

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walking-Lea

Propers for 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Or:
Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

Mass Intentions and Services

PJ – Ss Philip and James HC – Holy Cross

Sat 6 Oct

6:00pm HC

Sun 7 Oct

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

2:00pm Olney

Mon 8 Oct

9:30am PJ

Tue 9 Oct

9:30am HC

Wed 10 Oct

9:30am PJ

Thu 11 Oct

9:30am HC

Fri 12 Oct

9:30am HC

11:00am

Sat 13 Oct

9:30am PJ

6:00pm HC

Sun 14 Oct

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

Our Lady on Saturday

Keith and Maureen Richards - Anniversary

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Collection: CAFOD Fast Day

Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

Raj Sohun, RIP

Laura Ward, RIP

SVP Mass - **Celebrant:** Fr Wayne

Feria

Timothy Walsh

after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Feria

Marcus Wells - Anniversary

Feria

Kay Gilbertson, RIP and Mary Jones, RIP

Feria

Stephen Lawson, RIP and Prayers for Jim Lawson

Feria

Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion

Diocesan Schools Mass at **St Mary's, Dunstable**

Celebrant: Bp Peter

Our Lady on Saturday

Tony Tierney, RIP

Tenvs and Eileen Kerrigan, RIP

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

Paddy Malone, RIP

Matthew Espisto

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 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: 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 with Maria. - *Editor*

We are still working through the former 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.

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, ending with **Benediction. No Mass on Friday.**

CAFOD Fast-Day Appeal this weekend...urgent...urgent...urgent

In addition to the urgent need for aid following the typhoon in the Phillipines, we are now assisting with aid for the victims of the Indonesian typhoon also. Please give generously to the Fast-Day Appeal.

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...

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.

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Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

In our Year of Prayer and Vocation we pray this week for God's blessing on the work of Catholic education across the diocese: that it may serve to build up God's church.

Pope Francis urges all the faithful to pray the Holy Rosary and the prayer to St Michael the Archangel (See Propers on the front page)

The Holy Father has asked all Catholics to daily pray the Rosary and the St Michael the Archangel prayer (composed by Pope Leo XII) during the month of October. He encouraged this in order that the Church might shelter beneath the "mantle of the Holy Mother of God" and know the protection of St Michael against the forces of the Devil. The Pope said that such prayer could help the Church to become "more aware of the faults, the errors and the abuses committed in the present and in the past, and committed to combating without any hesitation, so that evil may not prevail". The papal statement also encouraged the offering of the ancient prayer of Sub Tuum Praesidium: **"We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin."** The month of October (like May) is dedicated to Our Lady.

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". See Fr Wayne ASAP.

Catholic Schools' Week

Our Catholic Schools' Week is celebrated during 8th - 14th October. We may thank God we have so many good people and positive activity within our schools. They all contribute so much to the work and mission of Bishop Peter and the Diocese. Catholic Schools' Week is a celebration of all that we do. Please remember our schools: our young people and their families, all staff, Governors and Directors in your prayers.

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, 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.

Vigil Mass last weekend - there was Pizza...and Beer (apparently)

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the "Pizza and Beer" gathering after the Vigil Mass last weekend. Our thanks also to everyone who was involved in this project. *Please pray that we might become the spiritual home to students from the local university campus.*

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.

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.

CAFOD and Missio - working together

In October each year the Church encourages us to look outwards and towards our global family. We were asked to do this through our support of **CAFOD's** Family Fast Day last Friday, 5th and also for **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.

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.*

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.

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.**

Parish Calendar 2019

Our first Parish Calendar will be on sale after 8:00am 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. A bargain at £3 minimum donation per calendar.

Catholic Grandparents Association (CGA)

The next meeting, this Thursday, 11th October, 1:45pm in HC Parish Hall.

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

The deadline for your completed boxes is Sunday, 4th November. Leaflets in the narthex, more in the Newsletter next week.

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.

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 on Saturday, 13th October at 10:30am in the church to discuss this, between the cleaning volunteers.** Contact Julia Scott 07773 079906 or julia_scott22@yahoo.co.uk.

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