

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

Lead us to heaven, Father: lead us to heaven

Twentieth Sunday - Year B

Psalter week 4

19th August 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Or:

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever.

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. The next baptism preparation meeting is at Holy Cross at 7:30pm on Tuesday, 18th September with 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 with a Diocesan fee of £45.

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

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 18 Aug
6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday

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

Mon 20 Aug
9:30am PJ

St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor Memoria

Sister Helen Hajduk OCV - Intention

after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Tue 21 Aug
9:30am HC

St Pius X, Pope - Memoria

Michael Vaughan, RIP

Wed 22 Aug
9:30am PJ

The Queenship of the BVM - Memoria

Laura Claire Hall - 31st birthday

Thu 23 Aug
9:30am HC

Feria

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Fri 24 Aug
9:30am HC

St Bartholomew, Apostle - Feast

Alexandra Louise Kerrigan - 32nd birthday

after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Sat 25 Aug
9:30am PJ
6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Leo McAuley, RIP

Sun 26 Aug
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ
1:00pm PJ

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joan Farwell

Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

Ann Rodgers

Baptism of Shay Malone

Celebrant: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Mass Intentions: It is an obligation of the Church that all Parish Priests celebrate one Mass each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation for the people for whom he has pastoral care (Canon 534 §1). This Mass is known as *Missa pro Populo* or Mass for the People, i.e. for the people of the parish. The *Missa pro populo* intention can not be combined with any other intention. The canonical option is available for only one *Missa pro Populo* Mass to be offered per Sunday where the Parish Priest has responsibility for more than one parish (Canon 534 §2). Given the nature of our community we had two *Missa pro Populo* Masses per weekend (one in each Church for each parish). However, as canonical provision is available for there to be only one such Mass we now follow this rule, i.e. one *Missa pro Populo* Mass to be celebrated each weekend in one Church only and for both parishes. Hopefully this will alleviate the upset and anger that some people have expressed at not being able to secure the date they want for a Mass Intention. We shall do our utmost to alternate the *Missa pro Populo* intention between each Church and between the four Sunday Masses (this, however, might not always be possible). Please be aware that in our parishes any financial offering that is made for your own Mass Intention, e.g. RIP; birthday; wedding anniversary; graduation; thanksgiving, is used for the mission of the parish and is not a gift to the Priest. Contact Maria in the Presbytery either by phone, note or email. In her absence, emails are checked.

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Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

In this Year of Prayer and Vocation we pray for all children, that as daughters and sons, that they may love and respect their parents into a happy old age.

WHY ALPHA? ALPHA CREATES A CULTURE OF...

Invitation and Hospitality

Alpha helps the parish to become an evangelising community. Those who have tried Alpha often want to share their experience with friends and family. The Alpha small groups model hospitality, which can permeate the entire life of the parish.

Encounter

Alpha helps parishioners to foster a personal relationship with Jesus through the power and ministry of the Holy Spirit. Often this experience acts as a catalyst for people to grow as disciples of Jesus. On Alpha people learn how to pray for one another and such prayer becomes a normal part of parish life. Such people also begin to serve in other parish ministries and liturgical roles and they do so joyfully!

Intentional Discipleship

Alpha enables those who have received the sacraments of (First) Holy Communion and Confirmation to enter a real and authentic relationship with Jesus and His Church. Only a very small number of families become part of a parish after receiving the above sacraments. Just 17% of children who received Holy Communion for the first time came to Mass the following week. The same is true for people who have received the sacrament of Confirmation; this is now 'graduation' from Church. This is not

sustainable. The Church in our parish will collapse if we continue to accept this behaviour. Alpha will address this by sharing with people the Good News of Jesus.

Missionary Discipleship

Alpha engages lay people in the life and mission of the church. Often guests who have experienced Alpha go on to become effective and confident evangelisers as they share the impact that Jesus has had on their lives. Alpha creates missionary disciples and enables them to engage in the mission of the church.

'Alpha is for meeting Jesus. What I like in all that I have seen and heard about Alpha is the simplicity. For me, the Christian life has something to do with simplicity, friendship, closeness and joy. That's what I feel about Alpha and I think that's a sign that it works and that it's given from the Lord.' Christoph Cardinal Schönborn, Archbishop of Vienna

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 **Saturday, 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.

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.



Alpha runs here!
Ask for details.



Bedford Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support. We are currently short of Tinned Chicken, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Spaghetti Hoops, Tinned Vegetables and Tinned Tuna, UHT Fruit Juice, UHT Milk, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Tea Bags and Jelly. Contributions to the boxes in the Parish Room as usual please.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Assumption Holy Day of Obligation Masses in our parishes. Thank you also to Bram Walking-Lea for the thunderously uplifting organ music at the Vigil Mass and for the team of young altar servers who were also present.

Thank you to those people who partook of the Welsh Cakes after Mass last Tuesday and Wednesday; Fr Wayne has promised to continue to share these with parishioners each time he has any.

To everyone who has thanked Fr Wayne for addressing the issue of the current crises in the Church within his recent daily homilies. As requested the appropriate paragraph from his **Assumption homily** is included below:

With regard to the recent scandals in the life of the Church, I now make a personal plea. Please pray for Priests. Pray that all Priests will be holy. Pray that each Priest will be a true son of God, a faithful son of Mary and a loyal son of the Church. I also ask that you please pray for those Priests and Bishops who have strayed from Christ. Finally, plead with the Lord for the renewal of His Church. To that end, all Priests (myself included) need to rediscover the Marian dimension of their ministry. Thus, Cardinal Rivera said that every aspect of the priestly ministry should be referred to Our Lady for no human being has better co-operated with a vocation given to them by God than her. We all desperately need the maternal intercession of Mary. As a Priest, I desperately need the maternal intercession of Mary, Mother of the Clergy. May our Blessed Mother nurture priestly vocations and may her constant intercession renew the life of every Priest.

Parking at Ss Philip & James and the Parish Litany

Thank you to those who have voiced their thoughts on these subjects.

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

Wednesday, 22nd August (from about 3:15pm) Pastor Lonnie Haye and some staff members from Yarl's Wood IDC will be visiting SsP&J for a tour of the Church. Refreshments will be available and we thank Ann Cawley for this. Anyone who is interested and wants to learn more is welcome.

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.

Parish Secretary - Holy Cross

It is a great joy to announce that Sheila Allen has accepted the position of Parish Secretary. Sheila will take up her role sometime in September. Please continue to pray in thanksgiving for the wonderful way in which Barbara Doyle has undertaken this role; likewise assure her and Peter of your prayers as they decide how to spend their free time together.

Safety and Security

We have had to improve security at Ss Philip and James but when visiting the church remember that it is rightly open to everyone. Sadly we have found empty bottles of alcohol and also had a meeting disrupted. Recently The Holy Child and St Joseph, Midland Road, has experienced wanton and sacrilegious destruction of church property. Please be aware of these things when visiting your church, especially if you are alone.

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: £ 584.55p plus £65 standing orders.

Second Collection: The Missionary Society of St Columban £576.07p