

Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation



Please pray for the Sisters of the Brigettine Convent as they celebrate their feast Day on Monday

St Philip and James: Bedford

Lead us to Heaven, Father; lead us to Heaven

Sixteenth Sunday - Year B

Psalter Week 4

22nd July 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Or:

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

Confessions on Saturday:

Ss Philip & James: **10:00 - 10:30**

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

Confessions may also be heard by arrangement.

Confession at Holy Cross

From August this year, Saturday Confession at Holy Cross will be at 5:15pm. This will be a temporary arrangement.

Baptisms: by arrangement (See Deacon Tony).

Confirmation in 2019: Contact Deacon Crispin ASAP.

Weddings: at least six months' notice and Diocesan fee of £45.

Mass Intentions: If you would like Mass to be offered for a specific intention (RIP, birthday, wedding anniversary or other intention, please specify) please contact the Parish Secretary, Maria Quinlan, on a Wednesday where she will be found in the Presbytery from 10:00am to 2:00pm only. Any offering is used for the mission of the parish.

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Anthony Lennon.

Morning Prayer: before the 9:30am daily Mass; Monday to Saturday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 30 minutes 9:30am Mass, on Monday and Friday only, followed by **Benediction**.

Mass Intentions and Services

PJ – Ss Philip and James HC – Holy Cross SJR – St John Rigby

Sat 21 Jul	Our Lady on Saturday
6:00pm HC	Ken Evans, RIP
Sun 22 Jul	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am PJ	Mary and John Kirkwood
9:15am HC	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
11:00am PJ	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
1:00pm HC	Baptisms of Orla Elizabeth Preston Amelia Bilepo Bulimwengu Aaron Lokilo Oyono Bulimwengu
Mon 23 Jul	St Bridget of Sweden, Religious – Feast Day of Prayer for Europe
9:30am PJ	Lino Perla, RIP <i>after Mass - Adoration and Benediction</i>
Tue 24 Jul	Feria
9:30am HC	Geraldine Murphy, RIP
Wed 25 Jul	St James (the Greater), Apostle - Feast
9:30am PJ	Mary and Denis McCarthy, RIP
10:30am HC	Funeral liturgy of Patrick Anthony Lennon
Thu 26 Jul	Ss Joachim and Anne, parents of the BVM
9:30am SJR	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri 27 Jul	Feria
9:30am HC	Repose of the soul of Maureen Kelly, RIP <i>after Mass - Adoration and Benediction</i>
Sat 28 Jul	Our Lady on Saturday
9:30am PJ	Lino Perla, RIP
6:00pm HC	George Jenkinson, RIP
Sun 29 Jul	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am PJ	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
9:15am HC	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
11:00am PJ	MISSIO - the Pope's official charity
1:00pm PJ	Baptism of Mila Rose Chichiola Thomas Rust

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The Holy Father asks us to pray throughout July: **Evangelization - Priests and their Pastoral Ministry** That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

In this Year of Prayer and Vocation we pray for all who work to discover new advances in any way to help improve the lives of the sick and the suffering, for wisdom and inspiration.

APF: Mill Hill Mission – Thank You

Fr Kevin Hughes MHM would like to thank you for your welcome last weekend. If you did not become a member of APF - Mill Hill by taking a Red Box and you would like to do so and/or to find out more about APF - Mill Hill, please contact your APF - Mill Hill Local Secretary (Dermot Horan) and/or speak with Sue Barter (a Missio volunteer from our community). Over 60 Red Boxes were distributed after Masses this weekend. ***"The Red Box is a focus of Prayer and giving for all Catholics in over 200,000 homes across England and Wales."***

I can't say it enough: Thank You

I very sincerely want to thank everyone from SsP&J and HC who attended and/or assisted at the recent Missio Animation Day in our community. I owe a particular debt of gratitude to Kathy Goodwin for the sumptuous lunch she arranged and to those people who made refreshments as people arrived. I also extend my appreciation to Dermot Horan (our Local Secretary) and Sue Barter (a parish Missio volunteer) for their assistance and enthusiasm. It was good to hear Bishop Peter offer his congratulations and appreciation to those lay people who work on behalf of Missio in the Diocese. It was also wonderful to hear more about how our Diocese, with full episcopal support, is to trial a new Missio initiative that if successful will be rolled out across England and Wales. During the course of the day I was able to share with the executive team of Missio how some parishioners have expressed concern that my focus is taken away from parish ministry as I work on behalf of this papal charity across the Diocese. I took up the post of Diocesan Director and later new responsibilities within Missio at the invitation of Bishop Peter; however, if this is of real concern to people I will initiate a further conversation with the Bishop about this. My thanks also to those people who attended the Vigil Mass in SsP&J and particularly to our two new servers (who brought forward candles in the colours of the Missio Rosary). Over all it was a really inspiring gathering and a fantastic way of showing people from across the Diocese the warmth of welcome that awaits any visitor to our parishes. **Fr Wayne.**

Missio

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Missio wall-safe box in the narthex of SsP&J. Wondrously we have raised £128.75 which will be used to support the Society of St Peter the Apostle (SPA) component of Missio. SPA trains Priests and Religious Sisters for mission parishes in some of the world's poorest regions. Every single penny counts towards bringing the love of God to these people; e.g. £5 enables Priests and Sisters to visit the sick and imprisoned, £15 buys theological books for those preparing for the Priesthood and Religious Life, £42 helps form a seminarian for the Priesthood. Please hold the SPA in your prayers.

From the Liturgy at the First Communion Mass, these are some of the children's "Reflections on preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time". This is the second of three.

We've got to know our church and what's inside its walls.

We've walked the Stations of the Cross, prayed with the candles and made a giant rosary.

We learnt about priest's vestments and the different colours for the various seasons of the church year.

We've listened to bible readings and understood how important the teaching is to us in our lives today.

We're no longer bored at Mass because we understand what's happening at each stage and we join in with the prayers, actions and hymns and pay more attention to what is being said.

We've grown to know Jesus more and want to be with him in the Mass.

We all feel a lot closer to God than we did before and want to talk to Him more.

We know now that prayer is not simply written words on paper but a conversation with Him and one we can have at any time and in any place.

Lots of us pray on the way to school, throughout the day and at night. We thank Him for the things He's given to support us in difficult times.

Parking at Ss Philip & James

It has been suggested, given the forthcoming parking restrictions to be imposed outside the Church and the successful extension of the car park at HC, that we seek to increase the size of the car park that is adjacent to the Church. This project will only go ahead if sufficient people are agreeable to the proposal. Please therefore let our Parish Secretary know your thoughts about this project; she can be contacted by e-mail, telephone or by a note left at the Presbytery. **Please be aware that Maria works at the Presbytery on a Wednesday between 10:00am and 2:00pm only.**

Bedford Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support. We are short of Tinned Fish, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Vegetables, Jam, Tea Bags, Toilet Rolls and Washing Up Liquid. Contributions to the boxes in the Parish Room please.

The Foodbank are also in urgent need of **Van Drivers** on Thursdays 10:30am to 12 noon and Fridays between 9:15am and 12 noon, and from 12 noon until 4:00pm. Some lifting is involved. If you can help please contact the Foodbank by email: info@bedford.foodbank.org.uk or by phone: 01234 268569.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The next SVP Meeting is on Thursday 26th July at 7pm. In the Parish Room.

Guild of St Stephen

Bishop Peter has written to the parish to confirm that, in accord with Canon 312 of the Code of Canon Law, he gives permission for a Guild of St Stephen (for those who serve in the sanctuary) to be erected in the parish. Furthermore, Vincent Cardinal Nichols has signed the "Diploma of Affiliation" (which will be hung in the sacristy). Once the Guild Enrolment Book has arrived we shall enrol those servers who have served in the sanctuary for more than a year; each will be presented with a Guild medal; a Handbook and an Enrolment certificate. In his letter Bishop Peter says: "In this way, may the care of the Sacred Liturgy, and the faithful attendance and service of your altar servers, redound to the Glory of God and the good of all who participate in the Worship offered by the Church to God". Please pray for our altar servers that each will serve with joy and reverence within the sanctuary and at the altar.

Why Alpha?

For any of the following reasons:

"I love to use Alpha with young people because it takes them on a journey into the heart of God and it lays down foundations that they can build the rest of their lives upon. The easy-going 'come and see' approach is perfect for teenagers, often encouraging them to make a decision to follow Jesus, while launching them into a relationship with Him that is real and honest." *Will Desmond, Catholic Youth, UK.*

"Alpha lit a spark of faith that has grown into a fire. Hearing that Jesus would have died for me even if I were the only person in the world, melted away my objections and I began a personal relationship with God, which has been necessary for personal transformation. I am more patient, more kind, more tolerant, and especially more interested in how I can help others. Prior to Alpha, I attended Sunday Mass about 75% of the time but I was asleep in the pew. It was a duty I inherited. After Alpha, I was drawn to Mass and Confession as never before; the desire was just there. Now I attend Mass a few times a week and Confession very frequently." *Pauline Maher, St Mary Moorfields.*

"One of the advantages of Alpha is that it focuses on the kerygma. In the ancient church there was a clear distinction between the kerygma and the Didaché, the catechesis. The kerygma was the starting point of faith, and the catechesis had to form the faith, but faith in itself blossoms only by hearing the kerygma." *Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, Preacher to the Papal Household.*

Call yourself a Christian? Then Proclaim the Gospel!

In his latest Sunday Angelus address, **Pope Francis** said: ***"It is Baptism that makes us missionaries. A baptised person who does not feel the need to proclaim the Gospel, to proclaim Jesus, is not a good Christian"***. You can respond to that Baptismal calling and the challenge of Pope Francis by being part of our Discipleship and Renewal Group. See poster for more details.

Want to know? Want to be involved?

- Want to be involved in the mission of the parish and to know first what is happening? Join the Discipleship and Renewal Group.
- Want to know Fr Wayne and other parishioners better? Attend a midweek Mass and come to refreshments (Tuesday and Wednesday).
- Want to know how, when and why Bishop Peter appointed Fr Wayne as Diocesan Director of Missio? Ask him over tea/coffee after Mass.
- Want to speak to Fr Wayne after the 8:00am Mass? This is difficult due to the 9:15am Mass at HC. However, do contact him by telephone or email.

Eva Osigbemhe

Please pray for Eva Osigbemhe, five months old, and who was baptised on the 19th July 2108 in the Children's Intensive Care Unit, Addenbrook's hospital. Please also remember in your prayers her mother, Roza and her father, Omoh.

Hospital Visiting

Due to Data Protection we no longer receive patients' names. If you know of someone who is a patient in Bedford Hospital and would like a visit from a member of the Chaplaincy Team please ring Fr. Malcolm Bull on 01234 350628.

Collection: £ 711.97p plus £65 standing orders.

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

