

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

Lead us to heaven, Father: lead us to heaven

Twenty-Sixth Sunday - Year B

Psalter week 2

30th September 2018



Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walking-Lea

Propers for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Gospel Acclamation

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Or:

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down His life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

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.

Mass Intentions and Services

PJ – Ss Philip and James HC – Holy Cross

Sat 29 Sep
6:00pm HC

Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Barbara Doyle, in thanksgiving

Sun 30 Sep

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Appeal for CAFOD Fast Day this week

8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ
1:00pm HC

Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

Michael Fuccillo

William and Monica Pattin, RIP

Baptism of Albert Oscar Moore

Celebrant: Deacon Crispin

Mon 1 Oct
9:30am PJ

St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor - mem
Mary McQuaid - Intention
after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Tue 2 Oct
9:30am HC
11:00am PJ
7:00pm PJ

Holy Guardian Angels - Memorial
Kevin Kondoh - Intention

Funeral Mass for William John McKeating, RIP

Adoration - organised by Secular SSSC

Wed 3 Oct
9:30am PJ

Feria

Judith - Intention

Thu 4 Oct
9:30am HC

St Francis of Assisi, Religious - memorial
Geraldine Moylan, who is ill

Fri 5 Oct

Feria

CAFOD Autumn Fast Day

Mark Robert Hostler, RIP

Funeral Mass for Francis Gerard Spackman, RIP

9:30am HC
11:00am PJ

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

Our Lady on Saturday

Prayers in the petition boxes

Keith and Maureen Richards - Anniversary

Sun 7 Oct

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Second Collection: CAFOD Fast Day

8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ

Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

Raj Soltun, RIP

Laura Ward, RIP

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: If you want to have a Mass celebrated for a specific intention you need to do the following: Decide what your intention is, be it: Private Intention; RIP; Birthday; Wedding Anniversary; Graduation or In Thanksgiving for example. Email, telephone, write, drop a note or send a carrier pigeon to Maria Quinlan who is the Parish Secretary at SsP&J - not Sheila Allen, who isn't. Please make sure your intention is clear as it is almost always reproduced verbatim for the Newsletters (spelling mistakes included). 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. Leave it in an envelope, marked with your name and intention previously booked with Maria. Please be aware that we are still working through the former SsP&J and HC Mass Intentions Diaries. There are a large number of outstanding Intentions for which Mass has not yet been offered. It may be necessary to send these to missionary Priests. - *Editor*

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 only, ending with **Benediction**.

Requiescat in Pace

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

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Francis Gerard Spackman, RIP**; Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray. The Rite of Reception of the Body will take place on Thursday, 4th October at 5:00pm in SsP&J. The Funeral Mass will take place on Friday, 5th October at 11:00am in SsP&J. Please pray for all who mourn at this time particularly for Francis' mother and father.

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Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

In this week of our Year of Prayer and Vocation we pray for all our young people who will soon prepare for their First Communion, for their families and catechists.

Please continue to pray for the victims of sexual abuse

You may like to join in the **Prayer to St Michael the Archangel** (see Propers) by offering the prayer privately.

Safeguarding

The following is from the recent statement from the Bishops of England and Wales regarding the protection of children: *"Throughout our 'ad Limina' visit here in Rome, the impact and consequences of the shame and sorrow we feel will constantly be in our hearts and in our prayers, especially as we come to pray at the tomb of St Peter and at the tomb of St Paul, key moments in our visit. These themes will also be part of our conversation with Pope Francis, when we meet with him on Friday. Our visit, then, has a penitential heart, as in communion with bishops throughout the world, we seek forgiveness from the Lord and grace for our future ministry."* A copy of the full statement, with details of the practical measures the Bishops are to take to protect children, is available in the narthex. Please pray for those children, minors and vulnerable adults who have been the victim of abuse by Clergy (Bishops, Priests and Deacons) and Religious.

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.

Modern Day Slavery and Trafficking (details on a previous 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.

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 Pliszcak, a Missionary Sister of the Holy Spirit. The lecture, which is free to attend, with refreshments will be at NORES, Holy Ghost Centre, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD. Everyone is very welcome.

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; drinks will be provided.



Adoration

Additionally, **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** (organised by the SSCC Secular Branch) will take place on **Tuesday, 2nd October** from 7:00pm to 7:30pm at Ss P&J. All welcome.

Catholic Grandparents Association

The next monthly meeting of the CGA will take place on Thursday, 11th October, 1:45pm in HC Parish Hall.

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.

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

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.

Parish Calendar 2019

Our first Parish Calendar will be on sale after 8:00 and 11am Masses. All funds raised will be used to develop dementia friendly support for the communities of PJ and HC, helping people who have dementia and their close relatives. Dementia is stressful for both the sufferer and their families. This medical condition is growing and funds and volunteers are desperately needed. 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 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.

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 this 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.

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.

Second Collection Music Group practise

This Monday, at 7:30pm, Ss P&J to practise for next Sunday's liturgy.

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.

Missa Pro Populo vs MISSIO

There still seems to be some confusion over the terms **Missa Pro Populo** and **Missio**. **Missa Pro Populo** refers to the requirement of all Parish Priests (without exception) to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the people of the parish(es) every Sunday and each Holyday of Obligation. **MISSIO** is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission.

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.

Cleaning Rota: A number of parishioners have stepped forward to fulfil this important role. However, more are needed. Can you spare a few hours every three or four weeks? There is to be a Coffee Morning in the near future to discuss this, between the cleaning volunteers. Contact Julia Scott 07773 079906 or julia_scott22@yahoo.co.uk.

Collection: £824.85p