the feedback coming to every parish afterwards. Find the programme and link to the livestream here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/assembly/>.

'You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation'

1 Peter 2:9

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 8 July	5.00 pm	John Heredia, Recently Deceased, RIP
Sunday 9 July	9.00 am	Special Intentions
Sunday 9 July	11.00 am	Hugh Davies and Family
Tuesday 11 July	9.30 pm	Dino Michele Lionetti, Recently Deceased, RIP
Wednesday 12 July	9.30 am	Intentions of Klara Eves on Her Birthday
Thursday 13 July	9.30 am	Thomas Leahy, RIP
Friday 14 July	10.00 am	People of the Parish



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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

- **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.

- **BLESSING FOR THE DELEGATES**

This Saturday and Sunday Father Jerry will bless the delegates who will represent us at the Diocesan Assembly on 15 July. Please keep them in your prayers.

- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024**

If you have a child who will be in Year 3 or above this September and you would like them to prepare for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, please email **Kath Greenwood**

catechist.sacredheartflitwick@northamptondiocese.org to register your interest and to be kept up-to date with details about the application process.

- **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 save the date for the diary.

OTHER NOTICES

- **FUNERAL OF MICHAEL JOHN DALY**

We are sad to announce the passing of our parishioner, Michael John Daly. The funeral service will take place on Tuesday 18 July 2023 at 11.00 am at Sacred Heart Flitwick. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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

- **THOMAS BECKET FESTIVAL—FEAST OF TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS**

It will take place **from 7 till 10 July** at **Northampton Cathedral**. The full programme is available on the noticeboard in the porch.

- **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.

- **ASSEMBLY WEBINARS**

We are mid-way through our assembly webinar series and they have really felt like grace-filled conversations of contested topics. You can find recordings of the past three here:

Webinar 1: Women's ministry <https://youtu.be/QSylAvZiY6c>

Webinar 2: Life of priest <https://youtu.be/JoR8QlXK2jE>

Webinar 3: Finances for mission <https://youtu.be/h63CsLFxGHk>

Next Monday night our webinar is on **Reaching the Peripheries with Deacon Jim Hannigan and Fr. Kevin O'Driscoll**. You can sign up here for the link https://assembly_webinars.eventbrite.co.uk.

- **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 £267.90

The second collection for the Mission Appeal was £ 502.560

Peter's Pence Collection was £342.30

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