



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

Lead us to heaven, Father: lead us to heaven

Twenty-Eighth Sunday - Year B

Psalter week 4

14th October 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark our iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

Gospel Acclamation

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing
the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.
Or:
When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Mass Intentions and Services

PJ – Ss Philip and James HC – Holy Cross

Our Lady on Saturday

Tenvs and Eileen Kerrigan, RIP

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

Paddy Malone, RIP

Matthew Espisto

St Teresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor - Memorial

Bernadette Houlton, RIP

after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Feria

Philip Hebbert, RIP (**Morning Prayer will be at 9:40am**)

Fr Wayne is at a Priests' Council's Meeting

Sat 13 Oct
6:00pm HC

Sun 14 Oct
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ

Mon 15 Oct
9:30am PJ

Tue 16 Oct
9:10am HC

Wed 17 Oct
9:30am PJ

Thu 18 Oct
9:30am HC

Fri 19 Oct
9:30am HC

Sat 20 Oct
9:30am PJ
6:00pm HC

Sun 21 Oct
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ

St Ingatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr - Memorial
Agnes Theresa Gilboay, RIP

St Luke, Evangelist - Feast
Stephen Lawson, RIP

Feria

Diana Williams

after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Our Lady on Saturday

Holy Souls in purgatory

Catenian Association

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Second Collection for Overseas Missions**

Mrs Clarke, RIP

Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

Eugene McGrath, RIP

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, only, ending with **Benediction**.

Annual Mass count

Thanks go to those people who have been to Mass in our community on each of the last four Sundays as we undertook the annual Mass count. These figures are used in the pastoral planning of the number and location of Masses and the deployment of Priests.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for **Missio**, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in building a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for our mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using the envelopes provided by **Missio** which can be handed in at any time. Thank you.

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.

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.

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 need at a reasonable time.

Baptisms: by arrangement. The next baptism preparation meetings are at Holy Cross at 7:30pm on 16th October with Deacon Tony.

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

How to ask for a Mass Intention: Email, telephone, write a letter, drop a note or send a carrier pigeon to Maria Quinlan who is the Parish Secretary at SsP&J. If you want to make an offering, that is fine; your offering is used for the mission of the parish. It is not a gift to Fr Wayne. Place any offering in an envelope and mark the envelope with your name and your named intention previously booked. -*Editor*

Praying for the departed in November

All Souls/November Envelopes to pray for our departed loved ones are available in the narthex. Any financial offering is completely optional but, if offered, it is used for the mission of the parish.

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Doreen Frances Gifford, RIP. The Rite of Reception of the Body will take place at SsP&J on Thursday, 8th November at 5:00pm, followed by a Funeral Liturgy the following day. *Jesu mercy. Mary pray.*

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Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

In our Year of Prayer and Vocation we pray this week for all the young people in our schools and their families: that God will bless and strengthen them in following the example of Jesus.

Day of Reflection, next Saturday, 20th October

Fr Derek Laverty SS.CC, recently appointed Provincial for the Ireland-England Province of the Congregation, 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; drinks will be provided.



Legion of Mary

Members of the "Legion of Mary" based at Christ the King Church will be present at the 9:15am and 11:00am Masses on Sunday, 21st October. They wish to speak about their work and prayer for "the salvation of souls" through evangelisation and in offering people a glimpse of "the glories of the Catholic Faith". Membership of the organisation can be both "active" and "auxiliary" (the former carrying out the actual work and the latter supporting it through prayer). The group meets every Tuesday evening at Christ the King Church.

Lourdes: You are invited to a presentation at Holy Cross Parish Hall on Monday, 22nd October at 7.30 pm, to find out about the work of Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT) in taking sick and disabled people on a fully accessible pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes.

Youth Event: All Hallows' Eve - Wednesday, 31st October

Help is still 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). Sheila Allen, Keith Allen (fireworks), Jo-Anne Middleditch (cakes), Barbara Doyle and Maria Quinlan have already offered, but we still need help with food, children's activities, etc... Help to portray a positive alternative and indeed the Christian origin to "Halloween".

ALL SAINTS DAY - Holy Day of Obligation

- 31st October, 6:00pm - Vigil Mass and All Hallows Eve Party at HC
- 1st November, 9:30am - Mass at St John Rigby School - All are welcome
- 1st November, 7:30pm - Mass at SsP&J

ALL SOULS DAY

- 2nd November, 9:30am - Mass at HC
- 2nd November, 7:30pm - Mass at SsP&J

Annual Shoe box.....shoe box.....shoe box.....Appeal 2018

Last week Bernadette started the appeal for you to fill a shoe box (covered in Christmas wrapping paper) with presents suitable for a boy or girl of a particular age range: 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Gift suggestions include toys, sweets (not chocolate), school supplies, hygiene items, hat gloves, scarf etc. These are then shipped overseas to countries where children are unlikely to receive any other present at Christmas. We suggest a donation of £5 to be included in the box to cover processing and transport costs. Leaflets explaining how to fill a box will be at the back of the church. If you are unable to contribute a box, you might like to donate items that can be made up into a box, or make a monetary donation. The deadline is Sunday, 4th November.



Catholic Marriage Enrichment (for married couples only)

Christ the King Church, Harrowden Road, is hosting a seminar on Catholic Marriage Enrichment. Focus on your Marriage – enjoy a day together, enriching your life as a couple and perhaps consider mentoring engaged couples in your parish. Topics covered include: Mission to Love; Emotional Communion; Building Unity; Sex, a sacred embrace; Choosing Forgiveness; Sharing our Spirituality. • Films • Inspiration • Couple Activities • *Sharing with spouse only – no group work.* Speakers: Rose and Nigel Stokes (UK Co-ordinators of Smart Loving marriage preparation course), Deborah (MFL lead Plymouth Diocese) and Deacon Tim Van Kroonenburg. **Contact Deacon Crispin for more information.**

Catholic Schools Week, NORES Lecture in Luton - Cancelled

Due to unforeseen circumstances the lecture, advertised for this Sunday, 14th October, has been cancelled.

Knights of St. Columba Quiz

Don't miss the next Quiz on this Thursday, 18th October at 8pm in the Meltis Club, Miller Road. £3.00 admission per person, including a Buffet Supper. Come as an individual or part of a team. You will receive a warm welcome. All funds raised go to our chosen charities.

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.

CAFOD and Missio - working together

In October each year the Church encourages us to look outwards and towards our global family. We are asked to do this through our support of **CAFOD** and also for **Missio's** World Mission next Sunday, 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 came together for a joint, clergy and volunteers, workshop (being trialled in our Diocese) last Thursday, 11th October where they demonstrated the complementary nature of their work.

World Mission Sunday and Red Box Day

Forget Red-Nose Day, we have our very own Red-Box Day on the weekend of the 20th/21st October to coincide with World Mission Sunday. We would like all those parishioners who currently have a **Red Box** to bring it along to one of the Masses that weekend. It doesn't matter whether your **Red Box** is heavy or light, bring it along anyway. If you would like to know how much your **Red Box** contains, please put a note to that effect in the box. If you are likely to be away that weekend, perhaps you would kindly bring your **Red Box** along next weekend. Many thanks for your support. *Sue and Dermot, parish Missio volunteers.*

Missio Gift Aid envelopes are available in the narthex of the Church. Whilst the Retiring Collection is next weekend, envelopes can be returned at any point. For the tech-savvy among you, please show your support of Missio on social media sites (Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)

SPUC has produced postcards so you can send a message to your MP urging them to vote against a dangerous abortion bill in the House of Commons on **Tuesday, 23rd October**. This bill seeks to decriminalise abortion and would remove any effective legal protection for unborn babies and their mothers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Workshop to Help Recruit Volunteers this 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, 9:30am, Adoration until 10:30am. holycrosschurch896@btconnect.com or phone Sheila Allen.

Parish Calendar 2019

Our first Parish Calendar will be on sale after 8:00am and 11:00am Masses. All funds raised will be used to develop dementia friendly support for the communities of SsP&J and HC, helping people who have dementia and their close relatives. A bargain at £3 minimum donation per calendar.

St Thomas More, Catholic Teaching School, requires more cleaners

We need reliable and hardworking individuals for general cleaning of the 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.

Our own, church cleaning rota: A few parishioners have stepped forward to fulfil this important role. More are needed. Can you spare a few hours every three or four weeks? Contact Julia Scott: julia_scott22@yahoo.co.uk or 07773 079906.

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

Holy Cross is short of volunteers for **flower arrangements**, they need someone for 28th October and 11th November.

Thank you to the parishioner who handed their Leprosy Mission box at 8am Mass on 7th October. It contained £43.28p. Thanks from Leprosy Mission co-ordinator.