Sacred Heart Flitwick

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 June 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: 'And Jesus called to him the twelve disciples and gave them authority …'

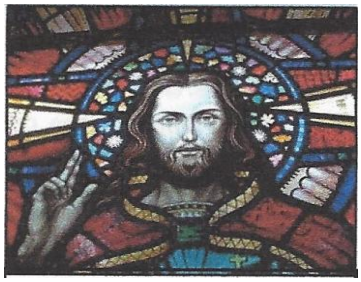
The Gospel reading reminds us of the beginning of the public life of Jesus Christ. He chooses certain men, twelve in number, to be with him and to participate in his mission. The twelve men, who had formerly been called disciples (followers), were now given the title of apostles (those who are sent). The number of apostles corresponds to the twelve patriarchs of the Twelve Tribes of Israel, indicating that the Church of Christ is the New Israel. Basically, Jesus gives the twelve a share in his authority and sends them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick (CCC#551). There seems to be a relationship between the twelve apostles and the Roman pontiff, the successor of Peter, and the bishops, who are the successors of the apostles (CCC#880).

Jesus called to him the twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out and to heal every disease and affliction. The mission of Christ to the apostles (emissaries, in Greek, *apostoloi*) is the mission of the Church. The Church in her missionary journey stimulates efforts towards Christian unity (CCC#855). Since the apostles received the first missionary mandate from Christ, the Church is sometimes called apostolic. In the creed, we profess faith in the Apostolic Church because the Church remains built on the foundation of the Apostles. Those first witnesses were chosen and sent on a mission by Christ himself. Also, with the help of the Spirit dwelling in her, the Church keeps and hands on the teaching, the good deposit of faith, the salutary words she has heard from the apostles. Finally, the Church is apostolic because she continues to be taught, sanctified and guided by the apostles until Christ's return, through their successors in pastoral office. We have the college of bishops, assisted by priests, in union with the successor of Peter, the Supreme Pastor (CCC #857). This authority of Christ has been shared with all the people through the sacrament of baptism. The people of God participate in these three offices of Christ as a priest, prophet and king. Each office bears responsibility for the mission and service that follow from it (CCC #783). May the gift of Christ in the Sacrament bring about the Unity in your Church.

CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR JUNE — HUMAN LIFE, THOSE WHO SUFFER PERSECUTION, OPPRESSION OR THE DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 13 June	5.00 pm	Mark and Brent Hawkins, RIP *The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Sunday 14 June	9.00 am	Intentions of Steve, Catherine, Dan and Caitlin Greene
Sunday 14 June	11.00 am	Intentions of Fr. Jerry on His Birthday
Tuesday 16 June	**7.00 pm**	Intentions of Richard Hawkins and Family *St Richard of Chichester, Bishop*
Wednesday 17 June	9.30 am	Ann O'Leary, Recently Deceased, RIP
Thursday 18 June	9.30 am	Intentions of Brian, Annette, Kelly and Bridget Miller *St Edith of Aylesbury, Virgin*
Friday 19 June	**2.00 pm**	Mass for the Sick with Anointing



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PRAYER LINE
Please ring 01525 643186.

SVP
Members provide help to anyone in need. Please call Ann on 01462 239268

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

MASS FOR THE SICK WITH ANOINTING

It will be on Friday **19 June at 2.00 pm at Sacred Heart Flitwick, followed by afternoon tea.** Please RSVP to either Ann O'Brien on 07946 565309 or Maureen on 01525 873830.

DAY FOR LIFE

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls **on Sunday 21 June**. This year's theme is *The Wonder of the Child in the Womb.* Here you will find information, prayers and downloads https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

We shall be meeting on **26 June 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 **26 June and 17 July.**

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.

OTHER NOTICES

LIVE SIMPLY JUNE – LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE WORLD

This month I will live simply by learning more about the world. I promise to find out more about our world and our environment. Reflection: Every one of us is part of a community and belongs to God's family. *Adapted from Pope Paul VI Populorum Progressio*

TOMBOLA APPEAL

We are looking for small, attractive items to be used as prizes for the tombola at Parish Day. We would be very grateful for any donations.

LOST PROPERTY



We have a number of unclaimed items in our lost property collection. These items will be placed in a box in the church porch and will be available for collection from **6 June to 21 June**. Please take a moment to check whether any of the items belong to you. After 21 June, any uncollected items will either be donated to charity or disposed of, as appropriate. Thank you for your help in clearing our lost property box.

BAPTISM

Freya Davies, daughter of Emily and Oliver, was baptised on Sunday 7 June at Sacred Heart Flitwick. We ask the parish to pray for her and her family. We wish Freya and her family all God's blessings on her journey of faith.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

Many of us see deacons serving at the altar, but their call is truly to be a 'guardian of service' in the Church. A deacon's ministry isn't just within the walls of the church building; it is out in the world - in our workplaces, our hospitals, our schools and with the marginalised within our community. It is a unique vocation for men, many of whom are married and have families, who feel called to serve God through the Word, through service at the Altar, and doing works of charity within the community. If you have ever felt a nudge in your heart to serve more deeply, or if others have told you that you have a 'servant's heart,' the Lord may be calling you. For married men, this is a journey shared with your wife, and her support is a vital part of the discernment. We invite all men and their families to pray about this vocation. Please join us after Mass for a coffee and a casual conversation if you'd like to learn more. You can also find information on https://northamptondiocese.org/diaconate/ or speak directly with your parish priest. Alternatively, you can join us at our 'Taster Morning' on Saturday 4 July at The Holy Family church, Langley, Slough. SL3 7UD, beginning at 10.00am. You can email Dcn. Erik Kerr at deaconerik.kerr@northamptondiocese.org for more details.

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.

For catering purposes, could you please email Aggie on parish.sacredheartflitwick@northamptondiocese.org to let us know whether you are planning to attend and, if so, approximately how many people will be coming with you? Thank you.

MASS OFFERINGS
Standing orders are £860.00 weekly
The collection was £412.50
Thank you very much for you generosity
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