



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: Finally, the landowner sent his son to the vineyard.

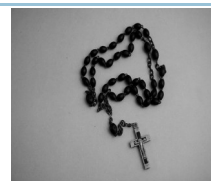
This is another parable from Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ uses the parable of the wicked tenants and the vineyard to demonstrate God's relationship with his people. God is the owner of the vineyard, and his prophets are the servants sent to warn the labourers. The maltreatment of the prophets is well attested in the Old Testament, for example, Jeremiah.

The vineyard is Jerusalem, the tenants are the religious leaders. When they refused to listen to the prophets, God sent his son. As the tenants sought to get rid of the son and the heir, the chief priests were planning to get rid of Jesus. Since Israel rejects Jesus as the Messiah, the Kingdom of God will be taken from them and handed to the Gentiles who will yield a good harvest. Jesus Christ was rejected by the builders, who became the cornerstone upon which his church was built and remains solid and united through the authority and ministry of the Apostles and their successors.

The Church is a cultivated field, the tillage of God. On that land, the ancient olive tree grows whose holy roots were the prophets and in which the reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles has been brought about again. That land, like a choice vineyard, has been planted by the heavenly cultivator. Yet the true vine is Christ who gives life and fruitfulness to the branches, that is to us (CCC#756). The resurrection of the one whom they will cast out and kill, will be a turning point that will lead us to the kingdom after being taken away from the religious leaders, and given to a people who will produce the fruits of it. We need the gifts of the Holy Spirit to produce the fruits of the moral life. The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make us docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit (CCC#1830). When Jesus Christ comes to us what kind of fruits will he see in our life? Can Jesus Christ expect the kind of fruits that the Church will describe as charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity (CCC#1832)? May the Sacrifice of the Mass transform us into what we consume.

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, 7 October	5.00 pm	Mary Vine, Recently Deceased, RIP <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
Sunday, 8 October	9.00 am	Special Intentions
Sunday, 8 October	11.00 am	Karen Saralli
Tuesday, 10 October	9.30 am	No Mass
Wednesday, 11 October	9.30 am	No Mass
Thursday, 12 October	9.30 pm	No Mass
Friday, 13 October	10.00 am	Con and John Herlihy, Anniversary, RIP <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>



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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

- **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 can be returned after Mass.

You can donate online at cafod.org.uk or use this QR code. Thank you.



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

Operation Child Christmas is back. **Shoe Boxes** will be available **after Mass on Saturday 30 September, Sunday 1 October** and over the next few weeks. **They need to be returned by 4 and 5 November.** This year we are asking for a **donation of £1** towards a box. Please speak to Harriet Olds if you have any questions or go to <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> for more information.

- **DIOCESAN MASS FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES, THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS**

Bishop David will be celebrating Mass for those with disabilities and additional needs, their families and their carers on **Sunday 8 October in the cathedral at 3.00 pm** with refreshments in the Cathedral Centre afterwards.

- **FINDING NEW LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Seminars begin on Thursday 12 October for six weeks at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall, Our Lady of Christians, Castle Street, Luton, LU1 3AG. If you wish to book, call –1582 519 333.

- **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

- **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

A big **thank you** to everyone who helped at MacMillan Coffee Morning by baking, selling, making coffee etc. We made **£701.37** and the prize winners were: **1st - Tom Brennan, 2nd - Siobhan Campbell and 3rd - Sue Norman.**

- **THE SVP**

Thank you so much for your generous donations. **We raised £1,522 in total.** The SVP are running a coffee and cake morning at Flitwick Village Hall on **20 October from 9.00 till 12.00 am**. Everyone is welcome.

- **SAFEGUARDING COMMUNICATIONS**

Within our diocesan safeguarding structures, the healing and reconciliation group is focussed entirely on representing the voice of survivors and reaching out to those who have been hurt by abuse. As a diocese we are particularly keen to encourage membership from those who have lived experience of abuse. We value your insight and would like to be able to listen, hear and act upon your advice to help improve our response to those who have been hurt by abuse. To make further enquiries please contact safeguarding office on **01604723514** or safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org

MASS OFFERINGS

Standing orders are **£860.00 weekly**

The collection was **£232.00**

Thank you very much for your generosity

Finance Committee