Sacred Heart Flitwick

5th Sunday of Easter

3 May 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: Jesus said, 'and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again…'

The Gospel reading is gradually bringing us to the end of the Easter season, as Jesus signals his physical departure from his disciples. Jesus makes many statements to show that he is about to return to the Father. He assures his disciples that he will prepare a place for them in heaven so that they will be with him in his Father's house. In his generosity, Christ offers them the gift of faith in the face of their cowardice, fear, disloyalty, and disillusionment. This faith enables them to be united to him through grace and in the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the same gift of faith that we received at our baptism. The Catechism reminds Christians of this gift of believing in God, which cannot be separated from believing in the One he sent, his beloved Son, in whom the Father is 'well pleased'. God tells us to listen to him because he has seen the Father. Jesus Christ is the only one who knows him and can reveal him (CCC#151).

Jesus' response to Thomas is worth reflecting upon. He tells Thomas and the other disciples that he is the way, the truth, and the life to the Father. Christ reminds them that the way to the Father is to know him and to live up to his teaching and example. There is no other way to understand the meaning of human life except through Jesus Christ. The vision of the Catechesis will always be about our encounter with the person of Jesus Christ, not a set of ideas to memorise (CCC #426). It is by looking to Jesus in faith that Christ's faithful can hope that he himself fulfils his promises in them and that, by loving him with the same love with which he has loved them, they may perform works in keeping with their dignity (CCC#1698). Jesus' response to Philip is 'to have seen me is to have seen the Father'. Jesus reminds them of the intimate relationship between the Father and the Son. He shares the same divinity, words, and works with God, the Father. Jesus has revealed to us all that we want to know, learn, or hear from the Father. In Jesus Christ, the Son, we see the true identity or revelation of God, the Father.

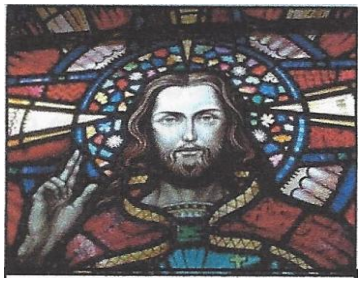
In his soul, as in his body, Christ thus humanly expresses the divine ways of the Trinity (CCC#470). This unique relationship validates Jesus' words and works. The words he has spoken are from the Father, and the works he has accomplished are the works of the Father. Those who believe in this unique relationship between the Father and the Son will be enabled to do works similar to the Son's and even greater works than he has done.

May the last days of Easter remind us to share the fruits of the paschal mysteries within us.

CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR MAY — THE RIGHT USE OF THE MEDIA, THE CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 2 May	5.00 pm	Alan Wright, RIP
Sunday 3 May	9.00 am	Jim Egan, 6th Anniversary, RIP
Sunday 3 May	11.00 am	David Petersen and Aaron Powditch, RIP
Tuesday 5 May	**7.00 pm**	Vika and Malila Ofahulu, RIP
Wednesday 6 May	9.30 am	Francie Lawrence Who Died in an Accident, RIP
Thursday 7 May	9.30 am	Vlas, Silvia and Michael Lakomy, RIP
Friday 8 May	10.00 am	Thanksgiving Mass for Blessings Received from the Hills Family Robert Hills, 9th Anniversary, RIP



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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

ROSARY AND NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

We will pray the rosary 30 minutes before Mass during the week and at the weekend. The Novena will begin on **15 May and continue through 23 May**, the day before Pentecost. The Novena prayers will be recited before each Mass.

MOTHERS'PRAYERS

We shall be meeting on **15 and 29 May after 10.00 am Mass.** Ring Sue Barley 01525 634186 for information.

TEA, COFFEE AND CHAT

You are welcome to join us for tea, coffee and chat after on **22 May, 19 June and 17 July.**

COME AND SEE

We will gather on Tuesday **19 May**, after the 7.00 pm Mass in the parish room. Please join us as we come together to pray and worship God.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

The Life in the Spirit seminars are returning in April, with sessions being held online to allow as many people as possible from the diocese to attend. The online sessions will be on **5, 12, 19 and 26 of May and 2 June**. There will be an in-person baptism in the Holy Spirit retreat day, which will be held at Our Lady, Help of Christians, in Chapel Langley, Luton on **23 May.** Here is the link **https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2026/**

CHRISTIAN AID — BIG BREAKFAST

Please come to Big Brekkie at Sacred Heart Flitwick to support Christian Aid. It will take place on **Saturday 16 May between** 9.00 am and 11.00 am in the Canon Denis room. All welcome, please book a half-hour time slot by emailing **ctaf2021@outlook.com**

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OTHER NOTICES

LIVE SIMPLY MAY – WALKING AND CYCLING MORE

I promise to walk shorter journeys than go by car. Reflection: Belonging to God's family brings us lots of rewards and means that we have a responsibility to look after each other.

REPOSITORY



In the parish room at the back of the church, we are fortunate to have a lovely repository offering a range of Mass cards for different occasions, along with other religious items. We warmly invite everyone to visit and make use of this special resource.

BAPTISM

Amelia, daughter of Ann-Marie and John, was baptised on Sunday 26 April at Sacred Heart Flitwick. We ask parish to pray for her and her family. We wish Amelia and her family all God's blessings on her journey of faith.

WHEELCHAIR

If you have a spare wheelchair that you would be willing to donate, we would be very grateful. Please email: **parish.sacredheartflitwick@northamptondiocese.org**

MAY – THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Rosary prayers initiative encourages people to call on her intercession for those in our society who are facing growing threats. Devotion to Mary in May dates back to the Middle Ages, but it took a more structured form in the 18 century, particularly through the Jesuits in Italy. The Jesuits recommended that students in their colleges dedicate the month to the Virgin Mary by reciting the rosary and performing acts of virtue. In Rome, the practice spread to families and parishes. Pope Pius VII made the tradition official, recommending that the faithful dedicate the entire month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Later, in the 19 century, Pope Pius IX and Pope Leo XIII strongly encouraged this practice by writing encyclicals and granting indulgences associated with reciting the rosary during May. This Marian practice took on a worldwide dimension, becoming an institution in Catholic parishes, notably with the traditional 'May processions' and 'flower altars'.

PARISH DAY



The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is pleased to announce that we will be holding **a Parish Day on Sunday 5 July.** On this special day, **there will be one Mass at 10.00 am**, followed by refreshments in the garden. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together as a parish community, spend time with one another and strengthen our shared sense of fellowship. We warmly encourage everyone to attend and be part of this joyful occasion. More information to follow.



MASS OFFERINGS
Standing orders are £860.00 weekly
The collection was £220.30
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