



### 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: **The faith of Peter was tested...Jesus said why do you doubt?**

The Christian way of life is based on Reason and Faith. Since there is an irresistible desire for truth, only a harmonious relationship between faith and reason can show the correct path to God and to self-fulfilment.

The Gospel reading narrates a Faith journey of Peter towards Jesus on the sea. Rationally Peter as a fisherman may not be afraid of the sea water, 'but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and he began to sink', he needed supernatural strength, that is faith. One would think and expect that the disciples, having seen the demonstration of Jesus' power in the multiplication of loaves and fish, would have been confident that Jesus would surely save them from the fury of the storm. Unfortunately, they believed in their own fears and often had their doubts about Jesus Christ. The Church teaches that even though we are enlightened by Christ in whom we believe, faith is often lived in darkness and can be put to the test. The world we live in often seems very far from the one promised us by faith. Our experience of evil and suffering, injustice and death, seem to contradict the Good News. These situations shake our faith (CCC#164).

Although Jesus Christ is always with us, we sometimes think he is far away from us. He is with us to save us. In a most mysterious way, God the Father has revealed his almighty power in the voluntary humiliation and Resurrection of his Son, by which he conquered evil (CCC#272). Like the disciples, we tend to forget or misunderstand the significance of Jesus' power in our lives which makes us inclined to believe in our own fears than in the power and the promises of Jesus.

Jesus invites us to be focused on him alone and not on 'the strong winds of life' like our weakness, which will surely frighten us. Nothing is more apt to confirm our faith and hope than holding it fixed in our minds that nothing is impossible with God. Once our reason has grasped the idea of God's almighty power, it will quickly and without any hesitation admit everything that the CREED will afterwards propose for us to believe even if they are far above the ordinary laws of nature (CCC#274). When we seem to be overwhelmed by the storms of life such as frequent unexplained sadness, killing, climate change or panic, we are to call out to Jesus as Peter did! 'Lord, save me'. May we come to believe in Jesus Christ that he is closer to us than we can imagine.

### THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday, 12 August	5.00 pm	Tomasz Kapitan who is very ill and Ela Kapitan
Sunday, 13 August	9.00 am	Jane Nolan, RIP
Sunday, 13 August	11.00 am	Les Reilly, 2nd Anniversary, RIP
Tuesday, 15 August	9.30 am	<b>Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by the rosary.</b> Casilda Lobo, RIP
Wednesday, 16 August	9.30 am	Kathleen Ballantine, Recently Deceased, RIP
Thursday, 17 August	9.30 am	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday, 18 August	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

- **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 — TASTING FROM THE CARMELITE SPRING**

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.

- **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](mailto: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](mailto:catechist.sacredheartflitwick@northamptondiocese.org). More details are in the letter on the

- **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.

- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

There will be no children's liturgy in August. The last children's liturgy will take place on Sunday 30 July.

### ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE—14 AUGUST

He was born on 8 January 1894 in occupied Poland: he joined the Franciscans in Lwów in 1910, and was ordained eight years later, as his country became free and independent for the first time in over 120 years. He believed that the world was passing through a time of intense spiritual crisis, and that Christians must fight for the world's salvation with all the means of modern communication. He founded a newspaper and a sodality called the Knights of Mary Immaculate, which spread widely both in Poland and abroad. In 1927 he founded a community, a 'city of Mary,' at Teresin: centred round the Franciscan friary, it attracted many lay people and became self-supporting, publishing many periodicals and running its own radio station.

In 1930 he went to Japan, studied Buddhism and Shintoism, and through the Japanese edition of his newspaper spread the Christian message in a way that was in harmony with Japanese culture. In Nagasaki, he set up a 'Garden of the Immaculate,' which survived the atomic bomb. He also travelled to Malabar and to Moscow, but was recalled to Poland in 1936 for reasons of health. When the Germans invaded in 1939, the community at Teresin sheltered thousands of refugees, most of them Jews.

In 1941 he was arrested and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz, where he helped and succoured the inmates. In August of that year a prisoner escaped and in reprisal the authorities were choosing ten people to die by starvation. One of the men had a family and Maximilian Kolbe offered to take his place. The offer was accepted and he spent his last days comforting his fellow prisoners. The man he saved was present at his canonisation.

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