



### 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:** There in their presence, Christ was transfigured.

The solemnity of the transfiguration of the Lord is one of the solemn moments where the voice of the Father designates Jesus as his 'beloved Son'. Before this solemn moment, Jesus had predicted his own suffering, death and resurrection. So, by this time he was on the way to the Cross. But before the final journey to the Cross, he had to make certain that it was indeed God's will that he should go to the Cross. Jesus went up Mount Hermon to ask God; he went up to the mountain to listen for the voice of God.

The transfiguration of Jesus took place on a high mountain before Peter, James and John – three witnesses chosen by himself. On this high mountain, Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appeared, speaking of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. In Jewish literature, these two figures, Moses and Elijah always stood for certain things. Moses was the greatest of all the lawgivers. He was supremely and uniquely the man who brought God's law to men. Elijah was the greatest of all the prophets. In him, the voice of God spoke to men with unique directness. A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: 'this is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him' (CCC#554). Jesus calls himself the 'only Son of God' and this title affirms his eternal pre-existence (CCC#444).

The transfiguration of the Lord reflects Christ's divinity in an extraordinary way. Just as at his baptism, the voice of his Father was heard calling Christ his 'beloved Son'. We have Moses and Elijah both encountering God on a holy mountain, Mountain Sinai and Mountain Horeb respectively, and representing the law and the prophets, Christ at the centre of the three indicates he is the centre of all revelation.

The transfiguration of the Lord is a spiritual journey of Jesus on the mountain. This spiritual encounter prepares him for the way to cross and death in Calvary. It was the experience on the Mount of Transfiguration that enabled Jesus confidently to walk the way to the cross.

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 15 AUGUST

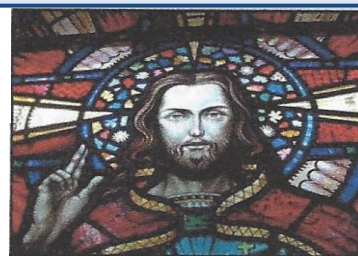
Tuesday, 15 August is the Feast of the Assumption and a holy day obligation.  
Mass will be held at 9.30 am followed by the rosary.

### CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR AUGUST THOSE WHO SUFFER PERSECUTION

We pray for all those who suffer persecution. Almighty God, who has taught us through your Son, Jesus Christ, that those who follow him may be persecuted; strengthen, comfort and encourage all those who suffer harassment, violence, imprisonment and even death, for being followers of Jesus. Amen.

### This Week's Masses

Saturday, 5 August	5.00 pm	Stephen O'Sullivan, RIP
Sunday, 6 August	9.00 am	Special Intentions
Sunday, 6 August	11.00 am	Peace in Our World
Tuesday, 8 August	9.30 am	<i>Feast of St Dominic</i> Private Intentions
Wednesday, 9 August	9.30 am	<i>Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i> Private Intentions
Thursday, 10 August	9.30 am	<i>Feast of St Lawrence</i> People of the Parish
Friday, 11 August	10.00 am	<i>Feast of St Clare</i> Private Intentions



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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. Contact Suzanne while Aggie is on leave at [smyates47@gmail.com](mailto:smyates47@gmail.com)

## DIARY DATES

### † **SECOND COLLECTION – 12 and 13 August**

The Sunday, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to be joyous in proclaiming the faith – seeking new ways of understanding the faith and reaching out to others. All money raised helps spread the faith in our diocese. Please be as generous as you can.

### † **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 [catechlst.sacredheartflitwick@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:catechlst.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 [catechlst.sacredheartflitwick@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:catechlst.sacredheartflitwick@northamptondiocese.org). More details are in the letter on the noticeboard.

### † **PARISH DAY**

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

### † **PARISH RETREAT**

This will be held on 30 September at Buckden Towers. The theme of the day is Tasting from the Carmelite Spring. It will be led by Deacon Philip. Flyers are available at the back of the church. To attend fill out booking form on the back and return to Suzanne or leave in the sacristy.

### † **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

This will be held after 10.00 am Mass on Friday, 29 September. More information to come.

## OTHER NOTICES

### † **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.

### † **LEAVE**

Aggie is on leave until 7 August if you have any queries please contact Suzanne on [smyates47@gmail.com](mailto:smyates47@gmail.com)

### † **REMINDER**

There will be no children's liturgy at 11.00 am Mass during August.

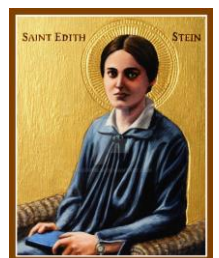
### **Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross – 9 August**

She was born into a practising Jewish family. She had a distinguished career as a philosopher and received a doctorate at the University of Freiburg, but her academic career was impeded because she was a woman.

Reading the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila brought about her conversion to Catholicism and she was baptised on 1 January 1922. She taught at a Dominican girls' school and studied Catholic philosophy. She became a lecturer at the Institute for Pedagogy at Münster but was thrown out of her post in 1933 as a result of the Nazi régime's anti-Semitic legislation.

She entered a Carmelite monastery in Cologne and took the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Her order moved her to The Netherlands to keep her safe from the growing Nazi threat. While a Carmelite she wrote an important philosophical book, seeking to combine the phenomenology of her former teacher Edmund Husserl with the philosophy of Aquinas she also wrote on St John of the Cross.

On 20 July 1942 the Dutch Bishops' Conference had a statement read in all churches condemning Nazi racism. In retaliation the authorities ordered the arrest of all Jewish converts to Christianity. Teresa Benedicta was taken to Auschwitz and killed on 9 August 1942.



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