



### 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

Theme: Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God the things that are God's. In the Gospel reading, there seems to be a confrontation between religion and the state. Caesar represents the state while Jesus represents religion. The Pharisees were against paying taxes to the Roman authorities but the Herodians, who supported King Herod paid taxes. If Jesus were to favour the payment of taxes, he would be acknowledging the emperor as the Lord and then he would be an 'enemy' of the Pharisees. However, if Jesus opposes the payment of tax, the Herodians might charge him with treason. It seems this is a trap for Jesus. Jesus' answer, 'Give back to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's' tacitly sets God over against Caesar. The authority of God is different from the authority of Caesar. The Church teaches that authority is exercised legitimately only when it seeks the common good of the people and if it employs morally licit means to attain it (CCC#1903). Therefore, those subject to authority should regard those in authority as representatives of God, who has made them stewards of his gifts. Only by worshipping God alone can one obey Caesar without becoming his slave. The answer of Jesus amazes his interrogators; he has proven to be exactly what they insincerely affirmed him to be at the beginning of the Gospel; 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way...'. As we celebrate this sacrifice of the Mass, may we be loyal to the things of God in our lives.



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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.

### 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, 21 October	5.00 pm	Evelyn Kehoe, RIP <i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Sunday, 22 October	9.00 am	Mary Cecelia Pease, Recently Deceased, RIP <i>St John Paul II</i>
Sunday, 22 October	11.00 am	Kevin and Maud Sexton, RIP
Tuesday, 24 October	9.30 am	People of the Parish <i>St Antony Mary Claret, Bishop</i>
Wednesday, 25 October	9.30 am	Peggie Commons, RIP
Thursday, 26 October	9.30 pm	<b>No Mass</b> <i>Saints Chad and Cedd, Bishops</i>
Friday, 27 October	10.00 am	Mary Swiney, Recently Deceased, RIP

### MASS OFFERINGS

Standing orders are £860.00 weekly  
The collection was £253.20  
Thank you very much for your generosity  
Finance Committee

## DIARY DATES

- **SVP COFFEE MORNING**

On Friday 20 October the SVP will hold a coffee morning in Flitwick Village Hall from 9.00 am till 12.00 am. Everyone is welcome!

- **MISSIO SUNDAY**

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries who bring love and hope of Jesus to situations of extreme poverty and injustice. Please pray for the missions and give what you can. Thank you for your generosity. If you would like a Red Missio Box to have at home, please contact Pat King on 01525 402598.

- **SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOE BOX APPEAL**

Please return the boxes by 5 November. Thank you for your generosity.

- **ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS**

Wednesday, 1 November is All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass at 10.00 am and 7.00 pm (to be confirmed). On 2 November - All Souls, there will be Mass at 9.30 am followed by prayers at the cemeteries in Flitwick and Ampthill.

- **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](mailto:rose.horne@hotmail.com)

- **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](mailto:helen.burgess@beds.ac.uk)

- **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. The theme of the meeting is Men and the Word of God Now and Then. Donation only £1.

- **TWENTY FOUR HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

On Thursday 7 December there will be 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration. More details 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 this weekend, 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. 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. We raised £974. 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](http://cafod.org.uk)

### FAMILIA MUNDI

Join us for Familia Mundi, an empowering event for young Catholic families. A joint initiative of the parish and Jesus Youth.

On 5 November, from 12.45 pm to 6.30 pm at Sacred Heart Flitwick, we invite families with young children to join us.

This extraordinary day features **Ciro Candia, Head Teacher at Oakwood School** and a devoted husband and father of seven. **Ciro's** wealth of knowledge as an educator, a member of Opus Dei and the founder of 'Pro Parenting', make him the perfect guide to provide insights and practical tools to strengthen sacramental bonds and raise children who can answer the call to become saints of this new millennium. During the event, we will provide activities for children. The day's agenda includes inspiring talks, discussions, worship, and, most importantly, opportunities for couples to deepen their bonds and faith. Furthermore, we will conclude the day with a quiet reflection before the Blessed Sacrament.

Our dream is to hold Familia Mundi events every three to four months over the next year, and we look forward to the journey ahead. Stay tuned for future dates in '24. Join us for this enriching experience, and let's come together as a Familia Mundi, a global family with a shared mission, to nurture the bonds of faith and family in our communities. For further details, please contact **Abhy Thomas** on [abhythomas@gmail.com](mailto:abhythomas@gmail.com) or 07966127961.