

Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation Saints Philip and James: Bedford

Lead us to heaven, Father: lead us to heaven

Nineteenth Sunday - Year B

Psalter week 3

12th August 2018

Please pray for Our Lady of Charity and St. Augustine's RC Church, Daventry, as they celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the BVM

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Or:

The bread that I shall give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 11 Aug
6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday

Mary Jenkinson, RIP

Sun 12 Aug

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Missionary Society of St Columban - all Masses

Missa Pro Populo

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

Ann and Jerry Maxwell

11:00am PJ

Missionary Society of St Columban

Mon 13 Aug

9:30am PJ

Feria

Service of Word and Holy Communion

Celebrant: Deacon Tony Quinlan

after Liturgy - Adoration and Benediction

Tue 14 Aug

9:30am HC

7:30pm HC

St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr - Mem

Gerard Hickey - Anniversary

Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

Vigil of the Assumption of the BVM

Wed 15 Aug

9:30am PJ

Assumption of the BVM - Solemnity

Holy Day of Obligation

Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham, Dowry Tour

Thu 16 Aug

9:30am HC

Feria

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Fri 17 Aug

9:30am HC

Feria

Hannah Elizabeth Kerrigan - 29th birthday

after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Sat 18 Aug

9:30am PJ

6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday

Kathleen Doherty, RIP

John and Pauline Mullooly, RIP

Sun 19 Aug

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

1:00pm HC

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Michael Patey

Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

Penny Drewett

Baptism of Sebastian Michael Murch

Celebrant: Deacon Crispin Walkling-Lea

Morning Prayer: before the 9:30am daily Mass; Monday to Saturday followed by **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** for 30 minutes after 9:30am Liturgy or Mass, on Monday and Friday, then **Benediction**.

Confessions on Saturday:

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

Holy Cross: **5:15 - 5:45pm**

Confessions may also be heard by arrangement or in case of need at any reasonable time.

Baptisms: by arrangement (See Deacon Tony).

Confirmation in 2019: Contact Deacon Crispin.

Parents/guardians who would like their child to celebrate the **Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Holy Communion** either in **2019** or **2020** are asked to submit an application form before the September 2018 deadline. It will not be possible for a child to be enrolled on the course after the start date.

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

Mass Intentions: If you would like Mass to be offered in either Church for a specific intention please contact the SsP&J Parish Secretary, Maria Quinlan. Maria works in the Presbytery each Wednesday from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Maria can be contacted by telephone, e-mail or by a note left at either Church or at the Presbytery marked for her attention. Please be specific as regards what the Mass Intention is, e.g. RIP; Birthday; Wedding Anniversary; Graduation; Thanksgiving for First Holy Communion, etc. The stipend (financial gift) for the Mass can be given directly to Maria or to Barbara at HC. Please be aware that in our community any financial offering made for such a Mass is for the mission of the parish and is not a gift to the Priest.

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Fr Wayne is the Diocesan Director of Missio. Missio is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission and is part of the worldwide network of Pontifical Mission Societies.

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The Holy Father asks us to pray throughout August: **Universal – The Treasure of Families**; that any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

In this Year of Prayer and Vocation we pray for all married couples in our diocese that they may know the happiness and enrichment of sharing faithful life.

Closing Mass of the Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

At the Cathedral, 11:30am on **Saturday, 8th December**. We still need a volunteer to organise transport to the Cathedral on the day.

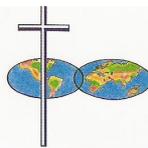
Holy Day of Obligation - Wednesday, 15th August 2018

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. As Catholics, we are required to attend Mass on both Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (or on the preceding evenings) unless we are prevented by 'grave cause'. If you struggle to attend Mass at the dates and times available, please remember that Mass is also available at other times at both Christ the King and The Holy Child and St. Joseph. For those commuting to work in London or other towns, <https://www.weekdaymasses.org.uk/en/main> is useful in finding a Catholic church offering Mass close to your workplace - including 'lunch-time'. We are spoilt for choice! *From HC Parish Council.*

The Missionary Society of St. Columban

This is the designated Diocesan charity for 2018

The Society is an organization working in fifteen countries with a special commitment to Asia and Latin America. The primary aim of the Columbans is inculturation of the Gospel in cross cultural environments. They engage in Reconciliation, Dialogue and building relationships between peoples of different faiths, cultures and ideologies. Columban missionary work of evangelisation includes outreach to poor and marginalized peoples, building bridges between faiths and cultures and supporting emerging local churches. At the heart of their work is the call to help people become fully human, to help establish a world of peace with justice and care for the integrity of creation in solidarity with the poor. An appeal will be conducted by Fr. Gerry Markey SSC who has worked on Mission around the globe in the Philippines, on the Mexican border in Ciudad Juarez and latterly in Chile.



Pathways of Prayer

Avril Baigent (Pastoral Ministry Advisor), who recently visited HC parish to promote a pastoral initiative of Bishop Peter, is asking for potential leaders of prayer groups to attend a "Taster Session" on 15th September in Our Lady of Lourdes Meeting Room, Milton Keynes. Pathways of Prayer is a new resource for the Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation in order "to get everyone in our congregations praying" so that our faith in Jesus Christ might be deepened. The "Taster Session" is for potential group leaders to come and have a look at the resources and to think about how they could run the course in their own parish. To book a place please email Avril: avril@northamptondiocese.com.

Friday, 19th October. Save the Date

Avril Baigent will be returning to our community to lead a workshop and discussion about how to recruit and support volunteers whilst also looking at succession planning. Several people from the parish attended this worship when held in Woburn Sands and found it extremely informative. You are all welcome to attend the day. It would certainly be worth ensuring all those who lead any sort of parish group and/or who arrange the various liturgical roles at Mass are present. To be held at Holy Cross Church with more details to follow.

2018 River Festival

It is important to recognise the huge contribution that our Catholic brothers and sisters at SsP&J, HC; Holy Child and St Joseph's Church, Sacred Heart (Polish) Church and Christ the King Church made to the Christian Stall at the recent Bedford River Festival; such practical and prayerful assistance helped to ensure the success of the missionary endeavour! It was also very well supported by many protestant Christians. Speak to George Tasker if you would like to know more.

Ss P&J Parish Open Meeting (forward planning)

The next Parish Open Meeting has been brought forward to Saturday, 1st December, still at 10:30am, in the Parish meeting room as Bp Peter wishes as many clergy present at the closing Mass for the Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation the following Saturday. See above.

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 as usual please.

The Foodbank also wishes 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 really needs your views)

The idea of increasing the size of the car park was proposed in 2012 and not progressed due to the building of the extension. Noel O'Hanlon has drawn up outline plans which are now being considered by someone within the parish who has professional planning experience. Even though there are forthcoming parking restrictions to be imposed outside the Church by the Council we will not progress to the next stage unless parishioners are happy with the *proposal* in principle. We are not asking for a definite yes now just that people can see the merit of trying to accommodate more cars on-site. **This project will only go ahead if sufficient people agree with the proposal.** We will then progress to making an official application to the Council; it will be they who will determine the design and layout of the enlarged car park (albeit we do have a proposal to put forward). Let our Parish Secretary, Maria, know your thoughts. E-mail, telephone or by note left at the Presbytery. Despite her absence you may still e-mail her as the account will be monitored. Nine people have shown an interest in pursuing the project and several parishioners are opposed to any sort of car park expansion on the grounds of cost and the limited extra parking that may be created.

Parish Litany (The parish still really needs your views here too)

If you 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 the Parish Litany during the autumn. **Please let Fr Wayne know your thoughts. Several pro and anti responses so far.**

Visitors from Yarl's Wood Immigration Detention Centre (IDC)

Wednesday, 22nd August (from about 3:00pm) Pastor Lonnie Haye and some staff members from Yarl's Wood IDC will be visiting SsP&J for a tour of the Church. Would you be able to help serve refreshments for our visitors around 3:45pm? If so, please contact Fr Wayne. Anyone who is interested and wants to learn more is welcome to attend.

Spiritual Groups

Let us give thanks for and celebrate the many and varied Spiritual Groups that base themselves in our parishes. Please see the display at the back of our church and please pray for their continued growth and success. To find out more about a group, please contact our parish secretaries. If you want to help develop the parish, by treasuring the past and walking with Jesus into the future you could join our Discipleship and Renewal Group. Again, contact the Parish Secretaries for details.

Come along and join The Great Adventure

New weekly Bible Timeline course: The Great Adventure, starting on Tuesday, 4th September 2018 at SsP&J, 1:30pm - 3:30pm. For more information email: joan.kedward@gmail.com and flyers in the narthex.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Will ministers please fill in the AVAILABILITY CHART located in the Rota Book in the porch for the period October to December 2018.

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

Cleaning Rota

The new Rotas are in the folder for collection. The number of parishioners who volunteer to clean the church is dwindling. Can you spare a few hours every three or four weeks to fulfil this important role? Contact Julia Scott on 07773 079906 or julia_scott22@yahoo.co.uk.

Collection: £ 749.89p plus £65 standing orders.

Retiring Collection this week: The Missionary Society of St Columban.