



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: Jesus said, woman, you have a great faith

Everyone is called to enter the Kingdom (CCC#543). God is not anyone's personal exclusive property. He is the God of all the world, both Christians and non-Christians. Everyone can have an exclusive encounter when we have faith. The healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter suggests an openness in love, filial boldness and respect for people of other faiths and the effect of a persisting faith.

When the woman heard that Jesus had come to her town, her heart must have leapt in anticipation. As she approached him – presumably with a mixture of desperation and hope – she cried out: 'Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; a demon seriously possesses my daughter' (Matt.15:22). When Jesus told her that she had been sent 'only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel' (Matt. 15:24), she persisted on in her faith: 'Lord, help me ... even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.' Jesus rewarded the woman's persistent faith. Jesus was struck with admiration at the great faith of the Canaanite woman. Such is the power of faith and of prayer that does not doubt. It confirms the statement of the Church that all things are possible to him who believes' (CCC#2610).

The faith of the woman demonstrates the mission of the Church which is Catholic because Christ has sent her out on a mission to the whole of humanity, especially those who consider themselves as outsiders or on a periphery (CCC#831). They will all receive the blessings of Yahweh, the God of Israel. God's power and promises are not limited to his chosen people. They are available to all who, following their conscience, seek him differently. May the love of God in us overcome all the human barriers of hatred, colour and gender.

On Saturday 19 August it is Fr. Jerry's 17th Ordination Anniversary. There will be Mass at 10.00 am. Everyone is welcome.
In the porch there will be a commemorative book that was sent to us by St Theresa of the Child Jesus Society. You are invited to write your wishes to Fr. Jerry.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday, 19 August	10.00 am	Fr. Jerry's Priestly Anniversary Mass
Saturday, 19 August	5.00 pm	Ann Hamilton. Recently Deceased, RIP
Sunday, 20 August	9.00 am	Ann O'Keefe, Anniversary, RIP
Sunday, 20 August	11.00 am	John Lynch, RIP
Tuesday, 22 August	9.30 am	Private intentions
Wednesday, 23 August	9.30 am	The Keeble and the Kapitan Family
Thursday, 24 August	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Friday, 25 August	10.00 am	The Fabi Family



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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 POSTPONED**

Unfortunately, we need to postpone our Parish Day till further notice. Sincere apologies. Masses on 10 September will take place at the usual times, 9.00 am and 11.00 am.

- **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. Spaces are filling fast!

- **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

- **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

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

- **MARCH FOR LIFE**

March For Life UK takes place in London on Saturday 2 September. The day begins with Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30 am. More information can be found here <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/2023-annual-event-page/>

OTHER NOTICES

- **FUNERAL OF ANN HAMILTON**

We are sad to announce the passing of our parishioner, Ann Hamilton. Please remember Ann in your prayers.

All our sympathy and prayers go to Ann's family, particularly to Adrian Hamilton.

The funeral will take place in September. More details to follow.

- **MAGGIE BRADBURY**

We are grateful to the late Maggie Bradbury who was thoughtful enough to leave a bequest for us in her will. Her family have planted a small rose bush in the garden at the front of church with a small plaque in her memory.

- **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.

St Rose of Lima (1586-1617)

She was born in Lima, in Peru. She lived a life of selflessness and devotion from an early age. She refused to marry and became a Dominican tertiary at the age of 20. Her asceticism and her intense spiritual experiences excited the criticism of her friends and family and the suspicion of the Church authorities. She cared for the sick, the poor, Indians and slaves. She was the first person in the Americas to be canonised and is a patron saint of South America.

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MASS OFFERINGS

Standing orders are £860.00 weekly

The collection was £291.20

The second collection for Evangelii Gaudium was £132.30

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