

# Sacred Heart Flitwick

## 28 Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 October 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: Go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding

We enter another week of parables by which Jesus invites everyone into the Kingdom of Heaven. The invitation to a wedding banquet is one of the favourite images used to describe the joy associated with God's Kingdom established by Jesus Christ. The king in the gospel was disappointed with the invited guests because they were uninterested in attending the wedding feast. So, he sends the servants to go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding. In fact, everyone is called to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. It is first announced to the children of Israel, then to the poor and the lowly. These are those who have a humble heart because they were declared blessed, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (CCC#544). Through the parables, Jesus invites people to the feast of the Kingdom, especially sinners, for he came not to call the righteous but sinners. He invites them to that conversion without which one cannot enter the kingdom but shows them in word and deed his Father's boundless mercy for them (CCC#545).

Also, the parable's message is our preparedness to accept God's invitation to the wedding banquet. Whenever the Church celebrates the Eucharist, the Messianic banquet, she remembers this promise, I shall not drink again of his fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom and turns her gaze to him who is to come (CCC#1403). The invitation of Jesus to the Eucharist is to everyone, bad and good alike. In the past, Jesus has invited sinners like us into his kingdom. He invited prodigal children and transformed them into profitable saints.

May the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice transform us to become what we celebrate.

### CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR OCTOBER — PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come so that we may have life to the full; listen to our prayers for all in prison and their families, touched by your Spirit; may they find newness of heart and be open to that new life that is found only in you. Amen.

### ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the holy rosary as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on 7 October. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the rosary. We will be praying a decade of the rosary throughout October, 15 minutes before each Mass.



### THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday, 14 October	5.00 pm	Liam Doran, Recently Deceased, RIP <i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Sunday, 15 October	9.00 am	Special Intentions
Sunday, 15 October	11.00 am	Peter Kurian, Thanksgiving
Tuesday, 17 October	9.30 am	<b>No Mass</b>
Wednesday, 18 October	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Communion <i>St Luke Evangelist</i>
Thursday, 19 October	9.30 pm	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday, 20 October	10.00 am	Service of the Word with Communion



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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

- **MISSIO SUNDAY**  
Next Sunday is **World Mission Sunday**, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for World Mission. **Please support Missio** in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. **Envelopes are available in church and in the porch. Could you please bring them back next week on 21 and 22 October. Thank you for your generosity. If you would like a Red Missio Box to have at home please contact Pat King on 01525 402598.**
- **COME AND SEE**  
We will meet in church on **Wednesday 18 October at 7.30 pm**. Please contact Debbie **07944 792 776**.
- **MOTHERS' PRAYERS**  
Will meet after the Service Of the Word with Communion on **Friday 20 October**. Ring Sue Barley **01525 634186** for information.
- **SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOE BOX APPEAL**  
Please return the boxes **by 5 November**. Thank you for your generosity.
- **TEA AND COFFEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
We are looking for **volunteers** who could help with **serving tea and coffee on Sunday after 11.00 am Mass** and from time to time help out with catering during various church events. We would be very grateful if you could join us. Please contact **Rose** for more details on **rose.horne@hotmail.com**
- **NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN— BOOK CLUB**  
The next meeting of the National Board of Catholic Women Book Group will be on Wednesday 18 October at 7.30pm on Zoom. Details from **helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org**. We will be beginning a new book *Women: Icons of Christ* by Phyllis Zagano. All welcome.
- **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 Parish Church in Luton, LU1 3JF. Bishop David will be in attendance. **Everybody is welcome!** RSVP **helen.burgess@beds.ac.uk**
- **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.
- **INSPIRING WOMEN WEBINAR**  
The National Board of Catholic Women invites you to a webinar on **Saturday 25 November 2023 from 11.00 am till 12.45**. Please see the poster in the porch for more detail. We will be meeting in the Canon Denis Room.
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
Join us for our men's breakfast event on Saturday **25 November from 10.00 am till 11 am**. Bacon sandwiches, conversation, friendship. Donation only £1. More detail to follow.

## OTHER NOTICES

- **REMEMBERING IN NOVEMBER**  
In November we take special care to remember those we have loved and cared for, but who have died. We recall them and celebrate their lives and the way they loved us, cared for us and taught us. **From next week**, you can use the slip, part of the leaflet available, to record the **names of your family and friends who you wish to be remembered in prayer throughout November**. Place the slip in the basket in the sanctuary, where it will remain throughout the month. All the names will be dedicated to our prayers at the **Mass of Commemoration of All Souls on 2 November**.
- **MEMORIAL MASSES FOR THE DEAD**  
It is traditional in the Church for families to request a **Mass for the deceased members of their families and for their deceased friends**. **Next week**, envelopes will be provided in church for you to include a list of their names and to place a Mass offering. The diocese suggests a gift of between £5.00 and £10.00, or as much as you can afford. These should be placed in the basket on the altar and Aggie will then arrange Mass for the Intentions listed.
- **THANK YOU FROM CAFOD**  
**Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal**. Together, we are supporting local experts like Dr Nasha in Pakistan to get help to families and communities when they need it most. It's not too late to give online at **cafod.org.uk**

### MASS OFFERINGS

Standing orders are £860.00 weekly  
The collection was £ 307.70  
Thank you very much for your generosity  
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### BAPTISM

Sebastian James Francis, son of Helen and Paul, was baptised on Sunday 8 October at Sacred Heart Flitwick. We ask the parish to pray for Sebastian and his family. We wish them all God's blessings on their journey of faith.