

# Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation



Please pray for the Parish of St Anselm, Earls Barton, as they celebrate their feast day on this Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> April.

## Ss Philip and James Bedford

Lead us to Heaven, Father; lead us to Heaven

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B**

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

**Psalter Week 4**

**22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018**

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

### Propers for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

#### Responsorial Psalm

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

#### Gospel Acclamation

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.

#### Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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: **Please see the notice on the back page**

Confessions may also be heard by arrangement or, in case of need, at any reasonable time.

**Baptisms:** by arrangement (See notice on back page).

**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 21 Apr	<b>Saturday of Easter Octave</b>
6:00pm HC	Moira & Thomas Clark RIP – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
Sun 22 Apr	<b>Fourth of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday</b>
	<b>Second Collection: Priests' Training Fund.</b>
8:00am PJ	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
9:15am HC	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
11:00am PJ	Daniel Rooke and Liam Castle - Seminarians
Mon 23 Apr	<b>St George, Martyr, Patron of England</b>
9:30am PJ	Catholics in England
10:00am PJ	<i>after Mass – Stations of the Resurrection</i>
Tue 24 Apr	<b>Feria</b>
9:30am HC	Bedford Pastoral Area
12:00pm HC	Maria Middleditch RIP (Funeral)
Wed 25 Apr	<b>St Mark, Evangelist</b>
9:30am PJ	Elizabeth Nicholas RIP
Thu 26 Apr	<b>Feria</b>
9:30am HC	Service of Word and Holy Communion
Fri 27 Apr	<b>Feria</b>
9:30am HC	Service of Word and Holy Communion
10:00am HC	<i>after Mass – Adoration, for one hour</i>
Sat 28 Apr	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>
9:30am PJ	Mildred Hackett RIP and Bernadette Hackett
6:00pm HC	Denis and Mary McCarthy - Intention
Sun 29 Apr	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:00am PJ	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
9:15am HC	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
11:00am PJ	John Harrington RIP

**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 be inspired to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

#### **Bishop Peter's Pastoral Letter for Good Shepherd Sunday**

In this Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation we are invited to listen to the voice of God and respond to His call. This first call upon us all is to live a holy life. The vocation to holiness is for everyone. For us to live this call to holiness "we have to open our hearts in prayer to God's presence. That does require some effort."

Pope Francis emphasises that we must combat our selfishness and all that takes us away from walking humbly with our God. "Our vocation, as brothers and sisters of Jesus, requires a conscious commitment. But how many of us run away at the thought of commitment. Mistakenly, we think that a commitment restricts our freedom; but it gives meaning and value and direction to our lives." We are asked to pray for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate and Religious Life. "I have to confess that I am praying, in particular, for those men whom God is calling to the priesthood, including our eight students in seminaries." **Two of these men, Liam and Daniel, are from our community.**

"The vocation of the priest to gather together God's people, to preach and teach the Word of God, to celebrate the Mass and the sacraments, to be the shepherd of the flock on our pilgrimage to heaven is a wonderfully rich calling...There is no need to be afraid. It is God who is calling, and you will be joining a brotherhood of great priests in our Diocese. **May Mary, our Mother, pray for us all, saints and sinners, and intercede for those whom God is calling to the priestly service of her Son, the Good Shepherd. Amen.**"

#### **Sacrament of Holy Baptism - coordinated by Deacon Tony**

As a parish we try our utmost to honour your preferred day and time for the celebration of this wonderful sacrament; however this may not always be possible and therefore we ask that you understand the difficulties we face. With an extraordinary number of Baptisms happening over the coming months it may be necessary for several families to celebrate this sacrament on the same occasion and again we would ask for your cooperation.

#### **No Confession on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April - Holy Cross**

There will be no Confession slot at HC as Fr Wayne has been asked to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for **Confirmandi** at the diocesan "**Blaze**" Retreat Day. Please pray for the young people from our community who are attending this.

#### **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.

#### **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)

#### **Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Pope Francis has instituted an obligatory memorial of the BVM (Our Lady, Mother of the Church) to be celebrated on the Monday following Pentecost. Mass on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May at 9:30am in SsP&J will be followed by Marian devotions.

#### **Mission in Bedford**

Members of St Francis Cabrini Church will be in Allhallows, at 1 pm, each Sunday until May 13<sup>th</sup>. It includes music, singing and dancing and involves people of all ages. There may be leaflets, with more information, in the narthex.

#### **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 the issue of abortion as it has affected you directly or your family.

#### **Bedford Foodbank**

Thank you for your continued support. With your help we fed 577 people in March. We are currently short of 500g. Long Grain Rice, Tinned Tuna, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Spaghetti Hoops and Jars of Pasta Sauce. Any contributions, are gratefully received and may be left in the boxes in the Parish Room.

#### **St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) - Turning Concern into Action**

The SVP meet on **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** Thursdays of the month. Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> April**. New members or enquirers always welcomed. Please contact Pam or Mike on 07845 121557 for more information.

#### **Conduct at Mass**

People are reminded that arriving late and leaving early for Mass not only fails to fulfil the Sunday obligation it is also disruptive and discourteous to others. We need to consider one another in this regard and help create an environment where one can easily pray and not be disturbed. People are also asked not to loiter in the narthex or back of the church but instead to join the rest of the community who gather around the **ambo and altar** in order to encounter and receive Our Lord. Finally, we have been asked to clarify that attending Mass on a weekday, even if it be a Saturday morning or a Monday does not fulfil the Sunday obligation. The Vigil Mass does fulfil the obligation. If you genuinely need to do any of the above for a medical reason or if anything should cause you difficulty then please explore this directly with Fr Wayne.

#### **Missio - RED BOX Collection 2017**

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to this collection. Our Red Boxes across SsP&J and HC raised a total of £1,177.47. The Diocesan total was £68,606 and £3,028,634 across all the dioceses of England and Wales. A magnificent effort but the work goes on. Please continue to fill your Red Boxes until requested to return them in September. Remember also that our very own Fr. Wayne is the Diocesan Director for Missio. **Fr Wayne asks** for your prayers for the work of Missio on 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> April as he attends and speaks at a Head Teachers Conference on behalf of this papal charity.

#### **Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)**

A reminder that the Bishops of England and Wales have restored this celebration to its biblical day (forty days after Easter Sunday) and have made it a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Accordingly, to not attend Mass on this day, without due cause, is a mortal sin and we would be prohibited from receiving Holy Communion until we have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Mass for the Ascension: Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May at 9:30am (HC) and 7:30pm (SsP&J).

#### **First Holy Communion 2018 -2019**

If your child is currently in Year Two and you would like them to receive their First Holy Communion at SsP&J or HC in June 2019, please note that the application procedure has changed. For more detailed information please take home the **First Holy Communion Programme 2018-19 letter**, which can be found in the narthex.

#### **Weekly Collection Envelopes**

Collection envelopes are available. Please consider giving regularly and if you are a regular UK taxpayer the tax may be reclaimed. New to the envelope scheme? Please leave your name and address for our Gift-Aid Secretaries.

**Collection:** £ 686.38p plus £65 standing orders

**Second Collection this Sunday for the Priests' Training Fund.**

**Volunteer rotas** are in folders in the narthex of the church.