



### 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: ***Peter said, You are Christ, the Son of the living God***

Peter's acknowledgement of Jesus as the Messiah marks a turning point in the ministry of Jesus Christ. This is an indispensable truth of the faith revealed to him by the Father through the Holy Spirit. The incomprehensible wisdom of God revealed to Peter the divine identity of Jesus Christ. Indeed, today most people suffer from an identity crisis.

Jesus Christ concentrated on instructing his disciples in private about the implications of his identity and how it influenced his mission. To seek answers from the disciples, Jesus asked, 'Who do say I am?'. Peter answered Jesus' second question about his identity with an emphatic affirmation of his messiahship: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God'. Our Lord then declared to him, 'You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church, the gates of Hades will not prevail against it'. Christ, the 'living stone' assures his Church, built on Peter, of victory over the powers of death. Because of the faith he confessed, Peter will remain the unshakeable rock of the Church. The mission of Peter will be to keep this faith from every lapse and to strengthen his brothers (CCC#552). Jesus identifies Peter as the rock on which he will build his Church, the new assembly of the people of God.

Jesus then invests Peter, together with the other disciples with considerable authority. The power of 'the keys' designates authority to govern the house of God, the Church. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, confirmed this mandate after his Resurrection. He said to Peter, 'Feed my sheep'. The power to bind and loose connotes the authority to absolve sins, to pronounce doctrinal judgements, and to make disciplinary decisions in the Church (CCC#553). Therefore, the office of binding and losing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of apostles united to its head. Today in the Church, Pope Francis, the successor of Peter, shares in the ultimate authority of Jesus Christ in the world. The College of Bishops in unity with the Pope continues to bind and loose on earth that shall be considered bound in heaven (CCC# 881).

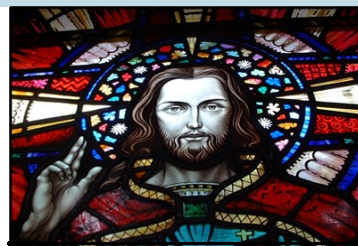
May the faith of the Church that overcomes every power of death bring us to encounter Jesus Christ in one another.

### CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR AUGUST PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

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, 26 August	5.00 pm	David McConnachie, Who Is Unwell
Sunday, 27 August	9.00 am	Special Intentions
Sunday, 27 August	11.00 am	Mary Cecilia Henry, RIP
Tuesday, 29 August	7.30 pm	Private intentions
Wednesday, 30 August	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Thursday, 31 August	9.30 am	No Mass
Friday, 1 September	10.00 am 10.30 - 11.30 am	Sick of the Parish Eucharistic Adoration



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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 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.

- **SVP APPEAL**

The weekend of **Sunday 17 September** will see the annual parish SVP appeal. The SVP aims to help and befriend those in need. Next week, on **2 and 3 September** their annual report will be published prior to the appeal. Envelopes for giving and permitting gift aid will be attached to our report and also available in church. The money raised at this appeal is used to help those who come to the SVP for help with problems during the year and to support their work overseas - all of which is described in the report. **Please be as generous as you can be to support the SVP, both in prayer and financial giving. Thanks in advance.**

- **CAFOD LIVESIMPLY AWARD**

Sacred Heart parish registered for the Cafod LiveSimply Award in 2020 and parishioners made their pledges to live simply, in solidarity with people in poverty and sustainably with creation. We are now relaunching our parish pledges to 'Live Simply', after all masses on **2 and 3 September**. **Pledge cards** will be available to complete and display on the noticeboard. More information about the award can be found online <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/livesimply-award>

- **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 whom you would like 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).

- **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

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

## OTHER NOTICES

- **FUNERAL OF ANN HAMILTON**

The Funeral Mass for Ann Hamilton will take place at **Sacred Heart Flitwick on Thursday 7 September at 1.30 pm**. **All our sympathy and prayers go to Ann's family, particularly to Adrian Hamilton.**

- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy for children aged 4 to 7 will resume on **Sunday 3 September at 11 am Mass**.

### Passage of Time

Last April, one of the parish's longest-serving diocesan employees retired at the age of 76. Suzanne Yates was parish secretary and pastoral administrator from 2012 until 2023; this period includes the five very demanding years when there was no parish priest. As thanks for this, parishioners kindly made a generous collection for her and she has been wondering what to do with it. Now, she has chosen something rather beautiful that chimes well with the passage of her time with Sacred Heart: a lovely armillary sphere sundial on an obelisk of Portland stone. It stands in her front garden and if you are passing 25 Glebe Road, Amptill, please look out for it. Suzanne thanks you all again and has said that on her own final passing, it will be willed to Sacred Heart, which has given so much to her spiritual life. *(Words and photo by husband, Chris.)*



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Standing orders are **£860.00**  
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The collection was **£215.10**  
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