



Holy Week

The Catholic Community of Holy Cross Church and Saints Philip and James Church

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin with Deacons: Revv Tony Quinlan & Crispin Walkling-Lea

Mass Intentions and Services

Sat 24 March	Our Lady on Saturday Peter and Mary McNulty
6:00pm Holy Cross	
Sun 25 March	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 Prayers for Tina Tierney RIP Baptism of Alex Ross Baptism of Elijah White
8:00am Ss Philip & James	
9:15am Holy Cross	
11:00am Ss Philip & James	
1:00pm Ss Philip & James	
1:00pm Holy Cross	
Mon 26 March	Monday of Holy Week Tina Tierney RIP Adoration one hour using the "Adoramus" resources Taizé liturgy at St Thomas More Catholic School
9:30am Ss Philip & James	
10:00am Ss Philip & James	
7:00pm St Thomas More CS	
Tue 27 March	Tuesday of Holy Week Damien May Intention
9:30am Holy Cross	
Wed 28 March	Wednesday of Holy Week Julie Butcher RIP Stations of the Cross, Calvary Through the Eyes of Mary (Adults)
9:30am Ss Philip & James	
10:45am Ss Philip & James	
Thu 29 March	THE EASTER TRIDUUM MAUNDY THURSDAY Chrism Mass at Northampton Cathedral Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by The Watch Compline (sung by the Choir)
11:00am Northampton	
7:30pm Holy Cross	
10:00pm Holy Cross	
Fri 30 March	GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross for children (refreshments to follow) Stations of the Cross for families (refreshments to follow) Liturgy of the Day (there will be additional seating in the hall) Stations of the Cross, Calvary Through the Eyes of Mary (Adults)
10:00am Holy Cross	
12:00pm Ss Philip & James	
3:00pm Holy Cross	
7:30pm Ss Philip & James	
Sat 31 March	HOLY SATURDAY Sacrament of Reconciliation - to 10:30am Sacrament of Reconciliation - to 12:30pm Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection
10:00am Ss Philip & James	
12:00pm Holy Cross	
7:30pm Holy Cross	
Sun 1 April	Easter Sunday <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> Fr John Glen RIP Baptism of Sophie Rose Smith
8:00am Ss Philip & James	
9:15am Holy Cross	
11:00am Ss Philip & James	
1:00pm Holy Cross	

The Holy Father asks us, the Universal Church, to pray for a special intention each month. March; “Evangelisation - Formation in Spiritual Discernment”



Propers for Palm Sunday

Entrance Antiphon

Hosanna to the son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Propers for Maundy Thursday

Entrance Antiphon

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Responsorial Psalm

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Communion Antiphon

This is the Body that will be given up for you; this is the Chalice of the new covenant in my Blood, says the Lord; do this, whenever you receive it, in memory of me.



Propers for Good Friday

Responsorial Psalm

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Maundy Thursday – we are still in need of volunteers for the washing of feet during the liturgy

Holy Week is the most intense time in the liturgical calendar (the Church's year). During these seven days the liturgy and our Church buildings are rich with signs and symbols as through the Sacred Scriptures and ancient texts of the liturgy we celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each year we live the Paschal Mystery in the liturgies of the Church and in our lives; with Jesus we pass through betrayal, suffering and death to the great solemnity of the Resurrection: Easter. It is thus a noble custom to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent for it prepares us to live the Easter experience as we pass from sin to new life. All Catholics must celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year. We must also do so when conscious of mortal/grave sin (which excludes us from Holy Communion).

Holy Week and the Easter Triduum: Holy Week begins with the celebration of Palm (Passion) Sunday. This Procession or Solemn Entry at the start of each Mass commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. This is the week when Jesus completes His work as our Messiah. In Holy Week we listen to the entire Gospel account of Christ's glorious Passion.

Maundy Thursday: The word "maundy" comes from the command (*mandatum*) given by Christ at the Last Supper, that we should love one another. In Thursday's evening Mass of the Lord's Supper we recall in a very special way the Institution of the Holy Eucharist.

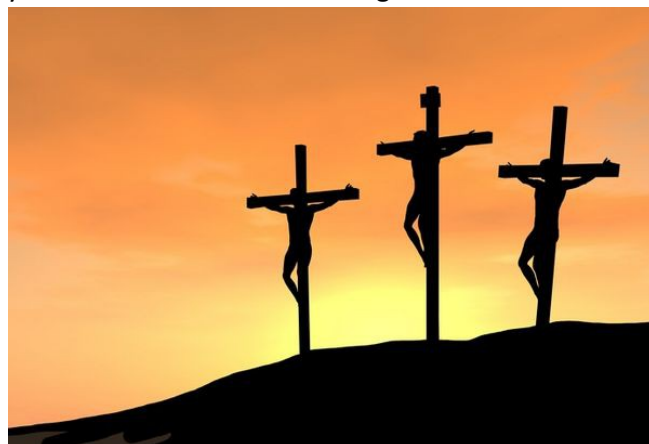


The liturgy often includes the optional "Washing of Feet". This action was changed by Pope Francis to include men and woman; those who have their feet washed now represent the whole of humanity. Formally, the twelve men chosen were seen to represent the twelve Apostles. The "Washing of Feet" is a powerful moment when we are reminded that the life of a Christian is to imitate Christ in humility and service. Jesus' washing of His disciple's feet also has a Paschal dimension as He takes upon Himself all our sins: "He emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave" (Ph 2:7). After the Mass of the Lord's

Supper the Blessed Sacrament (the true and real presence of Jesus Christ in His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity) is brought to the **Altar of Repose** and reserved there until the Liturgy of the Day on Good Friday. We are encouraged to stay after the Mass of Maundy Thursday for a time of Adoration as we watch and wait with Jesus (**just as He asked His disciples to at Gethsemane – so we watch and pray with Him for one hour**).

Good Friday: On this day the Church instructs us all to **Fast and Abstain** from eating meat. At three o'clock (the traditional hour of Christ's death) we celebrate the Lord's Passion and Death. The Altar is bare, and the celebrant enters in absolute silence; he then makes the dramatic gesture of prostrating himself before the Altar and all pray in silence together. The act of prostration is a recognition of the magnitude of what Christ did for us on the Holy Cross. We thus acknowledge that we are fallen

creatures whom only the Lord can raise up to stand erect. The Passion Gospel tells of Jesus' free submission to His Passion to save us. Just as Christ died "for the many", the Church turns her attention to the world and prays the solemn intercessions. We are then invited to participate in the solemn Veneration of the Cross for this was the instrument of our Lord's Passion and Death and the means of our salvation. Those who are in a state of grace (that is, free of mortal/grave sin) are then able to receive Holy Communion; on this occasion we do so under "the one kind" (as this liturgy is not a Mass the Precious Blood is not available for distribution).



Holy Saturday: Often mistakenly called "Easter Saturday" on this day the Church refrains from celebrating the seven sacraments; she does, however, make available the Sacrament of Reconciliation in order that people might be reconciled to God and His Church before the celebration of Easter.

Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

In this Year of Prayer and Vocation may God bless and strengthen us to celebrate the events of Holy Week with deeper prayer and devotion.

Baptisms: by arrangement (See Deacon Tony).

Weddings: at least six months' notice normally required and there is a Diocesan fee of £45.

Morning Prayer of the Church: At 9:10am before the 9:30am daily Mass **Monday to Wednesday** only.

Please continue to pray for our seminarians, **Daniel Rooke** and **Liam Castle** from Ss Philip & James at St Mary's College. Please pray for more vocations to the Sacred Priesthood and Permanent Diaconate

Easter Lilies: Maureen Brewer will be available after the 11:00am Mass to take envelopes and donations for Easter Lilies at SsP&J. We also thank Vera Zwetsloot for her unstinting efforts over many years at HC.

Adult Confirmations

Please pray for **Eleanor Soden**, **Paul Freeman** and **Felicite Ngombi** as they are welcomed into full communion with the Church this Easter.

Second Collection

The collection during the Good Friday Liturgy is for **Holy Places**; combating war, poverty, terrorism, violence and division in the Middle East.

Collections SsP&J: £ 554.35p plus £70 s/orders

Collection HC: £404.90 plus £620 s/orders

Counters SsP&J: This week: Eunice and Tony Benn

Next week: Anne Reddin and Ann Cawley

P&J Giving Envelopes are ready for collection now

Cleaners SsP&J:

Mar 24/25 Group 2 Mar 31/Apr 1 Group 3

Readers' Rota HC: Mar 24/25

Sat. 6.00pm O Keaveney & G McAuley; B & P Doyle

Sun. 9.15am R Kelly & P. Commons

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for

Passion Sunday, 25th March:

Sat. 6.00pm Kathy Goodwin, Margaret Wells, Peter

Hanway, Mariateresa Quinlan

Sun. 9.15am Assunta Spina, Peter Commons,

Bob Wright, Anna-Maria Wright

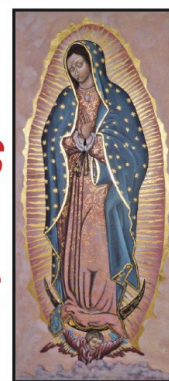
Holy Cross Church Cleaning:

w/b 26th March - Team B w/b 2nd April - Team C

Mass Intentions

If you would like Mass to be offered please contact the Parish Secretary Maria Quinlan (see below) on a Wednesday. Intentions are booked to the end of May. Any offering is used for the mission of the parish.

**GREAT
THINGS
ARE ALWAYS
HAPPENING
IN CATHOLIC
BEDFORD!**



Easter Vigil 31st March - 7:30pm - MASS
and celebratory party! - HC

Easter Sunday 1st April -
8:00am - MASS - SsP&J

Easter Sunday 1st April - 9:15am - MASS
and Procession of Alleluia Banner! - HC

Easter Sunday 1st April - 11:00am - MASS
and Procession of Alleluia Banner! - SsP&J

*Come and see the 'new' Stations of the Cross
and the new icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in
Ss Philip and James Church!*

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