Sacred Heart Flitwick

Ss Peter and Paul

28 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.

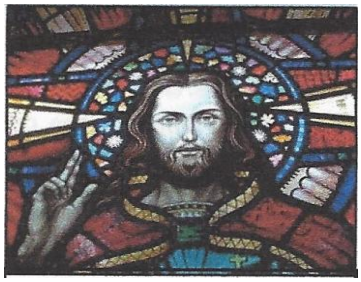
PARISH CATECHESIS FROM FR. JERRY

Theme: '… I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church.'
The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul serve as a foundational catechetical moment in the Church. The Church celebrates Peter and Paul together because they represent complementary dimensions of Christian life: Peter represents Tradition—the content of what must be believed and lived. Paul represents Mission—the drive to go out and share that very truth. The Church celebrates unity amidst diversity, highlighting how God used two distinct personalities, backgrounds, and missions to lay the foundation of the universal Christian faith. St Peter (+ c.64) was the brother of St Andrew and a Galilean fisherman, whom the Lord called and, despite his obvious human weaknesses, eventually chose as the leader of the Twelve, the rock on which the Church was built. The Gospel reading recounts St Peter's faith encounter with Jesus. When St Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus declared that this revelation did not come 'from flesh and blood' but from … This is a reminder to Peter that faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by him. The catechism teaches that before faith can be exercised, a person must have the grace of God to move and assist them. The person must have the interior help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and converts it to God, and opens the eyes of the mind, making it easier for all to accept and believe (CCC#153). Historically, St Paul (+ C.64/67) was a tentmaker from Tarsus (then the capital of the Roman province of Cilicia, now in Turkey), a Pharisee and a Roman citizen. He was initially a persecutor of Christians but was converted by the Lord on his way to Damascus. He became the Apostle of the gentiles, preaching the Gospel to the uncircumcised, reaching Greece, Italy, Malta and possibly even Spain. He was beheaded along the Via Ostiense and buried nearby, on the site where the basilica bearing his name now stands (The CTS New Daily Missal #2618). In St Paul's encounter with the resurrected Jesus, it happened on the road to Damascus, through a light that came from heaven and a voice saying, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' (Acts 9:3-18). This is the mission of St Paul: to preach the mystery of Christ's resurrection. He learnt of this mystery after his conversion at the gates of Damascus (CCC #639). While St Peter was sent to the Jewish people, St Paul was sent to the Gentiles (CCC#442). May we be one in heart and one in soul by the power of the Eucharistic celebration.

CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR JULY — SEAFARERS, EUROPE

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 27 June	5.00 pm	Intentions of Brian, Annette, Kelly and Bridget Miller *St Cyril of Alexandria*
Sunday 28 June	9.00 am	Thanksgiving for Life and Repose of the Souls of Philomena and Francis Tong, RIP
Sunday 28 June	11.00 am	Intentions of Anne Gadsden
Tuesday 30 June	**7.00 pm**	Private Intentions *The First Martyrs of Rome*
Wednesday 1 July	9.30 am	Special Intentions - Healing *St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop and Martyr* **Eucharistic Adoration after Mass**
Thursday 2 July	9.30 am	Thanksgiving for Carol Maguire
Friday 3 July	**10.00 am**	The Sick and Housebound in Our Parish *St Thomas, Apostle* **Eucharistic Adoration after Mass**



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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

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 **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.

NYMO D-SUMMER – COURAGE

Join people from across the diocese for a residential weekend of games, discussions, activities, socialising and prayer. Come meet new people, reconnect with old friends, and escape everyday life for a bit. **Buckden Towers, St Neots, from 17 to 19 July, ages 11-18. Please see the link:** https://nymo.org/d-summer/

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.

200 CLUB JUNE WINNERS

1st - Sue Norman, 2nd - Hilary Brennan, 3rd - Siobhan Campbell. Congratulations!



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. We will have additional parking at Flitwick Lower School.

CAKE DONATIONS WELCOME

We would be very grateful for any cake donations on the day**. Please do not include nuts in any cakes or bakes.** To help us manage allergies and dietary requirements, **please attach a piece of paper listing all ingredients used**. Thank you for your support!

PARKING

To help ensure that parking is available for those who need it most, we kindly ask that the church car park be used only by parishioners with mobility difficulties or those with very young children. There is ample parking available at Flitwick Lower School. Please note, however, that access to and from the school car park will be via the front gate only. For safety and security reasons, it will not be possible to cross the school field to use the gate on Dunstable Road.

For catering purposes, please either sign the sheet in the porch or email Aggie at 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 £209.60
Thank you very much for you generosity
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