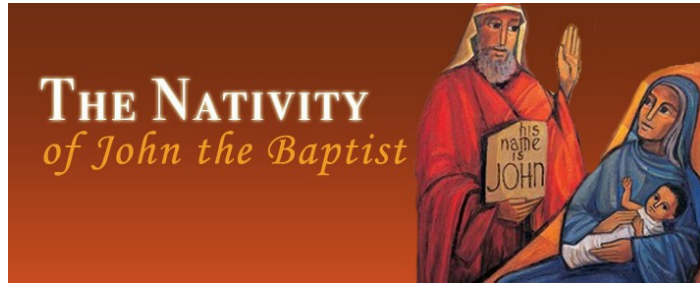


# Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



## Ss Philip and James: Bedford

Lead us to Heaven, Father; lead us to Heaven

### The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Psalter Week 4

24<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

#### Propers for The Nativity of St John the Baptist

##### Entrance Antiphon

A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

##### Responsorial Psalm

I thank you for the wonder of my being.

##### Gospel Acclamation

As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him.

##### The prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to you, Our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us. For all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

##### Communion Antiphon

Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.

##### Recessional Parish Litany

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 - 10:30am**

Holy Cross: **12:00 - 12:30pm**

**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.

#### Mass Intentions and Services

PJ – Ss Philip and James HC – Holy Cross

Sat 23 Jun	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>
6:00pm HC	Teresa and Ken Church
Sun 24 Jun	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
8:00am PJ	Missa Pro Populo
9:15am HC	Missa Pro Populo
11:00am PJ	McCole, McHugh, and Blaney families
Mon 25 Jun	<b>Feria</b>
9:30am PJ	Deacon Andrew Marshall to be ordained priest after Mass - <b>Adoration and Benediction</b>
Tue 26 Jun	<b>Feria</b>
9:30am HC	Reginald Wooding - Intention
Wed 27 Jun	<b>Feria</b>
9:30am PJ	Pauline Mullen, RIP
12:30pm PJ	Timothy Edward Walsh - Funeral with burial at Norse Road Cemetery
Thu 28 Jun	<b>St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr - Memoria</b>
9:30am HC	Service of Word and Holy Communion
7:30pm PJ	Vigil of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles
Fri 29 Jun	<b>St Peter and St Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)</b>
	<b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>
9:30am HC	Missa Pro Populo
	after Mass – <b>Adoration and Benediction</b>
7:30pm PJ	Missa Pro Populo
	<b>Mass is followed by Parish Open Meeting</b>
Sat 30 Jun	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>
9:30am PJ	Ita Mullen
6:00pm HC	Cillian Ryan, RIP
Sun 1 Jul	<b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	<b>Second collection for Peter's Pence</b>
8:00am PJ	Missa Pro Populo
9:15am HC	Missa Pro Populo
11:00am PJ	Joan Donnelly - Anniversary

**Morning Prayer:** before 9:30am daily Mass; Monday (in the parish room) to Saturday. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** for 30 minutes after 9:30am Mass, Monday and Friday, with **Benediction.**

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*The Holy Father* asks us to pray for a special intention each month. Throughout June: **Universal – Social Networks:** That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

### Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

We pray for all of us to reflect on our baptismal calling to discover how we can offer ourselves to serve more generously in our parish communities.

### Mass of Thanksgiving for First Holy Communion

The 11:00am Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> Jul will be a special **Mass of Thanksgiving for First Holy Communion**. It is a special time for these young people. Come and support them.

### Confirmandi BBQ on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July

The newly-confirmed young people of our parishes will host a BBQ and social event from 7:00pm after the Vigil Mass at HC. All are welcome but for numbers, please sign-up on the list in the narthices (foyers).

### Important: Parents of children for First Holy Communion 2018/19

Parents/guardians who are part of the mini-Alpha course will be able to collect First Holy Communion enrolment forms after Mass, weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> June/1<sup>st</sup> July from the narthex of each Church. Those parents/guardians for whom this causes difficulty please contact Fr Wayne. Explore **Alpha** at <https://alpha.org/catholic-context/home>

### Confirmation Programme for 2018/19

Application forms for the programme are available in the narthices of both churches and should be returned to either of our parish secretaries or a member of the clergy. The deadline for return of applications is **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> July**. There will be an introductory meeting on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm in HC. Programme commences early September and the Confirmation Mass will be in June 2019 at SSP&J.

### Missio "Mission Animation Day"

On **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> July** in SsP&J from 10:30am there will be an opportunity to meet with Bishop Peter and the senior management team from Missio (the Pope's official charity for overseas Mission). Please do support this and encourage family and friends to do likewise. **We still need assistance with refreshments as people arrive from 10:30am and Musicians and servers for the 4:00pm Vigil Mass.**

### Yarl's Wood IDC

The residents of Yarl's Wood are "making" flowers to decorate the Church as a contribution to the Mission Animation Day Mass.

### \*\*\*Parish Open Meeting\*\*\*

You are all invited to the parish room on **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June** after the evening Ss Peter and Paul Day Mass (7:30pm) to speak with Fr Wayne about any issues relating to our parish family. This is an opportunity to offer your talents for the good of our parish and to ask any questions you might have. Hopefully fish and chips will be a part of our gathering with tea and coffee! All are welcome to attend.

### Forward Planning

Mass on 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July will be in St John Rigby School, all are welcome. There will be no Morning Prayer at HC on those days.

### Christ the King Church, more forward planning - just so you know!

Christ the King Church, beginning from Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019, are moving their Sung Sunday Mass to 10:30am (from 10:00am). Reasons for this are: those who come by bus will be able to arrive in time for Mass and car parking should be eased after the 8:30am Latin Mass.

### Retiring or Second Collections - even more forward planning

There is an additional Collection at Sunday Masses on 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> August. This is a diocesan requirement and we are to host the **Missionary Society of St Columban** this year (it is the designated diocesan charity for 2018). **These Second Collections are placed upon us from on high!**

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

The next meeting is in SsP&J Parish Room on **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> July**. Contact Pam or Mike on 07845 121557 for more information.

### Afternoon tea - and who doesn't like afternoon tea, eh?

An afternoon tea to be held at 27 Hayland Way on 22<sup>nd</sup> July from 3-5pm in aid of **SVP and Pro-Life**. £3 per person. Donations of cakes to sell plus prizes for a raffle will be very welcome. Contact Mary Johnstone: 07896 871857. (Ed. Did someone mention cake?)

### Bedford Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support. We are short of Tinned Fish, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Chicken, Tinned Vegetables and UHT Fruit Juice. Contributions to the boxes in the Parish Room.

### The Rosary Group

We are blessed with a superb, dedicated Rosary Group which meets every **Monday** at 1:45pm, followed by tea and social chat - and cake...there's cake..and, er, cake! We like cake! (see above).

### The Friendship Group

The Friendship Group of P&J and HC meet **every Tuesday** in HC Parish Hall from 1-3 pm. All are welcome. For more information call Bridie Joyce on 07786 728150 or Julia Scott 07773 079906.

### CAFOD

CAFOD's biggest source of supporter income is from gifts in Wills, and raised enough money last year to pay for a third of our international development work. We also offer a free "Will" writing service. Email: [legacy@cafod.org.uk](mailto:legacy@cafod.org.uk) or call Hannah on 020 7095 5367.

### SPUC quiz on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June at Christ the King Church Hall, 7.30pm.

Hearty nibbles provided but bring own drink (cups provided). Teams of up to six people, £5 each. Raffle too. Tickets from: Julia 07773 079906, Teresa 217201, Andrew 910658, Mary 294191 or Mike 07841 922976.

### Bernadette Houlton Funeral

You would be surprised at the numbers of people who pass away unremarked and unmourned. Bernadette Houlton lived in the parish for roughly 30 years. A few years ago she had to go into a home and has now since passed away. Bernadette's funeral is being arranged by the local Council as she had no family. We are her earthly and pilgrim family as we walk together with Christ. Therefore it would be lovely to see a few people from the Parish there. If anyone is able to attend the service, officiated by Deacon Tony, it is at the Crematorium, 5<sup>th</sup> July at 10:00am. Donations to the care and support of residents at Waterloo House Care Home, 36 Waterloo Road, Bedford, MK40 3PQ. Contact the manager, Sharon Paul: (01234) 351608.

### Spiritual Groups

Let us give thanks for and celebrate the many and varied Spiritual Groups that are in our parishes. Please see the display at the back of our church. Please pray for their continued growth and success. To find out more about a group, please contact our parish secretaries.

### Developments in the life of the Church:

From the **"Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples"**, Pope Francis has dedicated October 2019 as a month of prayer and reflection for the missionary work of the Church. The Holy Father hopes the month will "renew the ardour and passion" for missionary activity within the whole Church. The Bishops' Conference has designated 2020 as a **Year of the Word: The God who Speaks**. The Bishops are inviting Catholics in England and Wales to listen afresh to the Word of God, to encounter anew the presence of that Word and to proclaim it in the Church and to the whole World.

**Collection:** £ 775.98p plus £65 standing orders.


**Second Collection (Day for Life):** £157.29p

**There will be a Second Collection next week for Peter's Pence.**

**Extraordinary Ministers**, new rota for Jul - Sep is in the Rota Folder.

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

**GREAT THINGS ARE still HAPPENING IN BEDFORD!**



Ss Philip and James Church  
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**Updated!**  
**Bishop Peter to be in attendance**  
**Saturday, 14th July**  
**Missio Mission Animation Day**  
9:30am - Votive Mass of Our Lady  
10:30am - Refreshments  
Followed by:  
Inspiring Speakers  
Free Lunch!  
Update on this papal charity  
4:00pm - **VIGIL MASS**  
Fulfills Sunday Obligation

*The day is open to everyone not just those associated with Missio. Please support this and encourage family and friends to do likewise!*

