Sacred Heart Flitwick

6th Sunday of Easter

10 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, you know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.'

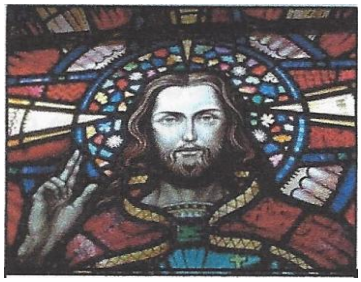
The Gospel reading reminds us of the Promise of the Holy Spirit by Jesus Christ. Christ promised that the Father would send the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles to help them to remember all that he had done and taught. Those who love Christ will be recipients of the Father's love and become temples of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is convinced that the Holy Spirit knows him, for he dwells with him and in him. The Holy Spirit is at work since creation, having previously spoken through the prophets, the Spirit will now be with you and in the disciples, to teach them and guide them in all the truth. The Holy Spirit is thus revealed as another divine person with Jesus and the Father (CCC#243). This Advocate, sometimes called Paraclete, will be a replacement figure for Jesus.

When Jesus proclaims and promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, he calls him the Paraclete, literally, he who is called to one's side, advocatus (CCC#692). The Advocate as the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can never receive. Only those who believe in him can receive the Advocate. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the Holy Spirit, sent by the risen Christ, came to convict the world of sin by revealing him who is its redeemer (CCC#388). He further promises his disciples that he will not leave them orphaned but will return to them. The disciples will see him in his risen life, not merely with their physical eyes but with the eyes of faith. Jesus Christ describes his relationship with the disciples as similar to his Father's. This relationship is based on obedience to commandments. The promised coming of the Advocate is likewise based on our ability to love him and keep his commandments. Although there are worldly challenges, nothing should shatter our firm faith in the presence of the Advocate or the Holy Spirit in the mission of the universal Church. May the celebration of the Eucharist increase in us the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9 May	5.00 pm	Christina Traynor, 11th Anniversary, RIP Philip Gogarty, RIP
Sunday 10 May	9.00 am	In Thanksgiving
Sunday 10 May	11.00 am	Jim Egan, 6th Anniversary, RIP
Tuesday 12 May	**7.00 pm**	Private Intentions
Wednesday 13 May	9.30 am	Private Intentions *Our Lady of Fatima*
Thursday 14 May	**9.30 am**	People of the Parish ***The Ascension of the Lord***
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Friday 15 May	10.00 am	Maureen Herlihy, Anniversary RIP



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PRAYER LINE
Please ring 01525 643 186.

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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension of the Lord is an important feast in the Catholic Church, commemorating the moment when Jesus ascended into heaven forty days after his resurrection. It reminds us of Christ's return to the Father and his promise to remain with us always. **This is a holy day of obligation and all Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass. Masses will be celebrated on Thursday 14 May at 9.30 am and 7.00 pm.**

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 **8 and 22 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 Mass 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 **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** **We will have a retiring collection for Christian Aid on 16 and 17 May.**

WELCOMERS DAY

The Welcomers' Gathering Day will take place on **Saturday 4 July from 10.00 to 12.00.** If you are already a welcomer, or would like to become one, please save this date in your diary. Further details will follow.

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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.

PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Jerry and parishioners from Sacred Heart in Flitwick and Leighton Buzzard will be going on a pilgrimage to Greece from 12 to 19 May, following in the footsteps of St Paul. During this time, Fr. Benjamin will be celebrating Masses. We will keep them in our prayers throughout their journey and kindly ask that they remember us in theirs.

NYMO

If you are interested in youth summer activities, please visit **https://nymo.org/d-summer/**

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
Thank you very much for your generosity
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