

# Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation



*Ss Philip and James  
Bedford*

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

*Pentecost*

**Psalter Week 3**

**20<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

## Propers for Pentecost

### Entrance Antiphon

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

### Responsorial Psalm

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

### Gospel Acclamation

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

### Communion Antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, 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: **No confessions at either church**  
Holy Cross: **as Fr Wayne is away**

**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.

Our **Parish Secretary** is away on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May but will return from her sojourning afloat on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June.

## Mass Intentions and Services

PJ – Ss Philip and James HC – Holy Cross

Sat 19 May	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>
6:00pm HC	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> - "Signs of Life" Presentation
7:00pm HC	Refreshments
Sun 20 May	<b>Pentecost</b>
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	<b>Baptism</b> of Gianluca D'Anna
	<b>Baptism</b> of Christian Nicholas Gresham
6:00pm HC	<b>Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, Compline</b>
Mon 21 May	<b>Mary, Mother of the Church</b>
9:30am PJ	Guardians of our Lady of Guadalupe (Bedford)
	Mass and Marian Devotions for the new memoria instituted by Pope Francis
10:00am PJ	<i>after Mass – Marian Devotions</i>
Tue 22 May	<b>Feria</b>
9:30am HC	Service of Word and Communion
Wed 23 May	<b>Feria</b>
9:30am PJ	Service of Word and Communion
Thu 24 May	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest</b>
9:30am HC	Service of Word and Communion
Fri 25 May	<b>St Bede the Venerable, Priest &amp; Doctor - Mem</b>
9:30am HC	Service of Word and Communion
Sat 26 May	<b>St Philip Neri, Priest - Mem</b>
9:30am PJ	NO SERVICE - 2pm Mass at St Joseph's
6:00pm HC	Carol Toner RIP
Sun 27 May	<i>Trinity Sunday</i>
8:00am PJ	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
9:15am HC	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
11:00am PJ	Eileen Donnelly - Anniversary

**Eucharistic Adoration** this Sunday, followed by Benediction with Compline to finish. **All led by Deacon Crispin.**

**Morning Prayer:** before 9:30am daily Mass; Monday to Friday

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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 all the Confirmation catechists and those who support them, that God will guide and strengthen them in their mission.

### Pentecost Novena

**THANK YOU** to everyone who joined in the Pentecost Novena so enthusiastically. Our thanks also to those who fulfilled the Ascension Holy Day Obligation in our parishes and to those who attended the Marian Devotions with Brendan Thompson.

### Presentation of adult Confirmandi

The adults who were Confirmed at the Easter Vigil will today (Pentecost Sunday) be presented to the community at SsP&J during the 11:00am Mass. Please do continue to hold **Paul, Eleanor and Felicite** in your prayers as they grow in friendship with Christ and His Catholic Church.

### Eastertide is over. What Now? What Next?

As disciples of Jesus Christ each one of us is on a spiritual journey; it matters less where we are in that journey and more that we are actually journeying. However, we should recall the command of Jesus that we be perfect (Matthew 5:48); this must surely be amongst Our Lord's hardest teachings. However, wherever we are in our spiritual journey, or indeed whatever struggles we have faced in the past, every single one of us can take a "next step" along the path that will lead us to God. In this regard the Bible offers us this simple suggestion and comfort: *"Draw near to God and he will draw near to you"* (James 4:8). Whether you have been journeying along the Christian road for a long time, have just been Baptised and/or Confirmed or are wanting to know God better, we invite you to take a "next step" by pondering on this day - when we are **renewed with the power of the Holy Spirit** - what spiritual endeavour will I take up during Ordinary Time? It might be to: attend a midweek Mass; celebrate the Sacrament of Confession more regularly; read a Sacred Scripture passage each day; pray Morning Prayer; offer the Holy Rosary; learn the Divine Mercy chaplet; read about the life of a saint; attend one of our two Rosary groups; etc... Whatever it is, **ask the Holy Spirit** to provide you with both the enthusiasm to embark upon this endeavour and the strength to persevere with it.

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

### Divine Renovation Day – London

The people in the photograph with **Fr James Mallon** are: George Tasker; Mary Johnstone; Margaret Waddingham; Bernard Waddingham; Joan Kedward and Mary Makin. A two day conference will be taking place in Birmingham next year (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> February), we hope lots of parishioners will be part of this. We will seek funding to help pay costs of conference and accommodation.



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

The next meeting is in SsP&J Parish Room on **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

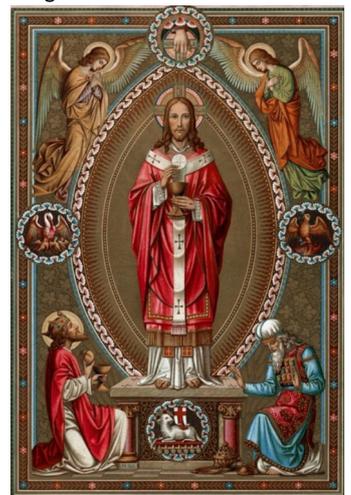
### How might you be more involved in our Parish Family?

*"The parish is not just a collection of individual families, but a living body. ... We may not care for every aspect of a particular parish experience: we may not like the music or the church architecture, or perhaps the homilies leave us untouched; maybe we feel isolated or out of place. But we must remember two things. First, the Eucharist is the central and unifying element that supersedes any cosmetic issues we may see. Second, we should remember that we have an integral role to play in the parish. It's vitality depends in no small measure on the vitality breathed into it by each parishioner"* - **St John Paul II**. If you would like to be more involved in the life of our parish family please contact our Parish Secretary and let her know how you would like to be so, e.g. Reader; Offertory; Children's Liturgy; Server (adults are *really* welcome); Greeter; flowers; cleaner; committee member, etc. **There is a role for everyone within our parish family.**

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest

#### A new Feast for England and Wales, Thursday after Pentecost

The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, according to the order of Melchizedek. In him the Father has been well pleased from before all time. As Mediator between God and human beings, fulfilling his Father's Will, he sacrificed himself once on the altar of the Cross as a saving Victim for the whole world. Thus, instituting the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice, with a brother's kindness he chose, from among the children of Adam, men to augment the priesthood, so that, from the sacrifice continually renewed in the Church, streams of divine power might flow, whereby a new heaven and a new earth might be made, and throughout the whole universe there would be perfected what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor has entered into the human heart. **Please pray for own priest, Fr Wayne.**



### Be vigilant, be cautious.

A purse was recently stolen from HC Church whilst someone was receiving Holy Communion; we should feel secure in a Catholic Church so it is therefore unfortunate that we have to ask that people do not leave valuables unattended. SsP&J has recently been the target of a number of thefts (as have a number of local Catholic churches and other places of Christian worship) so we need to be extra cautious and vigilant.