

# Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation



Please pray for the congregation of St Bernadette RC Church in Rothwell, Parish of St Edward RC Church in Kettering as they celebrate the Patronal Solemnity of St Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes.

## Ss Philip and James Bedford

Lead us to Heaven, Father; lead us to Heaven

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B**

**Psalter Week 3**

**15<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

### Propers for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

#### Communion Antiphon

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

#### 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.**

#### Confessions on Saturday:

Ss Philip & James: **10:00 to 10:30am**

Holy Cross: **12:00 to 12:30pm**

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 six months' notice with a Diocesan fee of £45.

**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.

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

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

### Mass Intentions and Services

PJ – Ss Philip and James HC – Holy Cross

Sat 14 Apr	6:00pm HC	<b>Saturday of Easter Octave</b> Moirá & Thomas Clark RIP – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
Sun 15 Apr	8:00am PJ 9:15am HC 11:00am PJ 6:00pm HC	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> Arthur Johnstone RIP with Prayers for Mary Johnstone and Family <i>Missa Pro Populo (for Holy Cross)</i> <b>Adoration, for one hour</b> led by Deacon Tony
Mon 16 Apr	9:30am PJ 10:00am PJ	<b>Feria</b> Angeline Sebastian RIP <i>after Mass – Stations of the Resurrection</i>
Tue 17 Apr	9:30am HC	<b>Feria</b> Virginia Moubarak RIP - Anniversary
Wed 18 Apr	9:30am PJ	<b>Feria</b> Mary Thomas RIP
Thu 19 Apr	9:30am HC	<b>Feria</b> Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri 20 Apr	9:30am HC 10:00am HC	<b>Feria</b> Pietro Panarisi <i>after Mass – Adoration, for one hour</i>
Sat 21 Apr	9:30am PJ 6:00pm HC	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b> Holy Souls in Purgatory Moirá & Thomas Clark RIP – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
Sun 22 Apr	8:00am PJ 9:15am HC 11:00am PJ	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> Daniel Rooke and Liam Castle - Seminarians

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

**After Mass** on Monday there will be **Stations of the Resurrection** for the duration of Eastertide. **Adoration** will follow on Friday after 9:30 Mass, for one hour. We use the resources for the National Eucharistic Congress (**Adoremus**) during the liturgy in preparation for the National Pilgrimage. Please come and go as you need but quietly and with reverence and respect. Thank you.

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**The Holy Father** asks us to pray for a special intention each month. April; "For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters "

### 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 that we will take seriously the call of the gospel to be witnesses to the gospel in our daily lives.

### Easter Lilies

Thank you to all those people who sponsored Easter Lilies for the sanctuary. A petition will be added to the Intercessions at each Sunday Mass during **Easter tide** for those names associated with the lilies in the sanctuary. Also, Mass will be offered for the Intentions associated with the Easter Lilies on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### Parish Display

If you would like to promote your spiritual group in a forthcoming parish display for both churches with contact details and what is offered, please contact [joan.kedward@gmail.com](mailto:joan.kedward@gmail.com)

### Funerals

Please pray for the souls of **Maria Middleditch RIP** whose funeral Mass will take place at Holy Cross on 24<sup>th</sup> April at mid-day and **Marguerite Brown RIP** whose funeral Mass will take place at Ss Philip and James on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 1:00pm.

### Marian Miracle at Yarls Wood Immigration Detention Centre

You would perhaps not expect a long-term resident of Yarls Wood IDC to pray that she would **not** be released until she had prayed before the **Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. But this was the prayer she fervently offered. You can therefore imagine the jubilant joy from all present in the Chapel when this same woman came forward during the Veneration of the Relic Image to demonstratively thank Our Lady for the news she had just received: she was to be released that very moment and granted permission to stay in this country. A miracle through the **Intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe!** Please pray for the other residents of Yarls Wood IDC who long to be reunited with their family and friends. Thank you also to everyone who wrote Easter Cards to the residents. That small gesture brought such profound joy to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

### Interested in sharing your faith at the Bedford River Festival?

The Bedford River Festival is one of the largest free events in Europe. Come and join representatives from a large number of local churches to share the joy of your Faith in Jesus Christ. The next meeting is on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30pm, at Three Rivers Church, 90 Denmark Street, Bedford MK40 3TJ. Everyone welcome.

### National Catholic Men's Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018, 10.30am-5.30pm. For more information visit [www.catholicman.co.uk](http://www.catholicman.co.uk) or speak with Sam Baker from HC.

### Miss reading the book, Divine Renovation?

There are **ten free tickets** to attend the live event with the author, on **Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May**. M.Harrington or E.Ridley for more info.

**Cathedral Development Campaign** received a boost recently with the news that work could begin as soon as July this year, Father Mark Floody, Dean of the Cathedral, announced at Mass. Having raised a magnificent £2.4 million, our diocese is confident to authorise the beginning of this building project. To see Fr Mark's presentation, please go to the Cathedral website [northamptoncathedral.org/live/](http://northamptoncathedral.org/live/) and click on the recordings tab navigating to the homily of the Sunday Mass on the 4<sup>th</sup> February recording. Email [cathedralcampaign@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:cathedralcampaign@northamptondiocese.com) or call Angela Madge on [01604 712065](tel:01604712065) to find out more or to donate.

### The Friendship Group

The Friendship Group of P&J and HC still meets **every Tuesday** in HC Parish Hall from 1 - 3 pm.

### Security for the church

The church has been targeted again by thieves and ne'er-do-wells. Reluctantly Fr Wayne has decided to keep the church locked except for services and special occasions. Security is being reviewed, police advice has been received and together we will decide appropriate action. CCTV (as at St Josephs' Church) is one option.

### Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC)

PLEASE sign the **Petition** Against Decriminalisation of Abortion at the back of church. It is vital to oppose this crime.

**Fr Wayne** is always available to discuss, in a non-judgmental way, the issue of abortion as it has affected you directly or your family.

### St Vincent de Paul Society

The meeting of the SVP, in the P&J Parish Room, **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> April** will be the Quarterly Bedford District Council Meeting.

### Bedford Foodbank

The Foodbank is currently short of Rice 500g, sugar 500g, tinned pasta (Spaghetti Hoops, Macaroni Cheese, Ravioli etc.), UHT fruit juice, Long Life sponge puddings and jars of pasta sauce. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

**The Rosary Group** still meets on Mondays at 1:45pm. Your Editor understands there is Prayer, chat, tea and....Cake; lots of cake!



**Thank you** for your support to our **Lent Fast Day** appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have

planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. We need the full amount of "match funding" to make it happen. You can help reach the full amount for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go. To donate go to [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent) or call 0303 303 3030.

### Charitable Giving

At the beginning of Lent it was suggested that the money we saved through giving things up during that penitential season might be offered to a worthy cause, e.g. Missio; Aid to the Church in Need; Leprosy Mission; SVP, etc... You can, of course, do this directly and may have already done so. However, you might also want to do so through the parish. If your donation is for Missio or the P&J SVP you can do this through the secure narthex wall safes; alternatively please place an envelope in the offertory basket with the name of your chosen Christian charity on the front and donation inside.

### The Sacrifice of Isaac

That the Arabic rug of the Sacrifice of Issac by Abraham (Genesis 22:1-19) which hangs in the baptistery of SsP&J has recently been professionally cleaned. Some scholars claim that this incident occurred on the same hill on which Jesus was crucified. The sacrifice of Issac (or in the end an innocent animal) is seen as a prefigurement of death of Jesus, an innocent victim, for sinful humanity.



### Weekly Collection Envelopes

The new collection envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please consider giving regularly and if you are a regular UK taxpayer your contribution can be "gifted" and the tax reclaimed at no cost to you. New to the envelope scheme? Please leave your name and address for James & Jenny Walsh, Gift-Aid Secretaries.

**Collection:** £ 674.07p plus £65 standing orders  
**Second Collection for 22 April will be the Priests' Training Fund.**