



Please pray with the Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham, Corby, 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-Fifth Sunday - Year B

Psalter week 1

23rd September 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walking-Lea

Propers for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Or: I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Prayer for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Candidates

O Jesus, who love us so much as to desire to come to us in the sacrament of your Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity: inflame us with a passionate and apostolic zeal to worthily prepare our young people for the Sacraments of Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Protect, O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, these young people from the assaults of evil, strengthen their Faith in you, increase their love for the Church and endow them with saintly wisdom. O Most Merciful Jesus: guide their catechists and may their parents be not only their first teachers but also the best of teachers in the ways of the true Faith. Amen. Lord, again I say: Amen.

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 meetings are at Holy Cross at 7:30pm on 10th and 16th October with Deacon Tony.

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. The *Missa Pro Populo* intention cannot be combined with any other intention. 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 Sheila. Whilst not essential, Fr Wayne will, obviously, continue to sign Mass Cards which may be purchased from both Churches.

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 22 Sep
6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday

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)

Mon 24 Sep
9:30am PJ

Our Lady of Walsingham - memoria

Bernadette Houlton, RIP

after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Tue 25 Sep
9:30am HC

Feria

Joseph Conway, Anniversary

Wed 26 Sep
9:30am PJ

Feria

Tony Boatswain - speedy recovery

Thu 27 Sep
9:30am HC
6:30pm PJ

St Vincent de Paul, Priest - memoria

All SVP members at SsPJ and HC

SVP in honour of St Vincent de Paul memoria

Fri 28 Sep
10:30am HC

Feria

Stella Oxford - Intention

after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Funeral liturgy for Stephen Lawson, RIP

Sat 29 Sep
9:30am PJ
6:00pm HC

Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

All Souls in Purgatory

Barbara Doyle, in thanksgiving

Sun 30 Sep
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ
1:00pm HC

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

Michael Fuccillo

William Monica Pattin, RIP

Baptism of Albert Oscar Moore

Celebrant: Deacon Crispin

Morning Prayer: before the morning daily Mass; Monday to Saturday. Mass is then followed by **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** for thirty minutes on Monday and Friday ending with **Benediction**.

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Stephen Lawson, RIP**. The Funeral Liturgy for Stephen will take place on this Friday in HC at midday. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the burial at Norse Road. Please pray for Stephen's father Jim at this very sad time. Jesu Mercy. Mary pray.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **William Edward John McKeating, RIP**, whose Funeral Mass is in SsP&J on next Tuesday, 2nd October at 11:00am.

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Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

In this week of our Year of Prayer and Vocation we pray for all who serve as commissioned lay ministers of the Eucharist in our parish churches and in their service to the sick and housebound.

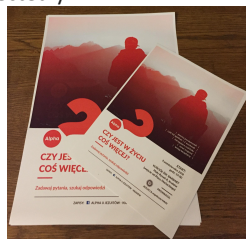
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

What a truly wonderful observance of Holy Cross Day. We extend our appreciation to the many parishioners who joined us for brunch last Sunday as we celebrated the Triumph of the Holy Cross; it was a truly wonderful occasion with people of all ages joining in the celebration with much reminiscing and games for all the family. We extend our thanks to Kathy Goodwin for baking the sumptuous biscuits and to her and the team for the delicious bacon and sausage rolls. We also extend our thanks to those musicians and singers who lead us in rousing renditions of "Lift high the Cross".

Polish Pilgrimage 2018

Please be assured that HC and SsP&J parishioners were held in prayer whilst Fr Wayne was on pilgrimage in Poland. On Sunday, 9th September, Mass was offered for the parishes in the oldest Church in Krakow (St Albert). Mass on Holy Cross Day was offered for parishioners in the Chapel of St John Paul II in the Salt Mines. Wondrously, he then found himself celebrating Mass at the Shrine of Divine Mercy for **Bedford** pilgrims whom he encountered unexpectedly.

On the final day of the pilgrimage, Mass was celebrated in St Barbara's Church, which is running its second **Alpha** course this year. He was again joined at Mass by the pilgrims from Bedford. There are small icon cards of Our Lady of Czestochowa in the narthex which were brought back from the shrine in Poland and you are welcome to take one.



Pilgrimage to Poland 2019

Deacon Tony is organising a Pilgrimage to Poland from Monday 2nd to Sunday 8th September 2019. A visit to the **Monastery at Czestochowa** will be part of this parish pilgrimage. Please sign the '**expression of interest**' form, which is in the narthex, if you would like to come. The cost is £700 pp plus £165 single person supplement as appropriate.

Youth Event: All Hallows' Eve - Wednesday, 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.

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

This Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Sunday, 7th October for the **Sanctity of Life** led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald with Fr. Jeremy Davies of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Arriving at Walsingham the day commences with the 12 o'clock Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation. Bring your own picnic lunch. Contact Mary Frost on 01234 304014, call 01858 571242 or visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org. See the poster in the narthex. Bp Peter encourages parishioners to join in this part of the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope St John Paul II.

Day of Reflection on Saturday, 20th October

Fr Derek Laverty SS.CC will be leading a **Day of Reflection** from 10:00am to 3:30pm in SsP&J Parish Room/Church. All most welcome. Bring a packed lunch though drinks will be provided.

Modern Day Slavery and Trafficking - details on last week's Newsletter If anyone wishes to attend the day-conference on modern slavery, Saturday, 13th October at St John's Parish Hall, Luton, could they please contact HC Parish Secretary so that lifts might be arranged if needed.

Please continue to pray for the victims of sexual abuse

You may like to join in the **Prayer to St Michael the Archangel** by offering the prayer privately. (See previous Newsletters for the prayer)

Bedford Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support. We are currently short of Squash, Cup-a-Soup, Pasta Sauce, Rice (250g and 500g), Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Rice Pudding and Tinned Fruit. Contributions to the boxes in the Parish Room as usual please.

The next meeting of the SVP will be on Thursday, 11th October at 7:00pm in the Parish Room. Mass for SVP' Feast Day, this Thursday at 6:30pm.

The St Vincent de Paul Society; Get Involved

"Charity must never look to the past, but always to the future" Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

Across the country the Society is growing steadily, however we are always on the lookout for new members. Increasing our membership will enable us to achieve our goal of helping and supporting people facing a daily struggle with isolation and poverty. Whilst volunteering can be a challenge, it is equally rewarding. As a Member you will always have the support of your Conference, as well as that of the National Society to assist you in your charitable works. If you do not have the time to commit to the Society but would like to make a regular contribution, you can become a Friend, just speak to Pam or any member of the SVP team after Mass or contact us on the number given below. Thank you for your time and attention during Awareness Month. We hope this has helped you get to know the Society better and perhaps motivate you to turn your concern into action. If you would like to know more about the SVP or if you are interested in joining the Society, please get in touch with **Pam or Mary on 07845 121557**.

NORES Lecture: "The Disciple's Call"

During Education Week the annual NORES Lecture will take place on Sunday, 14th October from 4:00pm - 5:30pm. The guest speakers are Sr Elizabeth Mary, Prioress of Brownhill, Stroud and Sr Ewa Pliszczak, a Missionary Sister of the Holy Spirit. The lecture, which is free to attend, and refreshments will be at NORES, Holy Ghost Centre, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD. Everyone is very welcome.

St Thomas More, Catholic Teaching School, requires more cleaners

We need reliable and hardworking individuals for general cleaning of school site, including toilets, corridors, classrooms and offices. This is a physically demanding role that requires flexible team workers who can adapt to the changing needs of the school. Working hours are 3.45pm - 5.45pm, Monday to Friday. Interested? Please visit the school office or website or email hr@stm.beds.sch.uk for an application pack.

Volunteer rotas are in folders in the narthex of the church. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** rotas are now available for collection from the 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.

Collection Sunday 9th: £637.23p and a donation of £440.00p

Second Collection Sunday 9th for SVP Awareness Month: £363.76p

Collection Sunday 16th: £550.01p

Second Collection Sunday 16th which was for Mission Sunday: £113.27p

CAFOD and Missio - working together

In October each year the Church particularly encourages us to look outwards, towards our global family. We are asked to do this through our support of **CAFOD's** Family Fast Day on Friday, 5th and **Missio's** World Mission Sunday on 21st October. We know that the Church's mission is 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 Thursday, 11th October where they will demonstrate the complementary nature of their work.

Leave your number or address...

If people telephone or leave a written note at the Presbytery, please provide a contact telephone number or an address. Unfortunately, we don't have a full Parish Directory as such.