

# Sacred Heart Flitwick

## 30 Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 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

You Must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

Our Gospel reading today is the fusion of two Old Testament texts: the love of God (Duet. 6:5) and the love of neighbours (Lev. 19:18). The Catechesis on Love begins with our understanding of the Ten Commandments and the Law of the Old Testament. Jesus' response to the pharisee must be interpreted in the light of the Decalogue. The decalogue must be interpreted considering this twofold yet single commandment of love. The gift of the commandments is the gift of God himself and his holy will. In making his will known God reveals himself to his people (CCC#2059).

The Church teaches that the law has not been abolished but rather, humanity is invited to rediscover it in the person of Jesus Christ who is its perfect fulfilment (CCC#2053). Jesus acknowledged the Ten Commandments, but he also showed the power of the Spirit at work in their letter (CCC#2054).

The novelty in these two commandments is that one cannot be practised without the other. The Ten Commandments state what is required in the love of God and love of neighbour. The first three concern the love of God and the other seven is the love of neighbour (CCC#2067). To transgress one commandment is to infringe all the others. One cannot honour another person without blessing God his creator. One cannot adore God without loving all men and women, his creatures. The commandment brings humanity's religious and social life into unity (CCC#2069). Love of God necessarily implies love of neighbour and there can be no true love of neighbours without any reference to God. Jesus affirms that every detail of the Law and our lives depend on the love of God and our neighbour. The Ten Commandments belong to God's revelation. At the same time, they teach us the true humanity of man. They bring to light the essential duties, and therefore, indirectly, the fundamental rights inherent in the human person (CCC#2070).

To understand this, we must ask God to teach us what love is and is not. God teaches us what love is in his son Jesus Christ, especially in the celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass. His birth, earthly ministry, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus will forever be the paradigm of love for us.

### THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday, 28 October	5.00 pm	People of the Parish <i>Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>
Sunday, 29 October	9.00 am	Special Intentions
Sunday, 29 October	11.00 am	Cassie Gallagher, RIP
Tuesday, 31 October	9.30 am	Private Intentions
Wednesday, 1 November	10.00 am	All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, 2 November	9.30 pm	All Souls, Mass Followed by Prayers at the Cemeteries in Flitwick and Ampthill
Friday, 3 November	10.00 am	Deceased Rincon, Cardenas, Rodrigues, Hernandez, Rayes and Restrepo Family and Friends <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>



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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

- **ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS**

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

- **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

It will take place on Friday 3 November after 10.00 am Mass.

- **MOTHERS' PRAYERS**

We will meet on Friday **3 November after 10.00 am Mass**. Ring Sue Barley 01525 634186 for information.

- **SEWING GROUP**

We will meet on **Monday 6 November from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm**. For details, phone Hilary Brennan on 01525 717 919

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

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

- **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 pm**.

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.

- **ADVENT CONVERSATIONS 2023**

Please join us as we make a four week personal retreat through Advent with the female Doctors of the Church, Theresa of Lisieux, Teresa of Avila, Catherine of Siena and Hildegard of Bingen using the book ***Set the World on Fire***. Each week you will be immersed in one of these distinguished Doctors of the Church following the guidance of the author, **Vinita Hampton Wright**. To support each other in this retreat and join in conversation and reflection we plan to meet each **Friday for four weeks at 4.30pm** in the parish room at the back of the church. You will need to order your own copy of the book published by Ave Maria Press Notre Dame Indiana. It is available through a number of UK book suppliers. **The first meeting will be on Friday 24 November at 4.30pm**. I look forward to seeing you. Catherine Davies.

- **TWENTY- FOUR HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

On Thursday 7 December there will be twenty-four hour Eucharistic Adoration starting with Mass at **9.30 am**. More details to follow.

## OTHER NOTICES

- **OCTOBER 200 CLUB WINNERS**

**1st - Una McAlinden, 2nd - Margaret Koish, 3rd - Kathleen Map. Congratulations!**

- **MISSIO**

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all people. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to **mission.org.uk**.

- **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.

## 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 or 07966127961**.

## MASS OFFERINGS

Standing orders are **£860.00 weekly**

The collection was **£247.30**

The second collection for Missio was **£267.70**

Thank you very much for your generosity

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