



Please pray with the Parish of St. Gregory the Great, Northampton, as they celebrate their Patronal Solemnity on Monday

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

Lead us to heaven, Father: lead us to heaven

Twenty-Second Sunday - Year B

Psalter week 2

## 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018

**Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin**

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

### Propers for 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent?

#### Gospel Acclamation

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

#### Communion Antiphon

How great is your goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Or:  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

#### Confessions on Saturday:

Ss Philip & James: **No Confessions available**

Holy Cross: **5:15 - 5:45pm (visiting Priest)**

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

**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 by the 7<sup>th</sup> September.

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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:** 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. This Mass is known as **Missa Pro Populo** or Mass for the People, for the people of the parish. The Missa Pro Populo intention cannot 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. Please be aware that in our parishes any financial offering made for your own Mass Intention, e.g. RIP; Birthday; Wedding Anniversary; Graduation; Thanksgiving, etc., is used for the mission of the parish and is not a gift to the Priest. Mass Intentions for either Church should be booked through Maria (SSP&J Parish Secretary) and the stipend (that is, your financial offering) given either to Maria or HC Parish Secretary. Whilst not essential, Fr Wayne will, obviously, continue to sign Mass Cards (these may be purchased from both Churches).

### Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 1 Sep  
6:00pm HC

#### Our Lady on Saturday

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

Blessing of the Marriage of George and Penny Drewett

**Baptisms** of Sonia and Helena Scozzari

Celebrant: Deacon Crispin

Mon 3 Sep

**9:00am SJR**

#### Pope St Gregory the Great - feast

Bedford Catholic Schools - Growth in Catholic discipleship

Tue 4 Sep

9:30am HC

#### Feria

Laura and Danny Hackett - Prayer Intention

Wed 5 Sep

9:30am PJ

#### Feria

Ewa Polatajko

Thu 6 Sep

9:30am HC

#### Feria

Stella Oxford

Fri 7 Sep

9:30am HC

#### Feria

Andy Bennett

after Mass - **Adoration and Benediction**

Sat 8 Sep

9:30am PJ

6:00pm HC

#### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - feast

Prayers in the Petition Boxes

William Higgins, RIP with Prayers for Elizabeth

Sun 9 Sep

#### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### SVP Awareness Appeal

Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

Arthur Johnstone - Anniversary

George and Penny Drewett - Intention

#### Mass at St John Rigby School

When our morning Mass is celebrated at St John Rigby everyone is welcome. This is the Mass for our two communities for that day. The children and staff really appreciate it when the parishioners attend.

**Morning Prayer:** before the 9:30am daily Mass; **Tuesday** to Saturday.

At the encouragement of Bishop Peter, all parishes are being asked to unite themselves in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for the forthcoming national Eucharistic Congress. The diocesan Liturgical Commission has prepared resources for this in the form of a Holy Hour. Therefore **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Adoration)** on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, at HC, will last for one hour (from 10:00am) and be themed around the diocesan resources.

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### Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

In this week of our Year of Prayer and Vocation we pray for God's blessing on the National Eucharistic Congress, and on all who are working to help others through this celebration.

### Sexual Abuse Scandals

Over the past weeks there has been a lot of justified righteous anger expressed toward 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 has responded to this situation in an impassioned letter addressed to the whole People of God; here 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>.

### 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).

### 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.

### National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress-it's here! (well, in Liverpool)

**Adoremus**, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress, is to be held from 7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in Liverpool. Each parish was asked to find representatives to attend the Congress. This will be a unique opportunity to reflect on the centrality of the Mass within the life of a Catholic and more particularly to explore the place of Eucharistic Adoration within the life and mission of the Church. Although SsP&J will not be represented at the Congress we thank those from HC who will represent our community. For more about this important initiative of our Conference of Bishops visit: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018).

### Catholic Grandparents Association

The next meeting, on the 20<sup>th</sup> September, 1:45pm in HC Parish Hall.

### Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Deacon Tony and Maria (with their family) celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary of marriage whilst on holiday in Honolulu. Mercifully they escaped the worst of the storm that hit that part of the world.

Deacon Tony and Maria are now back "in harness" and Maria will be back in the Presbytery office on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September this week, and 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> next week.



### 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 next meeting of the SVP** will be on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm in the Parish Room.

### SVP, you can count on us; What we do in numbers

"Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another" *St Vincent de Paul*

The focus of our work at the St Vincent de Paul Society is visiting and befriending people living in isolation and poverty. The people we visit could be refugees, the elderly, the homeless, people staying in hospital or care homes, people with mental health issues or offenders. Conference Members work on the ground level, face-to-face with the people they help. Here are a few statistics highlighting our work:

- Last year over **9,500** members helped **75,000** beneficiaries
- **45%** of the people we visited were the **elderly** in their own homes
- The Society made over **470,000** visits
- Material and practical assistance was offered to over **88,000** people and families

We will hold our annual appeal after Masses next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Our Members will be available to answer all your questions and to share their experiences. It is also our chance to **thank YOU** for your continuing support for our work. If you would like to know more about what your SVP do, please take a look at our stand at the back of church or contact Pam Kenworthy on **07845 121557**.

### 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.

### University Student Project - Update

A meeting, led by Avril Baigent (Diocesan Pastoral Ministry Advisor), is to be held in the Parish Hall (HC) on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm in order to arrange the practicalities of encouraging Catholics at the local university campus to make HC their spiritual home; we are being encouraged in this project by Bishop Peter. It is not too late to be a part of this endeavour so all are welcome to attend the meeting. Everyone can be a part of this exciting adventure by praying for God's blessing upon our work.

### Fundraising Variety Performance - EVC Uganda, Saturday 22 September

Come along for what is always an enjoyable evening's entertainment with an impressive lineup of acts. You may also hear about the many things EVC is doing to help desperately poor children have a future. Tickets remain at £5 each. Venue: Holy Child and St Joseph at 7.30pm. Bring your family and friends along as well, you will be made most welcome. Tickets at the door or from Judi Fawcett on 01234 838134.

### 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...

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

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Will ministers please note, Rotas are now available for collection from the Rota folder in the Narthex 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](mailto:julia_scott22@yahoo.co.uk).

**Collection:** £ 703.02p plus £65 standing orders.

The Second Collection, this Sunday, is the Annual **Leprosy Appeal** for much needed funds to help to eradicate Leprosy in poor countries.

Next Sunday, **9<sup>th</sup> September**, there will be an Appeal and Second Collection for the **SVP Awareness Month**.