# Sacred Heart Flitwick

## 33 Sunday in Ordinary Time

**15 November 202**

**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: 'You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness'

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the tenth World Day of the Poor. This year's theme, 'The Lord is the refuge of the poor' (Psalm 14:6), is drawn from Pope Leo XIV's message, which calls the Church to be a place of welcome, dignity and hope for those living in poverty. In the Gospel reading, the parable of the talents reminds us of Jesus Christ's second coming. He comes to judge how well we have used the talents and graces he has given us. The purpose of parables is to emphasise that words are not enough; deeds are required. What use has he made of the talents he has received? (CCC#546). The catechism teaches that since the initiative belongs to God in order of grace; no one merits the initial Grace of forgiveness and justification at the beginning of conversion. Moved by the Holy Spirit and by charity, we can then merit for ourselves and for others the grace needed for our sanctification, for the increase of grace and charity, and for the attainment of eternal life (CCC#2010). The parable reminds us that, even though we do not each receive the same gifts, we must make good use of what God has given us for the common good. Although this parable has a wide scope of application, it certainly applies to growth in charity through personal effort and prayer. However, in our desire to realise the full results of God's gift in our lives, we encounter the fear of the unknown. True fear of the Lord builds up relationships, but the wrong fear breaks them apart. Unlike the servant who was afraid and hid the talent in the ground, we are also called to take risks for the Kingdom of God and ensure its growth so that, at his coming, he shall receive it with interest. God does not give us gifts so we will hide them or use them for selfish ends. Each of us has been uniquely created by the Lord to play a role in advancing his kingdom, using all the resources he has given us. Our talents may include financial support, physical abilities, time, professional expertise or background. In fact, nothing is irrelevant. Even temporary goods, such as health and friendship, can be merited in accordance with God's wisdom. We have all been endowed with something to contribute to the growth of God's Kingdom on earth.
May the spiritual communion enable us to grow in grace and in the fear of God.

**Pope Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention for November 2026: For the proper use of wealth.**
**Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.**

## CIRCLE OF PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER — ALL VICTIMS OF WAR; YOUNG PEOPLE

## MASS INTENTIONS

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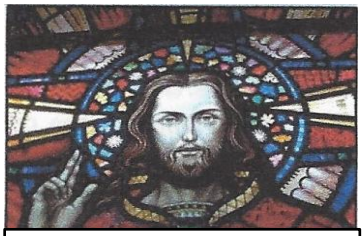
| Saturday 14 Nov. | 5.00 pm | Una Coughlan, RIP<br>Campbell, McGrath, Ryan Family and Friends, RIP<br>Matthew and Eileen Halton, RIP |
| Sunday 15 Nov. | 9.00 am | O'Reilly and Mahony Family, RIP, Nora, Patrick, Helen, Tom, Kathleen, James, Michael, Flynn, Kathleen and James Mahony, RIP |
| Sunday 15 Nov. | 11.00 am | Brendan and Josephine McConnellogue, RIP<br>Ruocces, Connelly, Amos, Cessar, Smith Families, RIP |
| Tuesday 17 Nov. | 7.00 pm | Intentions of John and Dini Monahan and Family<br>Intentions of James Quinlan Who Is Ill |
| Wednesday 18 Nov. | 9.30 am | Hills, Calivoso, Arce, Medini Families, RIP<br>Harmer and Francis Families, RIP<br>Dahboul, Kubeinge, Olopadu, Ogboru Families and Friends, RIP |
| **Thursday 19 Nov.** | **10.30 am** | Funeral Mass for Jeanne Power |
| Friday 20 Nov. | 10.00 am | Thanksgiving and Private Intentions of Lewis, Tong and Yong Families |



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**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



**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING ON 21 NOVEMBER**

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, **everyone is warmly invited to join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday 21 November at 6.00 pm (after 5.00 pm Mass).** Come and spend time in **prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, giving thanks and praise to Christ our King. The Adoration will be led by the youth of our parish and will include modern worship hymns.**

**WALKING WITH ST FRANCIS THROUGH ADVENT**

**Join us this Advent for a special series exploring the life and legacy of St Francis of Assisi, marking the 800th anniversary of his death**. Each week, Avril Baigent, Director of Pastoral Development, will be joined by guest speakers, including Brian Purfield, Dr William Crozier and Canon John Udris, to reflect on different aspects of St Francis' life and spirituality. **The four sessions will be streamed live on YouTube at 7.30 pm on the following dates: Thursday 26 November, 3, 10 and 17 December. To register, please visit:** https://northamptondiocese.org/advent-retreat-2026/ **Please also let the parish secretary know by emailing** parish.sacredheartflitwick@northamptondiocese.org Everyone is warmly invited to take part in this special Advent journey of faith and reflection.

**MEMORIAL MASS**

**A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Friday 27 November at 10.00 am.** We will gather to remember with love and prayer all those who have passed away during the past year. Following the Mass, everyone is warmly invited to join us for tea, coffee and cake in the parish room.

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER**

On Safeguarding Sunday, we join churches across the country in reflecting on the theme, 'Love Protects', inspired by St Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 13. Safeguarding is an essential expression of our Catholic faith: recognising the dignity of every person, listening with compassion and taking responsibility for creating communities where children, young people and adults are safe, respected and valued. **Our parish safeguarding representative is Paula Bates** safeguarding.sacredheartflitwick@northamptondiocese.org and **the safeguarding coordinator for the diocese is Danielle Dixon** safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org tel. no. 01604 723514 or 07833 050628
Other links: Visit the Safeguarding Sunday webpage: Safeguarding Sunday 2026 | Northampton Diocese

**THE EMPTY CHAIR – A SURVIVOR'S VOICE**

'The Empty Chair' is a personal account by a survivor of abuse within our diocese, exploring their journey towards justice and healing. It reminds us of the importance of listening to survivors, taking concerns seriously and ensuring their voices are heard. The Empty Chair V2 | Northampton Diocese

**CHURCHES TOGETHER BREAKFAST**

The Second Vatican Council in the 1960s encouraged the Catholic community to foster relationships with neighbouring churches of different denominations. This is a source of great joy. Locally we have a group, Churches Together Ampthill and Flitwick (CTAF). We hold or attend local events throughout the year, pray and celebrate together and grow in Christian Unity just as Jesus encouraged us to do in St John's Gospel where he prayed, 'that they may all be one'. **Would you like to come and enjoy breakfast and see what plans we have for the year? The next CTAF meeting is Saturday 6 February 2027 at St Andrews Ampthill from 8.45 am until 10.00 am. Could you put this date in your diary and join us? Debbie, Helen and Adrian**

## OTHER NOTICES

**LIVE SIMPLY – APPRECIATING THE THINGS I HAVE**

I promise to look after the things that I have by keeping my room tidy and putting my toys away. Reflection: Creator God, in your hands you hold the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains, for all creation belongs to you. Grant us the grace to treasure your world and wisdom to look after its resources. Create in us, hearts of gold, so we may join hands with friend and stranger to unearth justice and find lasting treasure. Amen. *Adapted from a prayer by Annabel Shilson-Thomas*

**DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS**

It can be accessed through this link https://northamptondiocese.org/news/

**200 CLUB NOVEMBER**

1st - Dee Brady, 2nd - Tom Cahill, 3rd - Dermott Whelan. Congratulations to the winners!

**COME AND SEE PRAYER GROUP**

Join us for prayer every third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on 17 November after 7.00 pm Mass.

**MOTHERS' PRAYERS**

We will be meeting on Friday 13 and 27 November after 10.00 am Mass.

**MASS OFFERINGS**
**Standing orders are £860.00 weekly**
**The collection was £305.50**
**Thank you very much for your generosity**
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