

# Sacred Heart Flitwick

## The Solemnity of Christ the King

26 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: When the Son of Man comes in his glory, he will take his seat on his throne of Glory.

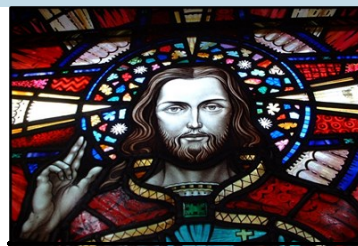
The Solemnity of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year. As the year ends, we are reminded about the end of time when Christ will come again to judge humanity. Jesus Christ is Lord of the cosmos and of history. In him, human history and all creation are 'set forth' and transcendentally fulfilled (CCC#668). On this solemn day, the Church celebrates World Youth Day. The day is to celebrate the role of young people in the Church, to pray for them and to encourage young people to deepen their relationship with Jesus and explore various opportunities within the Church. Pope Francis encourages young people to reflect on the virtue of HOPE... 'Rejoicing in hope'! (ROM 12:12).

The Gospel reading invites us to use our imagination to capture a scene, where Jesus Christ, the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, and then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. Matthew presents a summary of Christ's earthly ministry and teaches us how to care for one another especially those who need our care most. Some of us have the character of a sheep, where we could move out of our self-centeredness in order to respond with love and care for the needy while others have the character of a goat, who does not have the openness to receive God's overflowing gift of love. They are too concerned with their welfare, their status and prestige.

During the celebration of the sacred Mass, we reflect on how Jesus has cared for us in the eucharist through his body and blood, soul, and divinity. May we celebrate what we have become and become what we celebrate.

### THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday 25 November	5.00 pm	Deceased Baronak, Imirsek, Russel and Atkins Families; Deceased Dawson, Sheppard, Rolleston, Savage Families and Friends
Sunday 26 November	9.00 am	Hetty Flitton, Recently Deceased Kenand Vers Roocroft, RIP Deceased Lawlor and Roocroft Families
Sunday 26 November	11.00 am	Deceased Spillane, Tooley and Hopkins Families; Deceased Zamudio, Sanchez, Laverde, Moreno and Gallagher Families
Tuesday 28 November	9.30 am	Deceased Walpole and O'Brien Families; Deceased McCann, Flaherty, Donohue, Ryan, Curran, Hanley and Thompson Families
Wednesday 29 November	9.30 am	Deceased Gallagher, Clifford, Keane, Sexton, Trodden, Callery, McGrory, Brehony, Smart, Carolan, Milligan and Kelly Families and Friends
Thursday 30 November	9.30 pm	John Glavin, RIP; Deceased O'Brien Family Deceased Robinson, Davis, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Evans, Gabriel and Kirwan Families and Friends
Friday 1 December	10.00 am	People of the Parish <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</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

- **SEWING GROUP**  
The sewing group will meet on Monday 4 December at 2.00 pm. For details, phone Hilary Brennan on 01525 717 919
- **MOTHERS' PRAYERS**  
Will meet after Mass on 8 December. Ring Sue Barley 01525 634186 for information.
- **CHRISTMAS CARDS**  
Christmas cards will be available for purchase after each Mass for three weekends: **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.
- **DIVINE MERCY**  
Divine Mercy will be prayed **every Friday at 3.00 pm at Sacred Heart Flitwick**. We would like to invite all the parishioners and we are planning to extend our invitation to other parishes.
- **SVP GIVING TREE**  
The SVP Advent Giving Tree returns. The Tree is invisible but the people we seek to support are very real— even if we all sometimes pretend they are invisible too. They are the Homeless & Rootless and this year we are adding women and children fleeing domestic abuse. We will send your gifts to SMART in Bedford and NOAH in Luton again who work with the Homeless & Rootless and Bedford Women's Refuge (for women and Children fleeing domestic abuse). The items we are seeking are much the same as usual: socks, gloves and hats, men's pants, ladies knickers, shower gel, liquid soap, soap, shampoo, disposable razors and foam, deodorant for men and women, toothbrushes and toothpaste, small bars of chocolate and sweets. Basic items rather than expensive are appreciated just as much and small quantities rather than large are more useful to the users. There will be collection boxes for your gifts at the church on the weekends of **2 and 3 December and 9 and 10 December**. We thank you for your past generosity and hope for more this year for our neighbours on the edges of our society.
- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
On Friday 1 December after 10.00 am Mass there will be Eucharistic Adoration.
- **BEDFORDSHIRE PASTORAL AREA MEETING**  
On Wednesday 29 November at 7.30 pm there will be a Bedford Pastoral Area Annual General Meeting at **Sacred Heart in Leighton Buzzard**. It is open to everyone.
- **ADVENT CONVERSATIONS 2023**  
Next sessions will take place on **Friday 24 November and 1 December at 4.30 pm**.
- **NEW FACEBOOK PAGE**  
Please follow us on our new Facebook page which can be found at **flitwick.sacred.heart**. We will post all the updates regarding Masses, services and events.
- **24-HOUR EUCCHARISTIC 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.
- **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**  
Tickets for the Christmas raffle are on sale after all Masses, **starting on Sunday 26 November at a £1 a ticket**. The sale will continue till 17 December. The raffle will be drawn at the **Carols on 17 December**. There are four prizes.



## OTHER NOTICES

- **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 by 1 December. **Thank you for your generosity.**
- **CAFOD WORLD GIFT -WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**  
If you are stuck for ideas about a present for friend or relative, you might like to consider CAFOD World Gifts. The idea is to send a virtual present which will help someone in need in the developing world. There are many gifts to choose from. You can pick up a card at the back of the church or find details online at [worldgifts.cafod.org.uk](http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk). **The deadline is 14 December.**

**MASS OFFERINGS**  
**Standing orders are £860.00 weekly**  
**The collection was £204.80**  
**Thank you very much for your generosity**  
**Finance Committee**