

Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation



Ss Philip and James Bedford

Lead us to Heaven, Father; lead us to Heaven

6th Sunday of Easter Year B
Psalter Week 2
6th May 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for 6th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him'.

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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 5 May	6:00pm HC	Our Lady on Saturday Hillie Noone - Intention
Sun 6 May	8:00am PJ 9:15am HC 11:00am PJ 11:00am HC	Sixth Sunday of Easter <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> Delia McKenzie - Intention Baptism of Eloise Silvestre by Rev'd Tony
Mon 7 May	9:30am PJ 10:00am PJ	Feria Arthur, Michael and Catharine Micallef - Anniv <i>after Mass - Stations of the Resurrection</i>
Tue 8 May	***9:10am HC	Feria Frank Swallow RIP
Wed 9 May	9:30am PJ 7:30pm PJ	Feria Maura Deane RIP Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI Vigil of The Ascension of the Lord (This will fulfil your Holy Day Obligation)
Thu 10 May	9:30am HC 7:30pm PJ	The Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
Fri 11 May	9:30am HC 10:00am HC	Feria Holy Souls <i>after Mass – Adoration, for one hour</i>
Sat 12 May	9:30am PJ 6:00pm HC	Our Lady on Saturday Maria Middleditch - Intention Kerrie Clitheroe RIP
Sun 13 May	8:00am PJ 9:15am HC 11:00am PJ	Seventh Sunday of Easter Second Collection: Mass Media <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo</i> Paolo Grelli RIP

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 all who have been and will be confirmed in our diocese to rejoice and live out the gifts of God's Holy Spirit.

***On **Tuesday, Mass will be at 9:10am** and Morning Prayer at 9:40am. Fr Wayne is to attend the Priests' Council.

Bishop Peter will be visiting on Wednesday, 16th May

Bishop Peter will be visiting SsP&J to preach at a liturgy for St Thomas More School on 16th May at 11:00am.

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.

Signs of Life - Saturday, 19th May 2018

Brendan Thompson, who works for **Catholic Voices**, is to spend a day in our two parishes. He will explore his devotion to Our Lady and speak about a new initiative he is pioneering in the Church, **"Signs of Life"**. The day is open to everyone.

9:10am - Morning Prayer at SsP&J

9:30am - Votive Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe at SsP&J

10:00am - Confession slot at SsP&J

10:00am - Spiritual Talk, Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet led by Brendan at SsP&J

11:00am - Refreshments at SsP&J

12:00noon - Confession slot at HC

4:00pm - Spiritual Address for Confirmandi at HC

6:00pm - Vigil Mass at HC with talk by Brendan

7:00pm - Refreshments at HC

Please try to support this initiative within our united community.

Divine Renovation - Wednesday, 9th May in London

Fr James Mallon is leading a day in London on 9th May, from 9:00am-4:00pm Tickets are free, and the parish is hoping to help with transport. If you are free that day, please do come along. Please ring: 07787 188571, or Email: earidley@hotmail.com

Christian Stall at River Festival

You are very welcome to join us. The next meeting takes place Friday, 11th May, 7:30pm at Priory Church in Newnham Avenue.

Pentecost meal - A meal is being arranged at the White Horse on 23rd May. Contact Barbara, in the Holy Cross office, by 11th May.

Pentecost Praise in Bedford Park

To be held near the café in Bedford Park, at 3pm, on Sunday 20th May. People from many churches, you are invited to bring a picnic.

We're in The Vine again - huzzah!

Our parish community features on the front page, back page and page eight of the May edition of **"The Vine"** (diocesan newspaper). This is available, free, in the narthex of the Church.

Vocations Weekend for Young Women - from 25th May 2018

A vocations weekend for young women (in their 20s and 30s), discerning God's call in their lives will run from 25th to 27th May in Liverpool. Organised by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), there will be input from FCJ sisters on different aspects of the vowed life, with time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women also considering a vocation to the Religious Life. An opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters. For more information, contact Sr Lynne FCJ lynnefcj@hotmail.com, website: www.fcjsisters.org.

Prayer for Catholic Schools

Please 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 evangelization of culture..."* Pope Francis - EVANGELII GAUDIUM, 134.

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

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, 24th May (NOT the 10th)**. Contact Pam or Mike on 07845 121557 for more information.

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**. Mass for the Ascension this week: Wednesday, 9th May at 7:30pm (SsP&J) and Thursday, 10th May at 9:30am (HC) and 7:30pm (SsP&J).

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Over the past few years the Novena to the Holy Spirit, prayed from the Ascension (10th May) to Pentecost (20th) has become the parish novena in both Churches. We invite you to take part in it this year, at home, praying for your own special intention but also that our parishes may be renewed and invigorated through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Novena will also be prayed after daily Mass. A Novena leaflet is available at all three Masses this weekend.

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, 21st May at 9:30am in SsP&J will be followed by Marian devotions.

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.

First Holy Communion giant rosary

The SsP&J candidates for First Holy Communion have created a giant rosary for the month of May below the image of Our Lady. The rosary they have made is based on the one first instigated in 1951 by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (US National Director of Missio) in which each decade (that is, ten beads) is a unique colour in order to represent a different continent: **Africa** is represented by the green beads which stands for the forests and grasslands there. **The Americas** are red representing the fire of Christian Faith. **Europe** is white because it is the home of the Holy Father in Rome. **Oceania** is shown in blue for the oceans surrounding the islands. **Asia** is represented in yellow as a symbol of the sun rising in the East. Please do have a look at the giant rosary and whilst in front of Our Lady offer a prayer for the young people in our two parishes who are preparing for First Holy Communion! Please also pray for their parents and catechists.

Collection: £727.20p plus £65 standing orders
Second collection on the 13th May for the **Mass Media** and a Day of Prayer for the right use of the media.

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