



Please pray with our sister Parish of Holy Cross as they celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross transferred from Friday

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

Lead us to heaven, Father: lead us to heaven

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Psalter week 4

16th September 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walking-Lea

Propers for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

I walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Or:

The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,

and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,

by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan,

and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world

seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 15 Sep
6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday

Martin Hanlon

Sun 16 Sep

Solemnity of Title and Dedication: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Second Collection for Home Missions

Noel Whitworth, RIP

All deceased HC parishioners

Mass will be followed by brunch and family fun

Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

11:00am PJ

Mon 17 Sep

9:30am PJ

Feria

Diana Jackson, RIP

after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Tue 18 Sep

9:30am HC

Feria

Emma Maureen Riches - 30th Birthday

Wed 19 Sep

9:30am PJ

Feria

Francis McConnell

Thu 20 Sep

9:30am HC

Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Companions

Martyrs of Korea - Memorial

Tom Slattery, RIP. *Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray*

Fri 21 Sep

9:30am HC

St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist - Feast

Gina Tierney - Prayer Intention

after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Sat 22 Sep

9:30am PJ

6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday

Michael Gilbertson, RIP

Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

Sun 23 Sep

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nancy Lowe - Private Intention

Ann and Jerry Maxwell

Northampton Seminarians (especially Liam & Daniel)

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**.

Solemnity of Title and Dedication: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

On Sunday, 16th September we will observe the "**Solemnity of Title and Dedication: Exaltation of the Holy Cross**" alongside our sister parish.

Hospital Chaplain

Whilst Fr Malcolm Bull 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...

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 this **Tuesday, 18th September** with Deacon Tony.

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

Mass Intentions: When a faithful Priest offers Mass, he has three intentions. 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 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.

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Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

In this week of our Year of Prayer and Vocation we ask God to strengthen in faith all who serve as ordinary ministers of the Eucharist – our bishop, priests, deacons and acolytes.

Pray for the victims of sexual abuse

Bishop Frank Caggiano, Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut, USA, has directed all his Priests to recite, with members of the congregation, the **Prayer to St Michael the Archangel** after every Mass. This is in response to the abuse crisis that continues to engulf the Church. We may wish to join in this by offering the prayer privately and it is reproduced on the front of the Newsletter. Please continue to pray for the victims of sexual abuse.

CAFOD and Missio - working together

In October each year the Church particularly encourages us to look outwards, towards our global family. Specifically, we are asked to do this through our support of CAFOD's Family Fast Day (5th October) and Missio's World Mission Sunday (21st October). We know that the Church's mission is one: to proclaim the Gospel. By supporting Missio you are spreading the Gospel through building and strengthening the Church overseas. By supporting CAFOD you are spreading the Gospel through helping people in need overseas. Thank you in advance for your prayerful and generous support of both Missio and CAFOD. Both charities would ask that you hold them in prayer as they come together for a joint workshop (being trialled in our Diocese) on 11th October where they will demonstrate the complementary nature of their work.

Why Alpha?

The following results speak for themselves. The global Alpha study looked at over 200 individual Christian communities, across 11 countries and included all the major Christian traditions (including the Catholic Church).

- 93% of Christian leaders would *definitely recommend* Alpha to another organisation.
- 95% of Christian leaders say Alpha is an effective tool for *evangelisation*.
- 96% of Christian leaders say Alpha is an effective tool for *discipleship*.
- 99% of Christian leaders say Alpha creates a safe environment to *ask questions* about the Faith.
- 99% of Christian leaders say Alpha has been successful in drawing people to *Jesus Christ*.
- 88% of Alpha participants were more committed to having a *personal relationship* with Jesus Christ.
- 88% of Alpha participants were more committed to growing in their knowledge of the *Sacred Scriptures*.
- 80% of Alpha participants were more committed to *sharing their Faith* in Jesus Christ with other people.
- 69% of Alpha participants were more committed to serving within the life of their *local Christian community*.
- 82% of non-Christian Alpha participants subsequently described themselves as a *'follower of Jesus'*.
- 78% of non-Church attending Alpha participants regularly started attending Mass or another act of worship.

Fundraising Variety Performance - EVC, Saturday, 22nd September

Come along for what is always an enjoyable evening's entertainment. Tickets £5 each. Venue: Holy Child and St Joseph at 7.30pm. Bring family and friends along, you are most welcome. Tickets available at the door or Judi Fawcett on 01234 838134.

Modern Day Slavery and Trafficking

Northampton Justice and Peace Commission invite you to a one-day conference on this subject on Saturday, 13th October at St John's Parish Hall, Luton. 10:00am to 1:30pm followed by a shared lunch. The speakers are Sr Patricia Mulhall and Michael Duthie (Deputy Director of the Santa Marta Group). They both have a wealth of experience in this area. Please see the poster in the church.

Day of Reflection on Saturday, 20th October

Fr Derek Laverty SS.CC will be leading a **DAY OF REFLECTION** on Saturday, 20th October 2018 from 10:00am to 3:30pm in SsP&J Parish Room/Church. All most welcome. Bring a packed lunch; drinks will be provided.

Catholic Grandparents Association

The next meeting, 20th September, 1:45pm in HC Parish Hall.

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 St Vincent de Paul Society: One Family's Story

"I would like to embrace the whole world in a network of charity" *Blessed Frédéric Ozanam*

This week of Awareness Month we would like to share with you a story featuring the work of an SVP Conference, showing just one example of the ways in which our Members assist people in need.

"Rosamund, a lady in her late 50s, was suddenly abandoned by her husband of nearly 40 years, who left with another woman. She was devastated and found herself almost destitute, no longer able to afford the rent on their flat. She managed to find a cheaper flat in an area, away from her former husband, but had no resources to get started, and as he had taken much of their furniture and household equipment, she needed help in her new home. With support from the SVP, who purchased a cooker and a fridge/freezer, they also found good quality furniture through local appeals. She is now beginning to rebuild her life."

Thank you again for your continuing financial and practical support. Without you we would not be able to continue to help and support people facing a daily struggle with isolation and poverty. If you would like to know more about the SVP or if you are interested in joining the Society, please talk to our members after Mass (they will be wearing badges) or call Pam on 07845 121557.

YOUTH EVENT All Hallows Eve - 31st October

Help is needed to organise a Christian celebration of All Hallows Eve for our young people. This will be held at HC and will follow a 6:00pm Vigil Mass (fulfilling the **All Saints Day Obligation** on 1st November). We could encourage young people to dress-up as saints and to carve a cross into a pumpkin; we shall also have glow-sticks and sparklers for use outside and fireworks are being arranged. We will have appropriately themed food with heavenly cakes and saintly sweets. This will help us to portray a positive alternative and indeed the Christian origin to "Halloween": the word comes from "All Hallows Eve" which is the evening before All Hallows Day (more commonly called All Saints Day). If you are able to assist with this please let Fr Wayne know ASAP.

Statistics for Mass attendance

The Bishops' Conference have made some amendments to how statistical data is collected in 2018. The main difference is the submission as regards Mass Attendance. The number of people at Mass will now be counted over the last two weekends of September and the first two weekends of October. The form also now asks that we attribute attendance figures to each individual Mass. These (and other figures) are used to help plan for the future, e.g. the viability of each Mass, the deployment of Priests, etc.

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.

Volunteer rotas are in folders in the narthex of the church including those for the **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** whose Rota is now available for collection for the period October to December 2018.

Cleaning Rota: 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: To be advised, as the Editor is away. Similarly, The **SVP Awareness Month** collection is also to be advised. The Second collection for this Sunday is for **Home Mission**.