Sacred Heart Flitwick

2nd Sunday of Lent

1 March 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: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

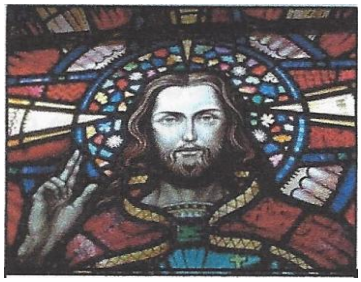
The Gospel reading on the Second Sunday of the Lenten Journey is about the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration on a high mountain. This encounter happened before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. During this encounter, we are reminded how Jesus' face and clothes became dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke about his departure, which was to take place at Jerusalem. A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen' (CCC#554).

The Transfiguration provides a preview of Christ's glorious return, when he will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body (CCC#556). As Jesus Christ revealed his glory to the inner circle of his disciples, Peter was so overjoyed and overwhelmed that he wanted to secure and hold onto his comfort zone and stay there forever: 'Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here'. Jesus Christ reminded them of the mission ahead, a mission that involved suffering and crucifixion. The Transfiguration of Christ aims to strengthen the apostles' faith in anticipation of his passion. The ascent onto the 'high mountain' foreshadows the journey to Calvary (CCC#568). We are often content and comfortable within our comfort zones and tend to find it difficult and sometimes painful to venture into the unknown. The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ invites us to leave our environment of comfort and security, like Abraham, and move into a territory chosen by God, even if it is unfamiliar and may sometimes involve suffering. Sometimes, personal circumstances remind us to accept the invitation of Christ, who has not called us to a life of ease but to a life of obedience. May Christ give us the courage to leave behind our comfort zones of sin and step into the unknown where grace and blessings await us.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR MARCH — PENITENTS AND WANDERERS, CANDIDATES FOR SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 28 February	5.00 pm	Martin Crow, RIP
Sunday 1 March	9.00 am	Tom, Bernadette, Noreen, Dave and Helen Smith, RIP
Sunday 1 March	11.00 am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 3 March	12.00 pm	Requiem Mass for Frances Veronica Kenny, RIP Preceded by Service at the Oakfield Crematorium at 11.00 am
Wednesday 4 March	9.30 am	Jim O'Hare, RIP
Thursday 5 March	9.30 am	Intentions of Epenisa and Eseta Latu
Friday 6 March	10.00 am	Anna Maguire, RIP The Sick in Our Parish *Stations of the Cross at 9.30 am* *Eucharistic Adoration after Mass*



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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

SEWING CLUB

The sewing group will meet on **Monday 2 March from 2.00 pm.** For details, phone Hilary Brennan on 01525717919

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

We shall be meeting on **13 and 27 March after 10.00 am Mass.** Ring Sue Barley 01525 634186 for information.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - I WILL GIVE YOU REST, COME

Please do give yourself the gift of rest and join us for either or both services. **They will be held on Friday 6 March at Ampthill Baptist Church at 10.30 am, and at St Peter and St Paul's Church in Flitwick at 7.00 pm.**

CAFOD FAST DAY

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at **cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. Cafod retiring collection is on 28 February and 1 March**.

MISSIO DIRECT DEBIT AND RED BOX HOLDERS

I will be collecting the contents of your Red Boxes at the beginning of each Mass on 28 February and 1 March. This will be the **last time** I shall be collecting from the Red Boxes as I shall retire at the end of the year**. I am looking for someone to take over from me.** If you feel you can do this, please contact Fr. Jerry or myself. **Thank you for all your support over the last 22 years when together we have sent over £50,000 to the Missions. Pat King.**

CTAF RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT SACRED HEART FLITWICK

You are warmly invited to an ecumenical service to reflect on life's journey with opportunity for individual prayer and **the sacrament of reconciliation on Tuesday 24 March 2026 at 7.30 pm** at Sacred Heart Flitwick.

LENTEN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

You are warmly invited to **Eucharistic Adoration led by the youth of our parish**. We will gather on **Saturday 7 March at 4.00 pm, before the evening Mass. Please join us in prayer.**

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will have 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration starting on Thursday 19 March after 9.30 am Mass.

OTHER NOTICES

LIVE SIMPLY MARCH – RAISING AWEARENESS OF FAIRTRADE

I promise to find out more about fairtrade and encourage my family to buy Fairtrade products. Reflection: you are not making a gift of what is yours to the poor person, but you are giving them back what is theirs. (St Ambrose)

FRANCES VERONICA KENNY, RIP

We are sad to announce the passing of our parishioner, Frances Veronica Kenny. Please remember Frances in your prayers. Our sympathy goes to her family and friends.

LOVE REJECTED, THE MERCY OF THE FATHER – WE DARE TO ASK

And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you (Genesis 17:7).

God's covenant with Noah brought his people hope. By the time we hear of the disaster of the Tower of Babel, God's people have turned away from their creator once again. God, however, continues to pursue the hearts of his beloved people. He called a man named Abram to gather his family and leave his homeland; to set himself apart from those worshipping pagan gods and he gives him a new name. Abraham found it difficult to surrender to God's will and he continually asked God for signs. God's response was to give Abraham a meaningful sign in the form of a covenant. God continues to pursue us today and makes a covenant with us at our baptism.

Taken from the booklet We Dare to Ask

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