

# Sacred Heart Flitwick

## Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

28 January 2024



### 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: ... and with authority behind it he gives orders even to unclean spirit.

The Gospel reading speaks about the authority and power invested in Jesus Christ. While Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on a Sabbath day, he performed a miracle. This made a deep impression on the audience because, unlike the scribes, he teaches and acts with authority. Why does Jesus work many wonders and mighty works? The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him. These mighty works and wonders invite belief in him. They are supposed to strengthen faith in the one who does his Father's works. These miracles are to bear witness that Jesus is the Son of God. However, his miracles can also be occasions for 'offence' because people might want to satisfy their emotional or sentimental curiosity. They are not intended to satisfy people's curiosity or desire for magic (CCC#548).

Jesus consciously accompanies his words with many 'mighty works and wonders and signs', which manifests that the kingdom is present in him and that he was the promised Messiah (CCC#547). The authority of Jesus Christ flows from the Father, the one who anoints him and the Holy Spirit, who is anointing. The coming of the kingdom is attested by the working of miracles by Jesus through the power of exorcism. This warfare between Jesus and Satan, between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of evil, is meant to strengthen our faith.

The Church teaches that the coming of God's kingdom means the defeat of Satan's kingdom (CCC#550). The evil spirit knows who Jesus is and already anticipates the imminent destruction of their kingdom of evil: 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God'. Jesus enjoins the evil spirit to be silent because the full revelation of the Holy One of God has not yet come. The people of Capernaum were so amazed by the power of God through the Good News.

At every liturgy of the Word, the church reminds us of the deep teachings of Sacred Scripture through the three readings and invites us to encounter a personal miracle in the liturgy of the Eucharist.

### RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

God of light and truth, you call all men and women to live lives of holiness and justice. Help us to see in one another: a heart which is tender, a mind which is humble and a care for our brothers and sisters; so that together we may build up the Body of Christ as a sign of hope and mercy for all. We make this prayer through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday 27 January	10.00 am	Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion Mass Private Intentions
Saturday 27 January	5.00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 28 January	9.00 am	Intentions of Ciara Gallagher
Sunday 28 January	11.00 am	Hugo Gallagher, Recently Deceased, RIP
Tuesday 30 January	9.30 am	Peace in the World
Wednesday 31 January	9.30 am	Tom Childs, RIP <i>St John Bosco</i>
Thursday 1 February	9.30 am	Private Intentions
Friday 2 February	10.00 am	The Sick in the Parish <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> <i>Adoration 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.  
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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

- **SEWING GROUP**

The sewing group will meet on **5 February from 2.00 pm**. For details, phone Hilary Brennan on 01525 717 919

- **MOTHERS' PRAYERS**

We shall be meeting on **9 February after 10.00 am Mass**. Ring Sue Barley 01525 634186 for information.

- **ANNUAL QUIET DAY**

Annual Quiet Day will take place on **Saturday 10 February from 10.00 am till 3.00 pm** at Sacred Heart Flitwick. We will be reflecting on the Luminous Mysteries of the rosary.

- **LUX WEEKEND**

Lux is a residential for young people organised by our diocesan youth ministry team, **NYMO**. From the evening of Friday **9 February till afternoon of Sunday 11 February**, those in Years 7-13, will gather in Northampton. The cost for the weekend is £125 pp and this includes all programme activities, all meals and accommodation. Transport to and from the venue is not included. For more information visit <https://nymo.org/lux-dive/> or email [info@nymo.org](mailto:info@nymo.org)

- **BIG LENT WALK — CAFOD**

**CAFOD** are inviting us to walk a total of **200 km during the 40 days of Lent**. You can do this in your own time, with as much as you like on any one day. Those who have done it before find it motivating, and they feel better for it! You can see full details and sign up on the website: [walk.cafod.org.uk](http://walk.cafod.org.uk)

- **LENTEN CONVERSATIONS 2024 — HAPPY AND BLESSED**

You are invited to join our Lenten conversations using a book by **John Cox based on the Beatitudes**

**Session 1: Short meeting to introduce the course and handout the course books**

**Session 2: The Beatitudes**

**Session 3: Blessed are the poor and the meek**

**Session 4: Those who mourn and those who are hungry and thirsty**

**Session 5: The merciful and the pure in heart**

**Session 6: The peacemakers and the persecuted**

We meet each Friday in the parish resource room at 4.30 pm to reflect on the chapter of the book we have been asked to read and share our thoughts on the discussion questions.

The first meeting is on **16 February**. Please sign up for the Lenten Conversation. Simply email

**catherinedavies2010@icloud.com**. I will order the course book for you. You are invited to make a donation to contribute to the cost of the book of £5.00.

## OTHER NOTICES

- **YEAR OF PRAYER**

Pope Francis has launched a Year of Prayer in the Church, starting on 21 January 2024. It will be 'a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in one's personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world.'

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you would like to join the **reading team** please contact Aggie on [parish.sacredheartflitwick@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.sacredheartflitwick@northamptondiocese.org). If you would like to join the **live-streaming team** please contact Suzanne Yates on [smyates47@gmail.com](mailto:smyates47@gmail.com).

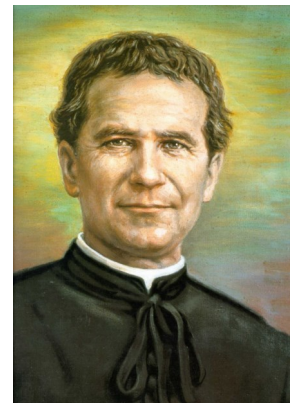
- **SVP VOLUNTEERS**

The SVP is an international Catholic group which tackles poverty by direct and practical help to anybody in need. If you would like to make a difference and be a part of our SVP team, please contact **Maureen on 01525 873830**.

### **ST JOHN BOSCO**

John Melchior Bosco, popularly known as Don Bosco, was an Italian priest, educator, writer and saint of the 19th century. While working in Turin, where the population suffered many of the ill effects of industrialisation and urbanisation, he dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents and other disadvantaged youth. He developed teaching methods based on love rather than punishment, a method that became known as the Salesian Preventive System. A follower of the spirituality and philosophy of St Francis de Sales, Bosco was a devotee of the Virgin Mary under the title Mary Help of Christians. He later dedicated his works to de Sales when he founded the Salesians of Don Bosco, based in Turin. Together with Maria Domenica Mazzarello, he founded the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, now commonly known as the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco, a religious congregation of nuns dedicated to the care and education of poor girls. Fr Bosco died on 31 January 1888. Pope Pius XI declared him blessed in 1929. St John Bosco was canonised on Easter Sunday, 1934. He is the patron saint of apprentices, editors and publishers, schoolchildren, magicians and juvenile delinquents.

Adapted from Wikipedia and <https://www.catholic.org/saints>



### **MASS OFFERINGS**

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