



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

Lead us to heaven, Father: lead us to heaven

Twenty-First Sunday - Year B

Psalter week 1

26<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Please pray with the Parish of St Aidan, Little Chalfont, as they celebrate their Patronal Solemnity on Friday

**Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin**

**Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walking-Lea**

### Propers for 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Taste and See that the Lord is good.

#### Gospel Acclamation

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

#### Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Or:  
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

#### 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, 18<sup>th</sup> September with Deacon Tony.

#### Confirmation in 2019: Contact Deacon Crispin.

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

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

**Mass Intentions:** When a faithful Priest offers Mass, he has three intention. First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the Body of the Christ (the Church). Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, e.g. *Missa pro Populo, RIP, etc.* Please note that it is the expectation of the Church that only one personal intention is associated with each Mass. Of course, an individual can request that the Mass be offered for several people, e.g. Mary and Joseph Smith, RIP, The Querala Family: In Thanksgiving, etc. NB: In our community any financial offering associated with a Mass intention is for the mission of the parish and is not a gift to the Priest. Please pass all Mass Intentions to Maria, the Parish Secretary at Ss Philip and James by either note, phone call or email. In her absence, emails are monitored.

### Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 25 Aug  
6:00pm HC

#### Our Lady on Saturday

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

Mon 27 Aug  
9:30am PJ

#### St Monica - memoria

Mary White, RIP  
*after Mass - Adoration and Benediction*

Tue 28 Aug  
9:30am HC

#### St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor - memoria

Diana Jackson, RIP

Wed 29 Aug  
9:30am PJ

#### The Passion of St John the Baptist - memoria

Dymphna and Jerry Lennon

Thu 30 Aug  
9:30am HC

#### Feria

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Fri 31 Aug  
9:30am HC

#### Feria

Laurie Coyne, RIP  
*after Mass - Adoration and Benediction*

Sat 1 Sep  
9:30am PJ  
6:00pm HC

#### Our Lady on Saturday

Pat Bergin, RIP  
Gretta Cronin, RIP

Sun 2 Sep

#### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Leprosy Mission Appeal & Retiring Collection

John Carey, RIP  
*Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)*  
Leprosy Mission  
**Baptisms** of Sonia and Helena Scozzari  
Celebrant: Deacon Crispin

**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**.

#### Hospital Chaplain

Please hold **Fr Malcolm Bull** in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from a recent health scare. Whilst Fr Malcolm is recuperating, those who are in hospital are asked to contact their own Parish Priest who will seek to provide sacramental care: Confession, Anointing of the Sick, etc...

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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 who struggle with difficulties and pain in marriage and family life, that God will hold them tenderly, and we will offer all the support and care we can.

#### The Sacred Priesthood: The good, the bad and the downright sinful

We have heard so much in recent years about a “vocation crisis”. Why do you think that has happened? What is your own attitude towards the priestly vocation? If you are a young man, have you listened for the voice of God? If you are a parent, are you concerned enough about the Church’s need for priests that you would support your own son in such a call and joyfully offer him to the church? Or do you believe that this would be a wasted life?

What is your attitude towards priests? Are you supportive and loving or critical and ready to believe the worst? Did you ever consider how much celibate priests need their people to be family to them?

Over the past weeks there has been a lot of justified righteous anger expressed towards the various sexual scandals that have emerged amongst the clergy and seminarians across the world. In addition, we are rightly dismayed by the actions of those who are complicit in this atrocity by covering-up the abuse. Many members of the clergy and laity are looking for answers, for appropriate swift action to be taken and for true repentance to be expressed. Please pray for all victims of sexual abuse. Please pray for an increase in holiness within the Sacred Priesthood and among those who are training for the ordained ministry.

#### Pope Francis responds

Pope Francis has responded to new reports of clerical sexual abuse and the ecclesial cover-up of abuse. In an impassioned letter addressed to the whole People of God, he calls on the Church to be close to victims in solidarity, and to join in acts of **prayer and fasting** in penance for such atrocities. Some copies of the letter are available in the narthex of the Church. You can read the full letter at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-08/pope-francis-letter-people-of-god-sexual-abuse.html>. Thank you to those parishioners who have joined in the Litany of Reparation that has been prayed recently at Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

#### Pathways of Prayer

Avril Baigent (Pastoral Ministry Advisor) is asking for potential leaders of prayer groups to attend a "Taster Session" on **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> September** in Our Lady of Lourdes Meeting Room, Milton Keynes. It 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 session is for potential group leaders to come and have a look at the resources and to think about how they could run it in their own parish. To book, email: [avril@northamptondiocese.com](mailto: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.

#### Rosary Link for Vocations

This diocesan initiative will meet on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm in Our Lady of Ransom Church, Kempston. All are welcome. This is a wonderful way to pray for vocations to the sacred ministry and to support those who already live within this vocation. This initiative returns to SsP&J on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Are you interested in being received into the Catholic Church?

Do you want to explore the Catholic Faith? Are you an adult Catholic who has not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation? If any of these apply to you please speak with Fr Wayne ASAP. The sacramental preparation course will begin with **Alpha** and the first session is on **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September** in HC from 6:30pm to 7:45pm; we shall begin promptly with a light supper. **It will not be possible to join the course after it has begun.** The Sacrament of Confirmation for adults will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2019, in SsP&J.

### 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. The Foodbank also wishes to thank everyone at SsP&J for supporting us regularly. 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.

#### The St Vincent de Paul Society: An Introduction

“Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity.” *St Vincent de Paul*

Founded in 1833 by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, The St Vincent de Paul Society is a Christ-centred organisation made up of almost 10,000 volunteers across England and Wales. While every Conference is unique, our mission is the same; to seek and find those in need, to help them in the spirit of justice and to tackle the causes of poverty where we can. With Christian values at our core, staff and members of the SVP operate on the ground in a variety of ways including visiting and befriending the lonely, assisting in our shops and volunteering in one of our many community support projects. We also support vital work overseas.

#### A belated Big Thank You (Mea culpa - Ed)

A big "Thank You" to everyone who joined Liam, Daniel and their families for refreshments following the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> August. The parish room was certainly full, unlike the several wine and prosecco bottles! We know from the various conversations that people really enjoyed gathering for fellowship and encouragement of our seminarians. As parishes we need to support a future generation of young men to boldly answer the call to the Sacred Priesthood. Ministerial vocations and priestly ardour flounders when those respond to the Lord's call are not supported by a loving parish community. Please pray for them as they continue in their pilgrim journey to Ordination.

#### 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.

**Next Grandparents meeting** Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> Sept at Holy Cross 1.45pm.

#### Come along and join The Great Adventure

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

#### Presbytery Gardener - come now, someone must know who he is!

After many tries we can not contact the gentleman who very kindly maintains the Presbytery garden. People know him by sight but not by name apparently. We believe he has been unwell. Can you help us?

#### 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.

**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: [julia\\_scott22@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:julia_scott22@yahoo.co.uk) or on 07773 079906.

**Collection:** £ 610.76p plus £65 standing orders.

Next week the **Annual Leprosy Appeal** on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept for much needed funds to help to eradicate Leprosy in poor countries.

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