

# Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation



## Ss Philip and James: Bedford

Lead us to Heaven, Father; lead us to Heaven

### Seventeenth Sunday - Year B

Psalter Week 1

29<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

#### Propers for 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

##### Responsorial Psalm

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

##### Gospel Acclamation

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

##### Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Or:

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

##### 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).

Due to holidays, Baptism preparation evening will be moved to **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August** - 7:30pm at Holy Cross, instead of 21<sup>st</sup> August.

**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. Offerings are for the mission of the parish.

##### Presbytery Gardener

After many tries we have failed to contact the gentleman who kindly maintains the Presbytery garden. Can you help us? Who is he?

#### Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 28 Jul	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>
6:00pm HC	George Jenkinson, RIP
Sun 29 Jul	<b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00am PJ	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
9:15am HC	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
11:00am PJ	Tony Boatswain (from Jane Caldwell)
1:00pm PJ	Baptism of Mila Rose Chichiola Thomas Rust
Mon 30 Jul	<b>Feria</b>
9:30am PJ	Renato Thomas, RIP - Anniversary <i>after Mass - Adoration and Benediction</i>
Tue 31 Jul	<b>St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest - Memoria</b>
9:30am HC	Meg Brown, RIP
Wed 1 Aug	<b>St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop &amp; Doctor - Mem'</b>
9:30am PJ	Kathie Flynn - Intention
Thu 2 Aug	<b>Feria</b>
10:00am HC	Funeral Mass of Baby Eva Osigbembe <i>Jesu Mercy. Mary Pray.</i>
Fri 3 Aug	<b>Feria</b>
9:30am HC	Bede Maley - unwell <i>after Mass - Adoration and Benediction</i>
Sat 4 Aug	<b>St John Vianney, Priest - Memoria</b>
9:30am PJ	Fr Christopher Perry and Fr Michael Bates
6:00pm HC	Catenian Association
Sun 5 Aug	<b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00am PJ	<i>Missa Pro Populo (PJ &amp; HC)</i>
9:15am HC	Diana Jackson, RIP
11:00am PJ	Augustus Virginia Moubarak, RIP

**Morning Prayer:** before the 9:30am daily Mass; Monday to Saturday, except there will be **no Morning Prayer on Thursday**.

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

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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 that we will appreciate deeply the life of prayer of those who are sick and housebound, and how their prayers support us in our Christian life.

**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 third and last of three.**

We learnt about Moses and the 10 commandments and what they mean to us in our lives today and we've used them to help us prepare properly for Confession.

Many of us were scared about making our Confession but we all found it so easy and felt so much better afterwards.

We know that we can be totally honest with Jesus about what's happened without worrying that the priest will never tell anyone what we say or think badly of us.

We know that it's Jesus listening and that He is ready to forgive us, even when we make the same mistake again.

**Recently we made our Confessions again ready for today and we know that our newest Sacraments are ones we can receive over and over again.**

**Would you like to get involved in the valuable role of Safeguarding as a Parish Safeguarding Representative?**

Our parish is looking for a new person or persons (as the role could be shared) to undertake this important role which entails the promotion of good and safe practices in activities involving vulnerable people within the parish, supported by the Church's national policies and procedures for safeguarding. It also includes facilitating the safer recruitment of those working with vulnerable people, including the completion of the DBS disclosure process and as the Safeguarding Representative, you would act as the central point for concerns to be shared and as a link between the Diocese and the parish. If this sounds interesting and something you would like to undertake, please contact Fr Wayne to discuss further.

**Job Vacancy - Parish Secretary - Holy Cross - Part Time 6 hours.** We are currently recruiting a Parish Secretary for the parish of Holy Cross in Bedford. The closing date for applications will be Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Interviews will take place on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018. For further details and an application form, please visit: [www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies) or ☎ 01604 714840.

### **Barbara Doyle - Retirement**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Barbara for her sterling work over so many years as Parish Secretary at Holy Cross. I know my recent predecessors have appreciated her willingness to be of assistance and the professional and friendly manner in which she has dealt with the tasks at hand. We all know that she has worked far more hours than for what she is paid! I want to personally say how much I have valued Barbara's generous assistance as I acclimatised to a new parish. I very quickly discovered that Barbara possesses a steely determination; she is the Miss Marple of the secretarial world. Barbara will be sorely missed by me and many parishioners; she has, however, generously agreed to be of assistance to her successor. She will also continue in a number of roles for which she currently volunteers. Please pray for Barbara and Peter.

### **Catholic Youth Worker**

Our application for a grant to fund a Catholic Youth Worker is still being considered. Please pray for a successful result.

### **Parish Litany (The parish needs your views here too)**

Following an extensive trial period of using the Parish Litany at the end of all liturgies we take a break over the summer months. If you have 'enjoyed' invoking the prayers of Our Lady, St Joseph, Ss Philip and James and all the saints whilst recognising the sanctity of the Holy Cross we can reintroduce it during the autumn. **Please let Fr Wayne know your thoughts about this. Only one response so far!**

### **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.

Bedford Foodbank wish to thank everyone at SsP&J for supporting us regularly. The total weight of items you have donated in the last six months came to 608.89kg. Donations help us to carry on providing a nutritionally-balanced supply of food to families and individuals, in and around Bedford, who are facing tough times and struggle to put food on the table. It is sad that help like this is needed, but wonderful that individuals, organisations and communities come together to meet the need. In the first six months of 2018 we have helped 3660 people, 1170 of whom were children.

### **Parking at Ss Philip & James (The parish needs your views)**

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. **Maria works at the Presbytery, Wednesday, 10:00am-2:00pm only.**

### **A little light reading**

Further to the homily last weekend several people asked what the first two books were. The details of these are:

- The Fisherman's Tomb: The True Story of the Vatican's Secret Search, by John E O'Neill.
- Made for Love: Same-Sex Attraction and the Catholic Church, by Fr Michael Schmitz.

### **Paschal Candle**

The glorious paschal candle in each Church is now much diminished in size having burnt throughout the whole of Eastertide and at each Baptism and funeral since; however the beauty of these candles is still to be admired. If you would like to know more about the thought process behind the design of the candle and the practicalities of the decoration please visit the website of the Artist, Sarah Janavicius: <http://sarahjanavicius.co.uk/recent-work.html>.

### **Bedford River Festival**

Did you know of, or did you visit the Christian Stall at this year's River Festival? HC, SsP&J, St Josephs and Sacred Heart (Polish) Church all contributed to the success of the day, from erecting the tent to helping run the stall. Speak to George Tasker for more information.

### **Come along and join the adventure**

New weekly Bible Timeline course: The Great Adventure, starting on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at SsP&J, 1:30 to 3:30pm For more information email: [joan.kedward@gmail.com](mailto:joan.kedward@gmail.com).

### **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.

### **Eva Osigbemhe**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of baby Eva Osigbemhe, five months old, who was baptised on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in the Children's Intensive Care Unit, Addenbrooke's Hospital and who passed away on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, still in ICU. Please also remember in your prayers her mother, Roza and her father, Omoh and the whole family. Funeral Mass is at Holy Cross this Thursday with burial at Biddenham.

**Collection:** £ 621.39p plus £65 standing orders.

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