

# Sacred Heart Flitwick

## 32 Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 November 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: Stay awake, because you do not know the day or the hour!

The pace of our contemporary world makes us have little time to ponder on Christ's second return at the end of time. We seem to be consumed by daily events to the extent that we forget that there is death and judgement, which are facts of the Christian journey. This parable reminds us that we must be waiting and watchful for the second coming of Christ, therefore we will need to be ready to greet him when he comes in glory. The image of a bridegroom or spouse is often used as a metaphor to describe the relationship between Christ and his Church(CCC#672).

The parable of the ten bridesmaids reminds us to reflect on our preparedness to meet the Lord when he comes again. Our Christian life could be compared to the life of the ten bridesmaids with many expectations about the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Are we ready to meet the Lord? Can we associate ourselves with the five wise bridesmaids who took flasks of oil for their lamps, in preparation for the great wedding feast? Or can we associate with the five foolish bridesmaids who took no oil with them and were consequently refused entry?

Will Christ find us ready with enough flasks of oil when he comes again? The flask of oil may signify our prayer life or a gift or our talent in this life. May our gifts or talents sustain our sense of waiting for the second coming of Jesus Christ.

### MEMORIAL MASS 24 NOVEMBER AT 10.00 AM

On Friday 24 November, at 10.00 am there will be a memorial Mass for those who passed away last year and whose funerals took place at Sacred Heart. We would like to invite the families, friends and all the parishioners to this Mass.

### CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER - ALL WHO HAVE DIED

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday 11 November	5.00 pm	Deceased McGrath, McDonald, Campbell, Grant, Wallace, Noonan, Sheely and Ryan Families and Friends
Sunday 12 November	9.00 am	Special Intentions; Deceased Filed, Carter, Perkins and Myres Families and Friends; Brendan Killian, RIP
Sunday 12 November	11.00 am	Deceased Crehan Family; Deirdre Kelly, RIP; Deceased Brophy, Doddy and Byrne Families
Tuesday 14 November	7.00 pm	Alan Westbury Who is Having an Operation; Paul O'Toole, RIP;
Wednesday 15 November	9.30 am	Deceased Crehan and Ford Families and Friends; Deceased Francis and Harmer Families and Friends. Matthew and Eileen Halton, RIP Kathleen, Phil and Tasha Watson, RIP;
Thursday 16 November	9.30 pm	No Mass
Friday 17 November	10.00 am	Deceased Nwaekulewu, Anyinugwo, Edembe, Egbune, Afoekwe, Ezeokafor, Ezembe, Eze and Ozoemene Families and Friends; Deceased O'Keefe Family and Friends



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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

- **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Christmas cards will be available for purchase after each Mass for three weekends: **18/19 November, 25/26 November and 2/3 December**; After these dates, the cards will be left for those who still wish to purchase them until Wednesday 20 December. Cash and card will be accepted.

- **COME AND SEE**

We will meet on **Wednesday 16 November at 7.30 pm**. Contact Debbie on 07944 792 776.

- **MOTHERS' PRAYERS**

We will meet on **Friday 17 November after 10.00 am Mass**. Ring Sue Barley 01525 634186 for information.

- **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 18/19 NOVEMBER**

On 19 November we will be celebrating Safeguarding Sunday. 'Safeguarding in our community is the responsibility of us all. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger. It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased. If you are in any role within our Church, you must refer allegations directly to our diocesan safeguarding office, or directly to the police.

- **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 9.30 am till 11.00 am**. The theme of the meeting is **Men and the Word of God Now and Then**. Donation only £1.

- **ADVENT CONVERSATIONS 2023**

**'Set the World on Fire', a personal four week retreat with the Female Doctors of the Church**

I am looking forward to seeing you on **Friday 24 November at 4.30 pm** for the first meeting.

For our conversation you will need to have completed Prayer Week 1 St Theresa of Lisieux. Information on how to use the book is on page 4. We will end our session with the Friday evening prayer.

- **CAFOD ISRAELI - PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL**

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli—Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency. Thank you for your prayers.

- **24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

On **Thursday 7 December** there will be **twenty-four-hour Advent Eucharistic Adoration for Peace in the Family** starting with Mass at **9.30 am** and finishing with Mass at **10.00 am** the following day. Please sign the sheet in the porch if you would like to register for a particular slot.

## OTHER NOTICES

- **FUNERAL OF HETTY FLITTON**

We are sad to announce the passing of our parishioner, **Hetty Flitton**. The funeral will take place on **Thursday 16 November at 11.00 am** at **Sacred Heart in Luton**. Our sympathy and prayers go to Hetty's family.

- **CARITAS NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

I know we have a lot being asked of us at the moment, but the diocese is looking for some new items to give to disadvantaged children in the diocese. If you have anything to give please leave them at the church in the box from **next week throughout November**; I will pack them in the bags and the diocese will collect them. **Suggested gift ideas:** chocolates, shortbread, luxury biscuits, selection boxes, games and toys, puzzles, dolls, craft sets, action toys, fidget toys, balls, playing cards, family games, activities, board games, winter clothing (scarves, gloves, socks and blankets). Nail varnish, hand cream, toiletries, colouring books, crayons, pens, notebooks, stationery set, books, playing cards, make-up, hair accessories, hairbrush, crayons, pens, notebooks, stationery set, Christmas crackers, Christmas lights, Christmas activities games, toiletry gift packs, Play Doh. **Thank you for your generosity.**

- **EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

In case of fire or other emergency that requires the church to be evacuated, people will be directed to leave the church via the identified fire exit through the main entrance porch or via the identified single door fire exit in the corner at the back of the church. Persons should assemble on the grass verge at the entrance to Pope Close, on the left opposite the garage. To ensure that there is free access for emergency services, parishioners are requested not to leave the car park in their vehicles until directed. The parish priest or other person who is in charge, so far as it is safe to do so, should ensure that all persons have left the building, including those requiring assistance due to their disability. The fire extinguishers located in entrance foyer, kitchen and in the main body of the church should be used if it is safe to do so and then by competent persons. Do not take any undue risks. Do not attempt to re-enter buildings until you are directed to do so.

We are happy to announce that our two parishioners, **Klara Eves** and **Suzanne Yates** will be decorated with a **Benemerenti medal, a Papal award** given to members of clergy and laity for service to the Catholic Church. There will be a special Mass in our church on **17 December at 11.00 am** with **Bishop David**. **Congratulations!**

### MASS OFFERINGS

Standing orders are **£860.00** weekly

The collection was **£ 265.60**

Thank you very much for your generosity

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