Sacred Heart Flitwick

2nd Sunday after the Nativity

4 January 2026

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: 'But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God'

The Christmas season is still with us because the celebration extends beyond 25 December, encompassing a season of joy and reflection on the profound mystery of the Incarnation. The Incarnation is when the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, always bringing good news, yet it never diminishes the reality of our suffering.

The Gospel of John (1:1-18) reflects on the newborn child, King of the World, at Christmas, and promises to make us all children of God. Saint John reminds us in these words … 'But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.' Jesus Christ is the Son of God the father in his divinity and we become the children by grace. The redemption he merited through his sacrifice on the cross has made it possible for us to participate in his divine sonship; therefore, as children of God, we call upon God as 'our Father.' Through baptism, we are incorporated into the mystical body of Christ and become adopted children of God. The Church encourages us to believe in Jesus Christ because he is himself God, the Word made flesh. Also, because he has seen the Father, the only one who knows him and can reveal him (CCC #152). For this reason, the Apostles confess Jesus Christ to be the Word.

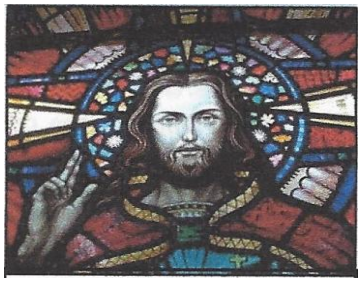
At Christmas, we celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ because he himself is God, the Word made flesh. He is the image of the invisible God and the radiance of the glory of God and the very stamp of his nature (CCC#241). We believe and confess that Jesus of Nazareth, born a Jew of the daughter of Israel at Bethlehem, is the eternal Son of God made man (CCC#432).

The purpose of the Incarnation is that the Son of God assumed a human nature to accomplish our salvation (CCC#461). The Word became flesh serves as our model of holiness and righteousness (CCC#459). Jesus Christ's way of life has influenced many people around the world, especially human rights activists. In one of Mahatma Gandhi's quotes, he said, 'I like your Christ, but not your Christianity.' May the mystery of Christmas give us the intellectual courage and spiritual depth to enrich our human

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR JANUARY — CHRISTIAN UNITY, RACIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 3 January	5.00 pm	Tom and Bernadette Smith, and Pene and Melia Tupou, RIP
Sunday 4 January	9.00 am	Brenda Towland, RIP
Sunday 4 January	11.00 am	Intentions of Suzanne Yates on her Birthday
Tuesday 6 January	**9.30 am**	Intentions of the Barley Family **The Epiphany of the Lord**
Tuesday 6 January	**7.00 pm**	Intentions of Michelle Smiley, Alistair, Zac, Eloise and Jacob Body **The Epiphany of the Lord**
Wednesday 7 January	9.30 am	Thanksgiving Mass *St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*
Thursday 8 January	9.30 am	Tom and Bernadette Smith, and Pene and Melia Tupou, RIP
Friday 9 January	10.00 am	Thanksgiving Mass for Answered Prayers



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SVP
Members provide help to anyone in need. Please call Ann on 01462 239 268

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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Epiphany of the Lord will be celebrated on **Tuesday 6 January.** This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held **at 9.30 am and 7.00 pm.** We look forward to welcoming you.

COME AND SEE

We will gather on **Tuesday 20 January, after the 7.00 pm Mass in the parish room.** Please join us as we come together to pray and worship God.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

We shall be meeting on **Friday 9 and 23 January after 10.00 am Mass**. Ring Sue Barley 01525 634186 for information.

TEA, COFFEE AND CHAT

As part of our welcoming church, we are having tea and **coffee after Friday Mass, once a month**. We would love to see you. Perhaps invite a friend? So please join us on **16 January, 20 February and 20 March**. **For those who like a little company and chat, and the cake is back! All welcome**

OTHER NOTICES

LIVE SIMPLY JANUARY – SAVING ENERGY

I promise to turn the lights out when I leave my room and not leave things on 'standby'.
Reflection - God calls us to work together to look after our world and share what we have so that everyone has what they need. Building a better world is not just about having more money, it is about respecting yourself and others and becoming the best person you can be.

RETROUVAILLE

It helps marriages by bringing hope and healing to relationships. **Next date is 12 February 2026,** www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

REQUEST REGARDING PARKING

We kindly ask parishioners to park considerately when using the road, being mindful not to block residents' access. Please also avoid parking on pavements, so that pedestrians, wheelchair users and those with pushchairs can pass safely. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

BLESSING YOUR HOME



There is an ancient tradition of blessing Christian homes at Epiphany, asking God's blessing on all who live in the home in the coming year. We mark above the door in chalk **20+C+M+B+26**. This includes the year (2026) and the initials of the names given to the three wise people who brought gifts to Jesus in his first home: **C** for Caspar, **M** for Melchior, **B** for Balthasar. If you cannot write above your door, you might display the sheet somewhere in your home. The three initials, C-M-B, also stand for the three words of a Latin prayer. ***Christus Mansionem Benedicat*** **(May Christ bless this home).** The sheet is available at the back of the church.
Adapted from http://holyfamily.org

MASS OFFERINGS
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