

Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation



Please pray for the Parishes of St Joseph in Aylesbury, Bedford, & Gerrards Cross

Ss Philip and James Bedford

Lead us to Heaven, Father; lead us to Heaven

5th Sunday of Lent Year B

Psalter Week 1

18th March 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for the 5th Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm

A pure heart create for me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Communion Antiphon

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Recessional Parish Litany

Fr Wayne - We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you: **because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.** Our Lady of Walsingham: **Pray for us.** St Joseph: **Pray for us.** St Philip: **Pray for us.** St James: **Pray for us.** All Saints of God: **Pray for us.**

Extended confessions on Saturday:

Ss Philip & James: **10:00 to 11:30am** These are extended times
Holy Cross: **12:00 to 1:00pm**) for Lenten preparations
Confessions may also be heard by arrangement or, in case of need, at any reasonable time.

Baptisms: by arrangement (See Deacon Tony).

Weddings: at least three months' notice normally required.

Requiescat in Pace: Please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and for those who grieve at this time.

Morning Prayer of the Church: At around 9:10am before the 9:30am daily Mass Monday to Friday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday, at P&J, there is **Adoration** after 9:30 Mass for one hour. Resources for the National Eucharistic Congress (**Adoremus**) are currently being used during the liturgy. Quiet and reverence please when leaving. Friday, after Mass, there is Stations of the Cross prepared by Martin Clitheroe.

Please continue to pray for our seminarians, **Daniel Rooke** and **Liam Castle** from Ss Philip and James at St Mary's College, Oscott.

Mass Intentions and Services

PJ – Ss Philip and James HC – Holy Cross

Sat 17 Mar	6:00pm HC	St Patrick, Bishop Patron of Ireland Marie Cronin RIP
Sun 18 Mar	8:00am PJ 9:15am HC 11:00am PJ 6:00pm HC	Fifth Sunday of Lent <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> Thanksgiving 150th anniversary of the Catholic Truth Society Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Mon 19 Mar	9:30am PJ 10:00am PJ	St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM Barbara Mary Dixon-Spain Intention <i>after Mass – Adoration</i> for one hour
Tue 20 Mar	9:30am HC	Feria Ita Mullen Intention
Wed 21 Mar	9:30am PJ	Feria James Flynn Intention
Thu 22 Mar	9:30am HC	Feria Helena Hajduk
Fri 23 Mar	9:30am HC 10:00am HC 7:00pm PJ 7:30pm HC	Feria <i>Missa Pro Populo (for 25th March)</i> Stations of the Cross (for adults) Bishop Peter's Pastoral Area Open Meeting Penitential Service
Sat 24 Mar	9:30am PJ 6:00pm HC	Our Lady on Saturday Holy Souls in purgatory Peter and Mary McNulty
Sun 25 Mar	8:00am PJ 9:15am HC 11:00am PJ 1:00pm PJ 1:00pm HC	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> Peter O'Reilly RIP Monica & Victor Hulatt. Thanksgiving for their 50 th Wedding Anniversary and Baptism of their grandchild Alex Ross Baptisms of Anika Lea Gerrard , and also for Alex Ross together with celebration of Monica and Victor Hulatt (Grandparents) 50 th Wedding Anniversary Baptism of Elijah White

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Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

During this *Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation* we are invited to renew our commitment to personal prayer. Ask God for the grace each day to hear and follow His call.

In this Year of Prayer and Vocation we pray for all who will know the forgiveness of sins through their Baptism at Easter. May God guide them and may we support them in their journey.

The Mystery of Everything - Our Lent Course

The final meeting for the course will take place at P&J in the Parish Room, led by Fr Wayne on **Tuesday at 2pm** on 20th March.

The veiling of Sacred Images

As is customary (and according to the diocesan Ordo produced by Fr Jonathan Hill) that all sacred images in church are veiled from this weekend. ***We fast even from what is beautiful.***

Palm Sunday - we're going to stop traffic (not just 'cos we can!)

We have permission to meet on the park opposite the Church for the start of the Palm Sunday 11:00am Mass and Procession. And we can also have a temporary road closure of Waveney Avenue (between Severn Way and the roundabout adjoining Avon Drive). **George Tasker** and **Michael Harrington** are to act as Marshalls to hold up traffic and to allow us to cross the road safely. For Health and Safety reasons **we still need two more Marshalls**. It would also be useful to have a person as a designated "first-aider". If you are able to help with this please contact Fr Wayne.

Meanwhile, writing about traffic...For those who struggle to Mass in your cars, ***please, please, please*** show consideration in your parking. We are upsetting local drivers and residents who have to negotiate unsafe parking. Thank you.

Papal Award for Bernard Waddingham

We send our congratulations to **Bernard Waddingham** on receiving his papal knighthood which was presented to him by Bishop Peter. We also thank everyone who attended the Mass to support Bernard and Margaret on that happy occasion.

Penitential Service on Friday, 23rd March

Elizabeth Ridley and Martin Clitheroe have developed a joint-Parishes Penitential Service to be held in Holy Cross at 7:30pm.

Singers, we need you to help lead **Taize** chants at this Penitential Service. The choir will sing while people are going for individual Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) at the end of the Service. Please join us. There will be a short run through on Thursday, 22nd March at 7.30pm for anyone who can make it. If not, just come along and join in on the night. Please let me know, earidley@hotmail.com or 07787188571.

Holy Week Music

Singers and musicians from our parishes have combined to provide music for the Triduum. Rehearsals continue on Tuesdays at **7:00pm** in **Holy Cross Church**. Please join us whether you belong already or you just like to sing. ***Let us sing out our sorrow and our joy.***

Good Friday Witness

An ecumenical service will take place in Harpur Square (next to the library) at midday on Good Friday, 30th March. Many people from different churches attend. You can hear gifted speakers and musicians from other churches. Let us communicate a Christian message in the centre of Bedford. Can you help with stewarding, set up or serving refreshments at the Bunyan Meeting church afterwards? Email: simon.mushonga@threeiversbedford.uk

Bishop Peter's Pastoral Visit

The members of the Parish Forum are invited to Bishop Peter's Pastoral Area Open Meeting in P&J Parish Room at 7:00pm on Friday, 23rd March where he will reflect on his visit to the parishes of the Pastoral Area.

Lenten Retreat Day with Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thank you to all those, from both churches, who assisted at and/or attended the Lenten Our Lady of Guadalupe Retreat Day at P&J. The Relic Image is to pay a return visit to our community on the eve of Mothering Sunday next year. We also thank those people who have showed such patience as the new icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe and associated candle stands, etc. remained in place during the course of the week (used for devotional purposes).

The petitions boxes for the **Divine Mercy Jesus** and **Our Lady of Guadalupe** are now available for use. Petition Cards in the recess. **Mass will be offered for these petitions each month.**

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse

At the request of the Holy Father and by our Bishops' Conference, Friday of the 5th Week of Lent, 23rd March has been designated a Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse this year.

Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC)

Have you been thinking it's time to get involved more in your parish? SPUC needs to boost it's committee and welcomes extra members. We meet six times per year and have low maintenance activities a few times each year, so not too scary! We're meeting on Friday, 16th March at 1:00pm in the Parish Room at P&J, LUNCH IS PROVIDED. Please come, we'd love to see you. If you are interested but cannot attend Friday, please call Julia on 07773 079906.

SVP Meeting

Meetings of the **St Vincent de Paul Society** continue every Thursday **fortnight** at 7:00pm in the P&J Parish Room. New members are always welcome. Next meeting **Thursday, 22nd March**. Contact 07845 121557 for information.

Bedford Foodbank

The Bedford Foodbank are currently short of Rice-500g. Sugar-500g. Cup-a-Soup, UHT Fruit Juice, Sponge Puddings (Long Life), Unisex Deodorant, Unisex Shower Gel. All contributions are gratefully received, however small, and may be left in the boxes in the Parish Room.

The scaffolding refuses to go away....Oh No!!!

Please, please, please...LEAVE THE SCAFFOLDING ALONE, IT WILL LEAVE US WHEN IT IS GOOD AND READY!

Easter Lily Appeal

A lily in remembrance of a loved one in the Sanctuary at Easter and to be remembered in our prayers. £2 in an envelope, name of the loved one on the front and place in the Sunday collection please.

Easter Cards for Yarl's Wood

Please consider sending an Easter card to a Yarl's Wood resident. We are asked to write something like: "*From a friend at SS Philip & James Church, Bedford*" inside and to address the envelope: "*To a friend at Yarl's Wood*". Please post the cards into the box marked: "Cards for Yarl's Wood" by Sunday, 25th March.

DVDs for Yarlswood

Pastor Lonnie sends his appreciation to everyone who donated DVDs to Yarls Wood IDC for the use of the residents. Please pray for all who find themselves detained there and for those who seek to bring them the love of Jesus Christ.

Collections: £ 600.90p plus £70 standing orders

Counters: This week: Margaret and Mark Boden
Next week: Eunice and Tony Benn

Cleaners: Mar 17/18 Group 1 Mar 24/25 Group 2

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: the new rota is available for collection in the narthex of the church.

Mass Intentions

If you would like Mass to be offered for a specific intention please contact the Parish Secretary Maria Quinlan on a Wednesday. Any offering is used for the mission of the parish.