

Please pray for the churches of St Clare in Northampton and Aylesbury as they celebrate their Patronal Festival

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

Lead us to heaven, Father: lead us to heaven

Eighteenth Sunday - Year B

Psalter week 2

5th August 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Or:
I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

Confessions on Saturday:

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

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

Confessions may also be heard by arrangement.

Baptisms: by arrangement (See Deacon Tony). Due to holidays, Baptism preparation evening will be moved to **Wednesday, 8th August** - 7:30pm at Holy Cross, instead of 21st August.

Confirmation in 2019: Contact Deacon Crispin.

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.

Call yourself a Christian? Then Proclaim the Gospel!

In a 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 joining our Discipleship and Renewal Group. See poster for more details.

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 4 Aug
6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday

Catenian Association

Sun 5 Aug
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Missa Pro Populo (PJ & HC)

Diana Jackson, RIP

Augustus and Virginia Moubarak, RIP

After Mass - Celebration of Sacred Priesthood

Mon 6 Aug
9:30am PJ

Transfiguration of the Lord - Feast

Dr Robert O'Driscoll, RIP

after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Tue 7 Aug
9:30am HC

Feria

Mary Walsh - Anniversary

Wed 8 Aug
9:30am PJ

St Dominic, Priest - Memorial

Special Intention (AP)

Thu 9 Aug
9:30am HC

St Benedicta of the Cross, Martyr - Feast

Day of Prayer for Christian-Jewish relations

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Fri 10 Aug
9:30am HC

St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr - Feast

Samantha Jane Ostley - Birthday.

after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Sat 11 Aug
9:30am PJ
6:00pm HC

St Clare, virgin - Memorial

Prayers in the Petition boxes

Mary Jenkinson, RIP

Sun 12 Aug
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Missionary Society of St Columban all Masses

Missa Pro Populo

Ann and Jerry Maxwell

Missionary Society of St Columban

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 only, then followed by **Benediction**.

Celebration for Liam Castle and Daniel Rooke

After the 11:00am Mass on Sunday you are all invited to refreshments in the Parish Room (where wine will be served as well as tea and coffee) to celebrate the fact that our two seminarians have recently celebrated important milestones in their journey to Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. Liam as an Acolyte and Daniel as a Candidate.

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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 preparing for marriage that they may discover the riches and joys of Christian marriage.

Bishop Peter writes: "I am delighted that the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, His Excellency Edward Adams, has been able to confirm that he will be Principal Celebrant at the Closing Mass of the Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation in the Cathedral at 11:30am on **Saturday, 8th December**. Please put the date in your diary.."

We need a volunteer to organise transport to the Cathedral on the day.

Holy Day of Obligation – Wednesday, 15th August 2018

Wednesday marks the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and 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'. To assist you in fulfilling your obligation, Mass will be held on:

Tuesday, 14th August (Vigil Mass) at 7.30pm (HC)

Wednesday, 15th August at 9.30am (P&J)

If you struggle to attend Mass at the dates and times above, 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.*

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.

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, 7th August 2018. Interviews will take place on Tuesday, 14th August 2018. For further details and an application form, please visit: www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or 01604 714840.

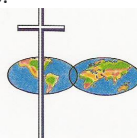
The Missionary Society of St. Columban

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.

Diocesan Project - Missio and CAFOD

The Diocese of Northampton has been chosen for a project that has the full support of Bishop Peter and if successful will be rolled-out across England and Wales. This is to be a month-long targeted campaign that will focus on the complementary work of Missio (the papal charity for evangelisation and aid relief for children) and CAFOD (the Conference of Bishops charity for overseas charity work). The highlight of the month will be a visit by Archbishop John Baptist Odama of Gulu, Uganda. Archbishop Odama will talk to the clergy of our Diocese (and any lay people who are interested) about the contribution that both Missio and CAFOD have made to his Diocese. Please ask God to bless this initiative.



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

Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

The next meeting of the SVP will be on Thursday, 9th August at 7:00pm in the SsP&J Parish Room. New members are always welcome.

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

It has been suggested, given the forthcoming parking restrictions to be imposed outside the Church by the Council, that we increase the size of the car park adjacent to the Church. **This project will only go ahead if sufficient people agree with the proposal.** Let our Parish Secretary know your thoughts. E-mail, telephone or by note left at the Presbytery. **We have had very few responses so far.**

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

Following an extensive trial using our Parish Litany at the end of all liturgies we have taken 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. Several pro responses so far; including Fr Richard Maroney!**

Come along and join the 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.

Daniel Rooke

Our seminarian, **Daniel Rooke**, has been admitted as a "Candidate" for Holy Orders. Candidacy is the rite whereby the Church recognises the seminarian as worthy to be ordained (in this instance) a Deacon and then a Priest. Ordinarily, this takes place towards the beginning of the six years of priestly formation; however at Oscott College one applies to be admitted as a "Candidate" at the end of the fourth year. Admission as a "Candidate" is the precise moment when the seminarian says in the presence of the Church, I am morally certain that God is calling me to be his Priest and I desire to give myself unreservedly to this mission. The Bishop speaking *in persona ecclesiae* (in the person of the Church) responds, I recognise signs of God's call in your life; the charisms of Jesus, the Good Shepherd and of celibacy have manifested themselves clearly in your personality and behaviour. With the help of the Holy Spirit, I and those who are in charge of your formation will further test the call of God. There are two promises that are made during the rite of admission to Candidacy: 1) "To complete preparation so that you will be prepared to assume ministry within the church" and 2) "To prepare yourselves in mind and spirit to give faithful service to Christ The Lord and His Body, The Church". These promises affirm the candidate's commitment to be formed and are the first promises he makes before Ordination. One of the visible signs of having been received as a candidate for Holy Orders is the wearing of a clerical collar.

Baby Eva Ewela Adaora Osigbemhe, RIP

Thank you to everyone who attended the Funeral Mass of Baby Eva last Thursday in HC; it will have been a great comfort to the family to have so many members of the parish community present at such a difficult time. Please continue to pray for the parents and family of Baby Eva as they seek each day to live with this terrible loss. **Jesu Mercy. Mary pray.**

Collection: £ 562.47p plus £65 standing orders.

Second Collection next week: Missionary Society of St Columban.

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

Presbytery Gardener

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