

Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation



Please pray for the Parish of St Dunstan in Bourne End as they celebrate their Patronal Festival

St Philip and James Bedford

Lead us to Heaven, Father; lead us to Heaven

7th Sunday of Easter Year B

Psalter Week 3

13th May 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for 7th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

I will not leave you orphans, say the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Communion Antiphon

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, 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 12 May	6:00pm HC	Our Lady on Saturday Kerrie Clitheroe RIP
Sun 13 May		Seventh Sunday of Easter Second Collection: Mass Media Day of Prayer for the right use of the media 8:00am PJ <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> 9:15am HC <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> 11:00am PJ Paolo Grelli RIP
Mon 14 May	9:30am PJ	St Matthias - Apostle Those who sponsored Easter Lilies - Intentions after Mass - Stations of the Resurrection
Tue 15 May	10:00am PJ	Feria Sean Fox and Family - Intention
Wed 16 May	9:30am HC	Feria Those who sponsored Easter Lilies - Intentions St Thomas School liturgy. Preacher: Bp Peter
Thu 17 May	11:00am PJ	Feria Eileen Toner RIP. In thanksgiving for her life
Fri 18 May	9:30am HC	Feria Deita and Will Duggan - Intention
Sat 19 May	9:30am PJ	after Mass – Adoration, for one hour Our Lady on Saturday and Signs of Life Day Maura Deane RIP. Votive Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe
	4:00pm HC	Spiritual address to Confirmandi
	6:00pm HC	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> - "Signs of Life" Presentation
	7:00pm HC	Refreshments
Sun 20 May		Pentecost 8:00am PJ <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> 9:15am HC Sister Margaret and Sister Mae 11:00am PJ Maura Deane RIP 1:00pm HC Baptism of Gianluca D'Anna Baptism of Christian Nicholas Gresham

Morning Prayer: before 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**). 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. Throughout May: **Evangelization – The Mission of Laity**
That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

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 the sponsors of all who are confirmed that they will support their candidates by prayer and example.

Prayer for Catholic Schools

Please continue to pray for our Catholic Schools that they might be a place of encounter with Jesus Christ: *“Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelisation of culture...”* Pope Francis - EVANGELII GAUDIUM.

Important * First Holy Communion 2018 -2019 *** Important**

If your child is currently in Year Two and you would like them to receive their First Holy Communion (FHC) 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 is in the narthex.

Sign-up forms for **Alpha** (for parents of 2018/2019 FHC candidates) are now available in Church. **All parents are requested to complete this form.** If this causes any difficulty, parents are asked to contact Fr Wayne. Elizabeth Ridley will coordinate a fourth opportunity for those parents who are unable to attend any of the three sessions outlined in the **Letter to Parents**. 2018/2019 FHC enrollment forms will be available from after each Sunday Mass on the weekend 30th June and 1st July and must be collected from the church.

Signs of Life - Saturday, 19th May 2018 – See Poster

Brendan Thompson will explore his devotion to Our Lady and speak about a new initiative, **“Signs of Life”**. The day is open to everyone. We start at SsP&J with Morning Prayer followed by Votive Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We need a volunteer to prepare tea/coffee at 11am. There will be Confessions and then a Spiritual Talk, Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, all led by Brendan. The day then moves to HC with Confession at noon and then at 4pm a Spiritual Address for **Confirmandi**. Finally, there will be Vigil Mass with talk by Brendan and the day ends with 7pm refreshments at HC.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Prayed from Ascension to Pentecost, it is our parish novena in both Churches. Please continue to take part, at home, praying for your own intentions and that our parishes may be renewed and invigorated through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Peter writes: *“As I begin the round of Confirmation Masses, I am very conscious of the power of the Holy Spirit, and I would urge you to join me in praying the Pentecost Novena for the Diocese and for the world.”* It is also be prayed after daily Mass.

Mass for the Pro-Life Organisations

The 2018 Mass for the work of the Pro-Life organisations and the right to hold silent vigils is on Saturday 26th May, 2 pm, The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Protectress of the Unborn), at The Church of the Holy Child and St Joseph. The Principal Celebrant will be Fr Jeremy Davies, and Mass is followed by refreshments.

The Missio Mission Animation Event Saturday, 14th July

This Diocesan Mission is on **Saturday, 14th July at SsP&J**. There is: Mass; inspiring speakers; free lunch; an update on the work of this papal charity; speak with others involved in this missionary work.

Open to all, not just those associated with Missio. Save the date and encourage family and friends to attend. Kath Goodwin is doing the lunch catering but will need help with tea/coffee at 10:30 for the welcome, and we need musicians for the 4:00pm Vigil Mass. Fr Kevin Hughes (Mill Hill Missionary) will be addressing all Masses that weekend. Fr Wayne is on a Missio Appeal in another parish.

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

The next meeting is in SsP&J Parish Room on **Thursday, 24th May**. Contact Pam or Mike on 07845 121557 for more information.

We are requesting the **help** of a current or recently retired school teacher to assist a five year-old (home schooled) girl with English language and reading. You will need to be accompanied by someone with DBS clearance if you do not hold it yourself. You may use the parish room at SsP&J. Any offer should be directed to the SVP contact number above.

Bedford Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support. 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 may be left in the boxes in the Parish Room.

An update on our Seminarians

We congratulate **Liam Castle** who last Sunday was admitted to the ministry of **“Acolyte”**. An acolyte is a person specially appointed to assist the Priest and Deacon. His duty is to attend to the service of the Altar and to assist as needed in the celebration of Holy Mass. He is charged also with administering Holy Communion within Mass, at a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion (which are meant to be rare) and to the sick. An acolyte is also to expose the Most Blessed Sacrament for adoration. He may also instruct people in the Faith. We shall celebrate this important milestone for Liam and also the admittance of **Daniel Rooke** as a Candidate for Holy Orders during the 11:00am Mass on a Sunday during the summer - another occasion for Prosecco and chocolate! Please continue to hold **Liam and Daniel** in your prayers.

Volunteers to take a role in the Sacred Liturgy

Volunteers are encouraged to make themselves known to Fr Wayne if they would like to read the Sacred Scriptures and/or be involved in ‘taking the collection’ at Mass; this will then prevent people having to undertake more than one liturgical role at a single Mass. In future our young people will be more involved in bringing forward the offertory gifts of bread and wine. If volunteering during mid-week Masses; Reading, Serving and at the Offertory; please take one of the appropriate small cards from the table at the back of the church so others know the role has been fulfilled.

Safeguarding Matters

Shirley Whiterod, Parish Safeguarding Representative at HC, will be responding to Safeguarding queries for SsP&J parishioners until 27th June 2018. Please contact her on 07955 670543 if your queries are not urgent. **In an emergency, if you consider a child, young person or vulnerable adult to be in danger or at risk, immediately contact the Police or Social Services local to your parish.** If Shirley is not available please contact the Safeguarding Office at Northampton; for DBS queries speak to Lorraine Elks 01604 723516; for other matters Danielle Dixon, Safeguarding Co-ordinator 01604 723514.

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham – 9th June:

See the poster in the narthex of the Church for details. The Diocesan Pilgrimage is being led by Bishop Peter.

World Meeting of Families – 22nd to 26th August

See the banner in SsP&J. Our parishes have been given permission to use the official Holy Family logo; if you can think of ways how we might imaginatively use this please let each Parish Secretary know. Details about the synod from: www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/

Collection: £673.40p plus £65 standing orders

Second collection this Sunday for the **Mass Media**.

Extraordinary Ministers, please fill-in availability in Rota Folder.

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