

# Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation



Please pray for the parish of St Stanislaus and St Lawrence RC Polish Church, Northampton as they celebrate their feast day this week.

*Ss Philip and James  
Bedford*

*Lead us to Heaven, Father; lead us to Heaven*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B**

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

**Psalter Week 2**

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



Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

## Propers for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Entrance Antiphon

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

### Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

### Gospel Acclamation

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe'.

### Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, 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.**

*Divine Mercy Sunday* would be a wonderful day to add a prayer card (for any intention) to the **Divine Mercy Petitions Box.**

### 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. Diocesan fee £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 7 Apr	<b>Saturday of Easter Octave</b>
6:00pm HC	Jimmy McAuley RIP
Sun 8 Apr	<b>Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday)</b>
8:00am PJ	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
9:15am HC	Ann and Jerry Maxwell Intention
11:00am PJ	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
1:00pm HC	Baptism of <b>Anika Gerrard</b>
1:00pm PJ	Baptism of <b>Aria Alona Mirto</b>
Mon 9 Apr	<b>Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
9:30am PJ	Teresa Creamer RIP
10:00am PJ	<i>after Mass – Stations of the Resurrection</i>
Tue 10 Apr	<b>Feria</b>
9:30am HC	Holy Souls in purgatory
Wed 11 Apr	<b>St Stanislaus, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>
9:30am PJ	Teresa Rentle RIP - 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary
Thu 12 Apr	<b>Feria</b>
9:30am HC	Holy Souls in purgatory
Fri 13 Apr	<b>Feria</b>
9:30am HC	Jimmy Sheridan RIP
10:00am HC	<i>after Mass – Adoration for one hour</i>
Sat 14 Apr	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>
9:30am PJ	Holy Souls in Purgatory
2:00pm HC	Sacrament of Marriage
6:00pm HC	Moir & Thomas Clark RIP – 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary
Sun 15 Apr	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>
8:00am PJ	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
9:15am HC	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
11:00am PJ	Arthur Johnstone 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 for all baptised at Easter that they will be faithful to God's Spirit and know our care and support.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### Eastertide

The Lollipop Display was created at the Good Friday **Stations of the Cross** for families. Each person present (child, teenager or adult)



was asked to colour in a lollipop stick to resemble themselves. Can you spot Fr Wayne amongst the crowd? The display will remain in Church throughout Eastertide as a sign of our prayer for our Church family. The **Stations of the Resurrection** is a call to follow Jesus, as the Risen Christ. The increasing popularity of the devotion, encouraged by our Diocese in this Year of

Prayer and Vocation, is also a call to strengthen our baptismal vocation. Still further the devotion is promoted by the Vatican as a means of strengthening a "culture of life" in a society characterised by a "culture of death", despair and nihilism. Bishop Peter encourages us to show honour, care and support to the Neophytes (Newly Baptised or Confirmed initiated at Easter). We are called to truly celebrate Eastertide and can do this by the honour we show to the **Paschal Candle** (which is lit during all liturgies) and by the use of flowers and incense. After Eastertide the **Paschal Candle** is removed from the Sanctuary to the Baptistry and is thereafter not decorated with flowers. And we use the **Easter Holy Water** to more consciously remind ourselves of our Baptism. *Did you know that crossing ourselves with Holy Water remits us of venial (minor) sin?* Mortal (grave) sin can only be forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



### Tea and Worship at Priory Church

You are all invited to a united service at Priory Church, Newnham Avenue this Sunday. This follows on from our joint Lent course shared with friends from St Mary's and Priory. Bring-and-share tea at 5pm; Worship in the Small Hall at 6pm. Whether you attended the course or not do come and enjoy the fellowship and service.

### 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.

### 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)

**Silent prayer vigils** outside Bedford Hospital, Brittonia Road, take place on the last Saturday of every month from 12pm -1.15pm.

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

**SPUC Quiz**, Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in Christ the King Hall; tickets £5 each, to include nibbles. Teams of up to six.

**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 next meeting of the SVP is in the SsP&J Parish Room, **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> April**. Contact 07845 121557 for info. Enquirers welcome.

### 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.

### Catholic Grandparents

The next meeting of the Catholic Grandparents will be **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> April** at 1:45pm in HC Parish Hall.

### 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.

### 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.

### Mass to Celebrate Married Life

The annual Mass to celebrate married life will take place on **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> April** at The Holy Family Catholic Church, 226 Trelawney Ave. Langley, Slough, SL3 7UD at 12 noon. All are welcome to attend. Contact Eamonn & Paola McMorro [mfl@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:mfl@northamptondiocese.com) or 07412 151517 for information.

### Holy Water and Votive Candles

Following the Mass of the Lord's Supper Holy Water and Votive Candles are no longer made available until the kindling of the Easter Fire and the Blessing of Water at the Easter Vigil. It therefore corresponds that these are not available on those days on which Mass is not celebrated (ie: Good Friday and Holy Saturday). Did you know that the Vatican forbids Holy Water being removed from the Church on days other than Good Friday and Holy Saturday? This is because in so far as Holy Water disposes our heart to the grace of God it, like other sacramentals, can remit venial sin (mortal/grave sin can only be forgiven through the Sacrament of Reconciliation).

### Yarlwood IDC

Please continue to pray for the residents of **Yarlwood**. They really do need your prayers and appreciate all you do for them.

**Collections:** £ 1618.86p plus £65 standing orders

**Good Friday Collection for Holy Places:** £536.80p Thank you.

Second Collection for 22 April – Priests' Training Fund

**Counters:** This week: Fred & Marie Harris

Next week: George Tasker and Mike O'Hara

**Cleaners:** Apr 7/8 Group 4 Apr 14/15 Group 1