



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: 'For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

In the Gospel reading, there is concern for achieving unity. Christ wants to be in a Church where there is unity. The unity of the pilgrim Church is assured by visible bonds of communion like the profession of one faith received from the Apostles: the common celebration of divine worship, especially of the sacraments and the apostolic succession through the sacrament of Holy Orders, maintaining the fraternal concord of God's family (CCC#815).

Unity in the Church involves the whole Christ faithful and the clergy alike. But we must realise that this holy objective transcends human power and gifts (CCC#822). Jesus Christ offers practical advice about dealing with sin or challenges threatening the unity of the Christian community. During his public life, Jesus not only forgave sins but also made plain the effect of his forgiveness. He reintegrated forgiven sinners into the community of the people of God from which sin had alienated or even excluded them (CCC#1443). This fraternal correction aims to win back a brother or a sister into the community. Christ gave authority to the Christian community to reconcile sinners with the Church after his resurrection. Therefore, a Christian community motivated by love must encourage unity among its members especially those who feel like strangers.

Another aspect of fraternal correction is the readiness to love one another. Christ encourages the faithful to intervene for a member of the community who is obstinate in breaking the moral law. It is an act of charity to help those who have strayed from the truth in matters of faith or morals, this must always be done with prudence and kindness.

Despite the challenges associated with those offenders who refuse to listen or obey the norms of the Church, who are sometimes made to be separated from the Church there is a communion of the Holy Trinity which is the source and criterion of truth in every relationship lived out in prayer, and above all in the Eucharist (CCC#2845).

The authority of our blessed Lord to the apostles 'to bind and loose' was now extended to the leaders of the Church through the sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation. The emphasis of this fraternal correction is aimed at encouraging persons to return to the community those who have strayed rather than affect any disciplinary action on them. Fraternal correction must always spring from the wellspring of agape love.

May the common celebration of divine worship, especially the Holy Eucharist unite us together in perfect harmony.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER - THE WORK OF THE SVP

Lord, please bless the society and its members and all for whom they care. Protect and guide them in their work, grant them energy and wisdom in their dealings with those in need and inspire others to join the Society so that its membership will grow in the years ahead. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday, 9 September	5.00 pm	Betty Mahony, Birthday Anniversary, RIP
Sunday, 10 September	9.00 am	Salome Dede, RIP
Sunday, 10 September	11.00 am	Rita and Bill Haygood, RIP On Their 71 Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday, 12 September	9.30 am	Brian Page, Recently Deceased, RIP
Wednesday, 13 September	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Thursday, 14 September	9.30 pm	No Mass
Friday, 15 September	10.00 am	Brian Page, Recently Deceased, RIP



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PRAYER LINE

Please ring 01525 643 186.

SVP

Members provide help to
anyone in need. Tel.
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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

- **SVP APPEAL**

The weekend of **Sunday 16 and 17 September** will see the annual parish SVP appeal. The SVP aims to help and befriend those in need. 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. **If you wish to make a donation please bring back your envelopes on 16 and 17 September. Please be as generous as you can to support the SVP, both in prayer and financial giving. Thanks in advance.**

We are always looking for new members. Please contact Maureen Graham on malcolmgraham1@ntlworld.com if you are interested.

- **COME AND SEE**

For the details of dates and times contact **Debbie Lewis on 07944 792 776.**

- **MOTHERS' PRAYERS**

Mothers' Prayers will meet on **Friday 22 September after the 10.00 am Mass.**

Now is a good time to join us after our summer break. You are very welcome to come and have a coffee with us and sit in for the meeting. We thank Our Lord for many answers to our prayers for our children and families.

- **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!**

- **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

This will be held on **Friday 29 September straight after 10.00 am Mass.**

This year we have three wonderful prizes and tickets are now available after Mass this weekend. Tickets are £1 each and £5 for a strip.

Please see Suzanne if you can help on the day. If you have something we could add to a tombola table this will be much appreciated.



OTHER NOTICES

- **FUNERAL OF BRIAN PAGE**

We are sad to announce the passing of our parishioner Brian Page. His funeral will take place at Sacred Heart Flitwick on **Tuesday 26 September at 1.00 pm.** Our sympathy and prayers go to Brian's family.

- **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 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.

- **KNOCK PILGRIMAGES (ADVERT)**

Escorted pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 16 October 2023. Cost — £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

LIVE SIMPLY AWARD

Have you completed your pledges? Here are three suggestions you might like to adopt:

- Challenge yourself to making time for silence in your day and in Mass.
- Have a meat - free day every week.
- Bring old printer cartridges to church and place them in the new recycling box.



MASS OFFERINGS

Standing orders are £860.00 weekly

The collection was £285

Thank you very much for your generosity

Finance Committee