



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

Lead us to heaven, Father: lead us to heaven

Twenty-Third Sunday - Year B

Psalter week 3

9th September 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walking-Lea

Propers for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Or:

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Confessions on Saturday:

Ss Philip & James: **No confessions this Saturday**
Holy Cross: **5:15 - 5:45pm (visiting Priest)**

Fr Wayne is away from 9th to 15th September helping lead a pilgrimage to Poland for pilgrims from Milton Keynes. Fr Wayne will hold parishioners in his prayers whilst he is away.

Confessions may also be heard at other parishes within Bedford.

Baptisms: by arrangement. The next baptism preparation meeting is at Holy Cross at 7:30pm on Tuesday, 18th September 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 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 at St John Rigby School, Monday, 3rd September

A huge thank you to all the parishioners who attended Mass in St John Rigby School on Monday, and thus supported our Catholic teachers.

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 8 Sep **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - feast
6:00pm HC SVP awareness Month

Sun 9 Sep **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
SVP Awareness Appeal

8:00am PJ *Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)*
9:15am HC Arthur Johnstone - Anniversary
11:00am PJ George and Penny Drewett - Intention

Mon 10 Sep **Feria**
9:30am SJR Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion
after Liturgy - Adoration and Benediction

Tue 11 Sep **Feria**
9:30am HC Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion

Wed 12 Sep **Feria**
9:30am PJ Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion

Thu 13 Sep **St John Chrysostom, Bp & Dr** - memoria
9:30am HC Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion

Fri 14 Sep **Feria**
9:30am HC Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion
after Liturgy - Adoration and Benediction

Sat 15 Sep **Feria**
9:30am PJ Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion
6:00pm HC Martin Hanlon

Sun 16 Sep **Solemnity of Title and Dedication: Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Second Collection for Home Missions
8:00am PJ Noel Whitworth, RIP
9:15am HC All deceased HC parishioners
11:00am PJ Mass will be followed by brunch and family fun
Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

Morning Prayer: before the 9:30am daily Liturgy; Monday to Saturday followed by **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** for 30 minutes after 9:30am Mass, on Monday and Friday, then **Benediction** with D'con Tony.

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

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The Holy Father asks us to pray throughout September: **Universal - Young People in Africa.** That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

In this week of our Year of Prayer and Vocation we pray for a deeper love of the Eucharist and heartfelt thanks for the gift we receive of Christ's Body and Blood.

Holy Hour of Adoration on Friday last week

This month of September in our Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation is focused on prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament. Accordingly, Bishop Peter has written of how "delighted" he was to discover that so many parishes had arranged special Holy Hours and Forty Hours of Adoration (called "Quarantore" - "forty" corresponding to the number of hours Jesus spent dead in the tomb) in order that people might be spiritually united with the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress (Adoremus) that took place during the second weekend of September. Therefore, thank you to everyone who took part in the special Adoremus Holy Hour within our community.

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. The request is effective from 15th September (the memoria of Our Lady of Sorrows). Bishop Frank; *"I believe that the Church is facing a moment of crisis that demands honesty and repentance from the bishops and decisive action to ensure that these failures will never happen again."* Pope John Paul II recommended the restoration of this prayer and its private recitation. We may like to join in this by offering the prayer privately. Please continue to pray for the victims of sexual abuse.

Pathways of Prayer, this Saturday in Milton Keynes

Avril Baigent (Pastoral Ministry Advisor) is asking for potential leaders of prayer groups to attend a "Taster Session" on **Saturday, 15th 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.

Rosary Link for Vocations this Friday, 14th September

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

Holy Cross Parish Secretary

Barbara Doyle retires as Parish Secretary on Friday, 14th September and hands over to Sheila Allen that same day. Fr Wayne, on behalf of both Parishes and all former clergy, thanks Barbara for her service.

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.

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Church of the Holy Child & St Joseph

We are truly blessed to have an authenticated copy of the original Miraculous Relic Image of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** in our town. There is a lot going on at the Shrine this autumn. Please see the leaflets in the narthex of the Church and see when you can spend time with Our Lady. Also remember that we were blessed to be given a very valuable icon of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. It is in the narthex of SsP&J and intercessions may be offered before this and prayer cards may be left in the petition box (as for the icon of the Divine Mercy Jesus).

Little Way Healing Ministries

Saturday, 15th September from 10:45am to 16:30pm at the Church of the Holy Child and St Joseph. There will be Mass, Exposition, teaching, laying on of hands, prayer, testimony and song. Please bring a packed lunch.

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: Going beyond Boundaries

"Let us do without hesitation whatever good lies at our hands." **Blessed Frédéric Ozanam**

At the St Vincent de Paul Society we are aware that poverty exists beyond where we can see. You may have noticed the posters on our display board, which highlight just some of the places where you can find Members of the SVP helping others. This could be in prisons, soup runs, food-banks, care homes, hospitals or visiting people in their own homes. In some of these instances being a Member of the SVP can be a challenge, but it is also rewarding work, seeking and finding those in need, giving our support with compassion, and responding where the need is greatest. **Our annual appeal will be held today. Our chance to share with you what we do and to thank you for your continuing support.** 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 are the ones wearing badges) or call Pam on 07845 121557.

The next meeting of the SVP will be on Thursday, 13th September at 7:00pm in the Parish Room. New members are always welcome.

Workshop to Help Recruit Volunteers on Friday, 19th October

To help address the issues surrounding the running of volunteer organisations, Avril Baigent (the Diocesan Pastoral Ministry Adviser) will be returning to Bedford to lead a workshop and discussion about how to recruit and support volunteers, whilst also looking at succession planning. The day will cover why people volunteer, getting new people involved in parish life and dealing with 'tricky' situations. If you are a leader of a group and are unable to attend perhaps you could send a representative? At HC from 10:30am to 4:30pm, bring something for lunch; refreshments will be served throughout the day. Mass at 9:30am followed by Adoration until 10:30am. To book, please email holycrosschurch896@btconnect.com, or phone HC Parish Secretary.

Fundraising Variety Performance for EVC, Saturday, 22nd September

Come along for what is always an enjoyable evening's entertainment. You may also hear about the many things EVC is doing to help desperately poor children have a future. Tickets £5 each. Venue: Holy Child and St Joseph at 7.30pm. Bring family and friends along, you are most welcome. Tickets at the door or ☐ 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...

Catholic Grandparents Association

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

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.

Volunteer rotas are in folders in the narthex of the church including the new Rota for **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** which are now available for collection from the Rota folder in the Narthex for the period October to December 2018.

Collection: £ 588.96p plus £65 standing orders.

The Leprosy Appeal collection raised £325.14p. Thank you.

Second Collection, this Sunday, for **SVP Awareness Month.**

There will be a Second collection next Sunday, for **Home Mission Sunday.**

Presbytery Gardener

You'll be pleased to know that we have traced the Presbytery gardener who is hale and hearty...