Sacred Heart Flitwick

Palm Sunday

29 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.

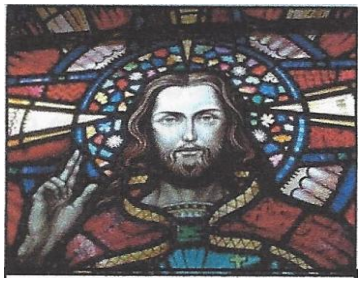
PARISH CATECHESIS FROM FR. JERRY

The Holy Week is the most sacred time of the liturgical year. It is the week 'set apart' from other weeks. It is a sacred time to commemorate the last days of Jesus' earthly life, leading up to the great Easter Feast. The holy week begins with the Palm Sunday celebration, which marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Jesus's entry into Jerusalem manifested the coming of the kingdom that the King-Messiah was going to accomplish by the Passover of his death and resurrection. It is with the celebration of that entry on Palm Sunday that the Church's liturgy solemnly opens Holy Week (CCC#560). The celebrations could begin with a procession, a solemn entrance or a simple entrance. The central feature of this day is the blessing of palms. The blessed palms are accompanied by a joyful, solemn entrance to the church. It is an entry made with a certain amount of joyful ceremony, after which the celebration of the Mass continues. The Gospel reading is based on the Passion of Jesus Christ, by three readers. The celebrations from Thursday through Friday to Saturday are called the sacred Triduum. In the sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen. On Holy Thursday, we re-enact the Lord's Last Supper, which He shared with his apostles on the night before His betrayal and arrest. This is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the entire liturgical year. At this Mass, the priest will wash the feet of twelve persons, just as Jesus did. Also on this night, Jesus instituted the Mass (Eucharist) and the ministerial priesthood. Ordained priests all over the world will renew their sacred vows. Later in the night, the opportunity is given to the Christian faithful to keep watch at the Eucharistic adoration. The Church reminds us to continue adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for a suitable length of time during the night. On Good Friday, we observe the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the only day in the year when Mass is not celebrated. A service is held at three o'clock in the afternoon (to observe the hour Christ is believed to have died) and continued with the veneration of the cross. We approach the Cross to show honour and respect for Christ's sacrifice. The Communion received has been reserved in the tabernacle. On this sacred day, the Paschal fast should be kept. Holy Saturday is a vigil Service. It is the mother of all vigils in the universal church. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Saviour. This was the day the crucified Christ went down into Hades to bring back up with Him into heaven those who had died before His resurrection. Up to this time, the gates to heaven were closed, and no one could go there because of the original sin. Also on this night, persons who have spent months preparing will be received through Baptism, holy Communion, and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. It is a joyous occasion. In summary, holy week is about God's unconditional love, Sacrifice, service and new life in Christ.

CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR APRIL — NEW MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 28 March	5.00 pm	Mary and Thomas Kerrigan, Anniversary, RIP Wendy Sheen, RIP
Sunday 29 March	9.00 am	Falakiko, Manusiu Mafi, Tom and Bernadette Smith, RIP
Sunday 29 March	11.00 am	Roman Jablonski, Recently Deceased, RIP Grieving Widow Wieslawa Jablonska
Monday 30 March	**9.30 am**	Private Intentions
Monday 30 March	**10.30 am**	**Funeral Service for Carol Manosperti**
Tuesday 31 March	**9.30 am**	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 1 April	9.30 am	Intentions of Mary Keating
EASTER TRIDUUM		
Thursday 2 April	**8.00 pm**	**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** Intentions of the Clergy
Friday 3 April	**3.00 pm**	**Good Friday Service**
Saturday 4 April	**8.30 pm**	**The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night** People of the Parish



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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

EASTER RAFFLE

Easter raffle tickets can be bought after each **Mass on Saturday and Sunday.** Proceeds will go to support **youth activities** in our parish. **The raffle will be drawn during Good Friday Children's Liturgy.**

EASTER OFFERING

This Easter season, we invite all parishioners to prayerfully support our priest through a special Easter Offering. Your generosity is a meaningful way to express gratitude for his spiritual guidance, dedication and service throughout the year. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and support.
'He is risen!' Alleluia!

HOLY PLACES COLLECTION

On Good Friday, there will be a retiring collection for the care of the Holy Places in Palestine. At the end of the service, we will leave the church in silence. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed after the service.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

On Good Friday at 3.00 pm, children will have the opportunity to take part in their own liturgy with the catechists in the Canon Denis Room. Places must be booked in advance. Booking forms are available in the porch. **Please complete the form (available from Kath) and return it by 29 March**.

CHRISM MASS

Chrism Mass in the Cathedral in Northampton is on **Wednesday 1 April at midday.**

CHURCH CLEANING BEFORE EASTER



We warmly invite you to join us in preparing our church for Easter celebrations. Your support makes a real difference in keeping our parish vibrant and welcoming. Our dedicated cleaning team works throughout the year to maintain our church, and we are grateful for those who have kindly lent a hand in the past. At Easter and Christmas, we come together for a spring clean and this year we'd love to see even more parishioners take part. Everyone's efforts, big or small, are invaluable. Please join us for our Easter cleaning event **on Wednesday 1 April at 7.00 pm.** All cleaning supplies will be provided. With ten people giving just 20 minutes, we can achieve so much together. Your help ensures our church remains a beautiful space for the Glory of God. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. We look forward to seeing you there!

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OTHER NOTICES

LIVE SIMPLY APRIL – READING MORE

I promise to find more about the lives of other children around the world. Reflection: Lack of education is as serious as a lack of food. Pope Paul VI, Populorum Progressio

OPERATION CHRISTMAS – THANK YOU

Thank you so much for partnering with us again last year with Operation Christmas Child. Our global total was announced with a staggering 12,200,900 shoeboxes being collected, 232,844 of those are from the UK donors! I have a story we would love for you to share with the church that demonstrates the impact of your shoeboxes and also a brilliant journey into the Amazon Jungle and impact shoeboxes are having there https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/peru/?utm_source=OCC25-Chapra-Peru-Content-Email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=m_YOCC-PERU&utm_content=peru-callout-box-mso-button

CAROL MANOSPERTI, RIP

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

Easter Triduum	
Maundy Thursday **2 April**	Morning Prayers (Lauds) at 9.00 am. **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** at **8.00 pm.** Eucharistic Adoration till 10.00 pm
Good Friday **3 April**	Morning Prayers (Lauds) at 9.00 am. Walk of Witness in Ampthill at 10.00 am **The Stations of the Cross at 2.15 pm.** **The Good Friday service at 3.00 pm followed by Divine Mercy**
Easter Vigil **4 April**	Morning Prayers (Lauds) at 9.00 am followed by Divine Mercy **Vigil Mass is at 8.30 pm.**
Easter Sunday **5 April**	**Mass will at 9.00 am and 11.00 am (Family Mass – live-streamed).**



MASS OFFERINGS
Standing orders are £860.00 weekly
The collection was £331.50
Thank you very much for your generosity