

Sacred Heart Flitwick

25 Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 September 2023



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 Landowner said, why be envious because I am generous?'

In the parable of the labourers in the vineyard, the master was not wicked to those who were hired first but was generous to those who were hired last. This parable demonstrates how the goodness and mercy of God is the same for those who respond to his figuratively at the 'eleventh hour', as it is for those who have been with him from the beginning. The generosity of our blessed Lord resembles the generous master in the parable. This parable teaches God's generosity in blessing others, for God's love for each of us is infinite and specially tailored to our needs. Our good works are not a means of earning salvation but a response to his invitation to do his will, God's grace and faithfulness. On the contrary, during the time of Jesus, there was an attitude of entitlement and the perception that God owes us salvation after we have done our 'good works' like a child who thinks his father 'owes' her money for every job done. Ultimately, every Christian who responds to the Grace of God is made righteous by God and receives the fullness of eternal life (CCC#2008).

The divine name, 'I AM' expresses God's faithfulness. Despite the faithlessness of men's sin and the punishment it deserves, he keeps 'steadfast love for thousands.' By going so far as to give up his own Son for us, God reveals that he is 'rich in Mercy'. By giving his life to free us from sin, Jesus reveals that he bears the divine name (CCC#211).

The celebration of the Eucharist is the celebration of the generous love of God in Jesus Christ. No any human standard could measure this generous love of God. It is incalculable and beyond human reckoning. We are reminded that God does not owe salvation to anyone. None of us deserves anything from God; God is not indebted to anyone for any good thing done. Everything we have and receive from God, including life and salvation, is a gift graciously bestowed on us. May the generosity of Jesus inspire us to embrace divine redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our lives.

PARISH FIRST AIDERS APPEAL

We would like to ask if there are any qualified first aiders in our parish who are willing to be a named first aider at the Mass they attend. If you are willing to make yourself known, could you please contact **Aggie Keeble** on parish.sacredheartflitwick@northamptondiocese.org. This is a new initiative by the Diocese of Northampton. Thank you in advance for your help.

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, 23 September	5.00 pm	Ann Hamilton, Recently Deceased, RIP
Sunday, 24 September	9.00 am	Rita Atwill
Sunday, 25 September	11.00 am	William Haygood, 95th Birthday Anniversary, RIP
Tuesday, 26 September	1.00 pm	Requiem Mass for Brian Page
Wednesday, 27 September	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Thursday, 28 September	9.30 pm	No Mass (Mass at School in Bedford)
Friday, 29 September	10.00 am	Brian Page, Recently Deceased, RIP



PRIEST IN CHARGE

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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 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. **There are a couple of spaces left** so please contact Suzanne on smyates47@gmail.com

- **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. **Last chance to get tickets this weekend.**

Please see Suzanne if you can help on the day. If you have something we could add to a tombola table, could you please bring it by 27 September. Thank you.



- **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL 7 AND 8 OCTOBER**

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need.

The envelopes for our parish collection will be available next weekend on 30 September and 1 October or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk



OTHER NOTICES

- **FUNERAL OF BRIAN PAGE**

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

- **FUNERAL OF MARY VINE**

We are sad to announce the passing of our parishioner, Mary Vine. The funeral service will take place at Sacred Heart Flitwick on **Wednesday 4 October at 2.00 pm**. Our sympathy and prayers go to Mary's family.

- **COMMISSIONING OF NEW CHAPLAIN**

Our parishioner Helen Burgess will be commissioned as a new **Lead Chaplain** at the University of Bedfordshire. The commissioning will take place on **24 October at 6.00 pm** in St Mary's Catholic Church in Luton, LU1 3JF. Bishop David will be in attendance. Everybody is welcome!

- **SAFEGUARDING**

As our diocese continues to respond to the call of Pope Francis to be a synodal Church, our diocesan safeguarding office would like to invite you to a morning reflecting on the impact of Church-related abuse and how we, as a community can respond. Join them at **Holy Ghost Catholic Church Parish Centre in Luton, LU48JD** on Saturday **14 October from 10.30 am till 1.00 pm**. It is intended that opportunities for synodal listening will be offered in other locations throughout our diocese in 2024. Email safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org or call **07833 050628** for further details.

- **200 CLUB**

Here are 200 Club winners for September: **1st - Dee Brady, 2nd - Paula Bates, 3rd - Siobhan Campbell. Congratulations!**

- **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**

The annual Mass for married couples will take place on **Saturday 30 September at 12.00 pm at Northampton Cathedral**. Bishop David will celebrate Mass and give his pastoral blessings to those couples celebrating significant milestones.

- **CELEBRATING OUR RICHES**

Bishop David will celebrate **Mass on 4 November at Holy Ghost Luton from 12.00 pm** followed by lunch finishing at 3.00 pm. The day is titled, 'Celebrating our Riches'. It is a time of celebrating our oneness in diversity and provides the opportunity to experience and learn more about our different cultures. It is hoped that the diversity of our diocese will be represented. **All are welcome.**

- **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

MASS OFFERINGS

Standing orders are **£860.00 weekly**

The collection was **£244**

The SVP collection was **£1400**

Thank you very much for your generosity

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