

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

Lead us to heaven, Father: lead us to heaven

Thirtieth Sunday - Year B

Psalter week 2

28th October 2018

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Or:

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

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 20th November 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 used for the mission of the parish.

Hospital Chaplain

Whilst **Fr Malcolm Bull** continues to recuperate, 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...

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 27 Oct
6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday

Patrick Anthony Lennon

Sun 28 Oct
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ
1:00pm PJ

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nancy Gardiner RIP

Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

Keith Denchfield, Anniversary

Baptism: Theodore Jax Iwanowski

Celebrant: Deacon Crispin Walkling-Lea

Mon 29 Oct
9:30am PJ

Feria

Holy Souls in Purgatory (Friends of the Suffering Souls)

after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Tue 30 Oct
9:30am HC

Feria

Paddy Malone

Wed 31 Oct
9:30am PJ
6:00pm HC

Feria

Knights of St Columba (Bedford)

Youth of our Parishes - followed by All Hallows' Eve Party

Thu 1 Nov
9:30am SJR
7:30pm PJ

All Saints - Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation

Catholic Schools (Bedford)

Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

Fri 2 Nov
9:30am HC

All Souls

All Departed at Holy Cross and Ss Philip & James

after Mass - Adoration and Benediction (until 11:00am)

All Departed Bishops, Priests, Permanent Deacons

and Religious of the Diocese

Sat 3 Nov
9:30am PJ
6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday

Canon Michael Griffiths, RIP

Eddie Murphy, RIP

Sun 4 Nov
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ
1:00pm HC

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Trevor and Lettie Whitworth, RIP

Missio (from Sister Helena)

Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

Baptism: Leah Meri Houghton and Edison Sathianathan

Celebrant: Deacon Tony Quinlan

Morning Prayer: before the morning daily Mass; Monday to Saturday. There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Monday and Friday only.

Mass at St John Rigby School

When our morning Mass is celebrated at St John Rigby everyone is welcome.

This is the morning Mass for our two communities for that day. The children and staff really appreciate it when the parishioners attend.

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 this week we pray for all who are responsible for the direction and guidance of our schools: for the diocesan services, all governors, directors and trustees.

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 with Sr Mae and Sr Margaret 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

Bernadette made an impassioned appeal a few Sundays ago for you to fill a shoe box (covered in Christmas wrapping paper) with presents. We suggest a donation of £5 to be included in the box to cover processing and transport costs. **Deadline: Sunday, 4th November.**

Catholic Marriage Enrichment (for married couples only)

Christ the King Church is hosting a seminar on Catholic Marriage Enrichment on **Saturday, 17th November.** 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.**

World Mission Sunday - Thank you

Thank you very much for your contribution to last week's collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel of hope with those in greatest need. Please pray for the work of **Missio** and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or phone 020 7821 9755. **Missio Gift Aid envelopes** are still available in the narthex of the Church. Whilst the Retiring Collection was last weekend, these envelopes can still 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.).

CAFOD Retreat - Saturday 10th November: Countering Consumerism

What does it mean to be holy? Have you ever felt a conflict between living out your faith and the pressure of living a busy, modern life? Pope Francis offers some ideas in his letter, *Gaudete et Exultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad). You are invited to explore Scripture and Church teaching and be inspired by one another and CAFOD's campaigning and work overseas. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**; limited spaces. Contact Deborah: dpurfield@cafod.org.uk or 01494 863 777. Venue: Thornton College, Thornton, Milton Keynes, MK17 0HJ from 10:00am - 4:00pm.

Pilgrimage to Poland 2019

Monday, 2nd to Sunday, 8th September 2019. Please sign the **'expression of interest'** form in the narthex. Cost: £700 pp plus £165 single supplement.

Latin Mass at the Shrine

The Latin Mass Society has arranged a Mass of Reparation for the Irish Referendum outcome at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Holy Child and St Joseph, on **Saturday, 10th November at 12.00 noon.** This will be a High Mass with professional musicians in this beautiful setting and refreshments will be available afterwards. All welcome.

LuxGOLD 2019

This is a fun residential weekend, from 1st - 3rd February 2019, for young Catholics aged 11 - 18 years at the King's Park Conference Centre, Northampton. The cost is £100 (accommodation and meals). Contact Fiona on 01582 720627 or by email fiona@nymo.org for more information.

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.

Do remember that we have two excellent Holy Rosary groups in the parish

"As with the renewal of Eucharistic Adoration, this resurgence [in Marian piety] is being actively encouraged by the hierarchy and the Pope. At the start of October, Pope Francis not only invited Catholics to pray the rosary each day but also requested that they conclude with the Prayer to St Michael the Archangel, adding in his own way to the development of the devotion by his predecessors. The context of this revival is a post-Christian society, in which, according to Sherry Weddell, author of *Forming Intentional Disciples*, a bestseller first published in 2012, "people who don't personally believe will not stay" in the Church now that cultural or familial ties to Christianity are disappearing. Their faith, she said, has to be "either personally meaningful or they are gone". Pope Francis has a vision of missionary parishes. But many parishes are merely hoping for survival. It is with the rediscovery of the "priceless treasure" of the rosary that such churches can trust that their prayers may be answered". *Excerpts from the Catholic Herald*

Catholic Basics - January 2019 at NORES

A basic and engaging introduction to the Catholic faith in four parts: God, The Church, The Moral Life, Prayer (reflecting the order of treatment in the Catechism). The course texts are to be used in conjunction with teaching days. The texts contain the topic notes and opportunities for follow-up study. It has two levels, a Basics and a Basics Plus level. No qualifications needed.

Who are the target audience?

- Those new to the Catholic faith.
- Those who feel the need to revisit their Catholic faith.
- Those involved in parish catechetics, RCIA programmes, and so on.
- Those thinking about gaining a CCRS qualification but who feel they need a bridging course.
- In general, anyone who is curious about the basics of our Catholic faith.

Pastoral Area Council (PAC)

We are still in need of two representatives from SsP&J to sit on this committee. The dates of the 2019 meetings are: Friday, 11th January (HC at 7:30pm), Friday, 12th April (HC at 7:30pm), Friday, 28th June (HC at 7:30pm), Friday, 4th October (St Joseph's Church, Mass. AGM at 7:00pm). The PAC assists Bishop Peter and our Priests with the development and implementation of the ground-plan concerning the provision of daily/Sunday Mass, deployment of Priests, training of lay people, etc... Interested in being part of this group? Please contact Fr Wayne.

Parish Calendar 2019

Our first Parish Calendar continues to 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.

Our Church shop

Our Repository (Church Shop) is to be stocked with new items, particularly those related to a certain forthcoming festive season. Why not take a look and see if there isn't something to buy for a loved one. Please be aware that the profits from the Repository help support the **training of a seminarian in Kenya.**

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

Second Collection Music Group

There is choir practice for the **"Second Collection"** music group, this **Monday 29th October at 7:30pm** in the church. We are singing on **Sunday 4th November.**

Bedford Catholic Events: Website at www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com.