Sacred Heart Flitwick

7th Sunday of Easter

17 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.

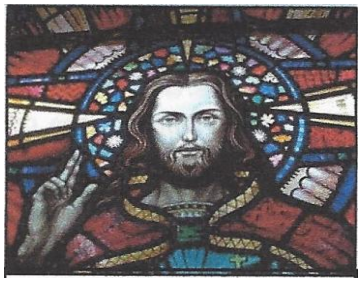
PARISH CATECHESIS FROM FR. JERRY

Theme: 'Jesus prayed, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had…'
The Gospel reading offers us the longest 'moving' prayer of Jesus to his Father, to be recorded in the Gospels. This prayer embraces the whole economy of creation and salvation as well as his death and resurrection. The prayer of the hour of Jesus always remains his own, just as his Passover 'once for all' remains ever present in the liturgy of his Church (CCC#2746). The 'hour', according to John's Gospel, underscores the crucifixion and glorification of Jesus Christ as the one event through which he will be glorified by the Father. For John, Jesus' suffering is intricately related to his glorification. Jesus, in this high priestly prayer, capitulates everything in his earthly mission. Christ's prayer brings God and the World together; the Word and the Flesh together; the eternal life and time together, as well as the love that hands itself over and the sin that betrays it. It also includes the disciples present and those who will believe in him by their word. This prayer includes the humiliation and the glory together (CCC#2748). Furthermore, Jesus in this prayer consecrates himself through his redemptive suffering and death and recommends his disciples to his Father. Christ prayed that through him the Father might be glorified, and his resurrection will glorify the name of the Saviour God, for from that time on it is the name of Jesus that fully manifests the supreme power of the name which is above every name (CCC#434). Ultimately, in this prayer, Jesus offers his life as a sacrificial gift to the Father, fulfilling the Father's plan of redemption.
For his disciples, Jesus prayed that his followers would faithfully reflect his own intimate union with the Father, as he entrusted them to the Father's mission. This work of redemption willed by the Father will continue through his Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations, until the end of time (CCC#1069). In faith, Jesus prays for us and invites us to pause a while and prayerfully meditate on our own mission on earth as a parent or as a wife or husband each time we receive his Eucharistic presence. This is what the catechism reminds us about our High Priest, who prays for us, in us and in the God who hears us and in us (CCC#2749). Our contemporary world seems to be moving at a fast pace, with so much information but with little time for silent and meaningful prayer for many Christians. Today's reflection on the prayer life of Jesus encourages us to enkindle our life of prayer. Since through prayer, we shall remain in communion with him who is our life and our all, so that our hearts can be in tune with the heart of Jesus.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 16 May	5.00 pm	Joseph O'Halloran, RIP
Sunday 17 May	9.00 am	Vika and Malila Ofahulu, RIP
Sunday 17 May	11.00 am	Catherine Blackburn, Recently Deceased, RIP
Tuesday 19 May	**7.00 pm**	Ray Mahony, Anniversary, RIP *Blessed Peter Wright SJ, Martyr*
Wednesday 20 May	9.30 am	Private Intentions *St Bernadine of Siena, Priest*
Thursday 21 May	9.30 am	People of the Parish *St Christopher Magellanes, Priest and Martyrs of Mexico*
Friday 22 May	10.00 am	For the Good Health and Intentions of Steve Magoona *St Rita of Cascia, Religious*



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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

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

We shall be meeting on **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.

CHRISTIAN AID

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place **on Saturday 13 June.** Owing to the pilgrimage to Greece having taken place a few weeks earlier, we will unfortunately not be arranging transport this year. Nevertheless, you are most welcome to make your own way there and join us for the occasion. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass at midday, followed by the procession outside the Chapel of Reconciliation at 3.00 pm.

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.

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT TOUR ON 23 JUNE

A second parish tour of the Houses of Parliament has been booked for **Tuesday 23 June at 11.10** am for those who were unable to attend last year. Guests should make their own way to Westminster via the Cromwell Green entrance. **The 09.27 train from Flitwick to Blackfriars, followed by the Underground to Westminster, should allow plenty of time for security checks.** Please make your way to Westminster Hall on arrival. The tour lasts approximately 75 – 90 minutes. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity to watch proceedings in the House of Commons, and later the House of Lords if desired. **Anyone who wishes to go on the tour will need to email jamiesonj@parliament.uk and he will send further details and the ticket. There are only 20 places available.**

200 CLUB – THE WINNERS

1st - Clare Bevan, 2nd - Margaret Francis, 3rd - Peter Leatherland. Congratulations!

LEGACY

Legacy information and bookmarks are available at the back of the church. Please feel free to take one and consider remembering the parish in your will.

PARKING

Please could everyone fill the car park from the front rows first. This helps ensure the car park is used more efficiently and safely.

VOLUNTEERS WHO DO COLLECTIONS ON SUNDAY

Fr. Jerry has produced guidelines for the good people who take the collections at mass. Copies are with the sacristans so please see them at the Mass you attend. Thank you.

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. There will also be a variety of art and craft activities for children, including face painting. We will have tombola.



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 £280.80
Thank you very much for your generosity
Finance Committee