



Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

Saints Philip and James: Bedford

Lead us to heaven, Father: lead us to heaven

Thirty-Third Sunday - Year B

Psalter week 1

18th November 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in the God the Lord.

Or:

Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

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 and 18th December 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, beat a path to her door or send a carrier pigeon *Editor* to Maria Quinlan, 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. Be aware, we are still working through the former *Mass Intentions Diaries* and there are a large number of outstanding Intentions for which Mass has not yet been offered and thus it may be necessary to send these to missionary Priests.

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Barron, RIP - *Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray*. Eileen was a faithful member of our parish family and will be sorely missed by all of us. The Rite of Reception of the Body will take place in HC at 6:00pm on Monday, 19th November. A Funeral Mass will be offered on Tuesday, 20th November at 11:00am, followed by burial at the Norse Road Cemetary. Please pray for Peter and for all the family who are in grief at this time.

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 17 Nov
6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday

Bernie and Ken Blackburn - Intention

Sun 18 Nov

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Collection for Sick and Retired Priests' Fund

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

12:30pm PJ

1:00pm HC

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

Sybil and Siobhan and Patrick, RIP

Sean Savage, RIP

Mass organised by the Zimbabwe Catholic Community

Baptisms: Oran Wyatt Moore, Miguel Da Silva and

Isabelle Marie Wing Yiu Cheng

Celebrant: Deacon Tony Quinlan

Mon 19 Nov

9:30am PJ

Feria

Rev Kevin Kelly, RIP

after Mass - **Adoration and Benediction**

Rite of Reception for Eileen Barron, RIP

6:00pm HC

Tue 20 Nov

9:30am HC

St Edmund, King and Martyr - Memoria

Stephen Lawson and Jim Lawson, RIP

The "usual refreshments" will not be served after this Mass

Funeral Mass for Eileenn Barron, RIP

11:00am HC

Wed 21 Nov

9:30am PJ

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Memoria

Sue Sarsfield

Thu 22 Nov

9:30am HC

St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr - Memoria

Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion

Fri 23 Nov

9:30am HC

Feria

Alice Holt, RIP

after Mass - **Adoration and Benediction**

Sat 24 Nov

9:30am PJ

6:00pm HC

St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions,

Martyrs of Vietnam - Memoria

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sean Henry, RIP

Sun 25 Nov

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Pat Smith, RIP. Ron Smith and family

Frank Duke

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

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

Parish Priests must offer one Mass per weekend for their parish

Hospital Chaplain: Whilst Fr Malcolm Bull continues to recuperate, those in hospital should contact their Parish Priest for sacramental care.

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Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

In our Year of Prayer and Vocation, we ask God this week to give eternal rest to all who have died especially those who have been the quiet and faithful members of our parish communities.

Message of thanks from Fr Wayne

Whilst I have continued to celebrate the daily Mass (including the three Masses for All Saints Day and the two for All Souls Day), celebrated Mass at Yarl's Wood on Monday afternoons, heard Confessions each Saturday morning and officiated at Funeral Liturgies, there are a great many of you whom I have not seen over recent weeks due to my continuing ill health. I therefore want to assure you that you have remained in my prayers and Mass has been offered for you each weekend by myself. Likewise I would like to say "thank you" for the many messages of support and little acts of kindness that have been shown towards me; I really am most grateful. I am sure we would all want to thank **Fr Christopher Perry, Fr David Barrett and Fr Richard Moroney** for being so willing to preside at those Sunday Masses that I have been unable to do so.

Remembrance Sunday - thanks go to:

- Flower arrangers who decorated the Church with beautiful and appropriately themed arrangements for Remembrance Sunday. There were lots of very positive and appreciative comments.
- Musicians who incorporated the specially written **Armistice Hymn** into the 11:00am Mass and who accompanied it so beautifully. The whole building reverberated with prayer as we sang it with much passion and enthusiasm.
- People who offered their thanks at the end of the 11:00am Mass for our observance of that national day of mourning. The Bishops' Conference suggested that one Mass every Remembrance Sunday is offered as a Requiem for the departed as a result of war and conflict. Your vocal support and compliments are appreciated.
- First Holy Communion and Confirmandi who asked wonderful questions, such as: "Why were the altar candles a different colour today?" and "Why were black vestments worn?" etc...
- All young people who presented "**Lest we forget**" flags at the altar.
- Adults who assisted with the interactive homily at the 11:00am Mass.
- Young people who read the Sacred Scriptures, led the Intercessions, etc... at the 11:00am Mass.
- Individuals who noticed our small field of poppies outside the Church.

Book of the Departed

Each day during the month of November a new page will be displayed in the Book of the Dead (located in the glass-topped case near the image of Our Lady); this serves as an invitation to pray for the departed named in the book and also for all our departed loved ones.

Praying for the departed in November

All Souls/November Envelopes to pray for our departed loved ones are available in the narthex. Any offering is used for the mission of the parish.

YOUCAT for Kids: New Catechetical Resource: Pastoral Area Event

Following the publication of the Youth Catechism (YOUCAT) a wonderful new resource aimed at younger children "**YOUCAT for Kids**" is now available. A special "YOUCAT for Kids session" is to take place in our church on **Tuesday, 20th November** at 7:30pm - 9:00pm. Refreshments are from 7:00pm and **we need volunteers to organise these please**. The event is free, booking essential (admin@nores.org.uk or 01582 723312).

Calling all Great Bakers, British or otherwise

A volunteer (or volunteers) are sought to make a crown-themed cake for **Christ the King Sunday**. This will be blessed at the 11:00am Mass on Christ the King Sunday, 25th November, and served during refreshments. Please contact Fr Wayne if you can help. Type 'Christ the King cake' into an internet search engine and look at the mouth-watering images. *I did that-Editor*



Considering a Vocation to the Sacred Priesthood?

Our diocesan vocations team are inviting any man who is considering a vocation to the Sacred Priesthood to contact Fr Mark Floody or Fr Andrew Richardson and attend the next vocations weekend. Contact details available from the Parish Secretaries. The weekend is held at Northampton Cathedral from **Friday, 14th to Sunday, 16th December**. These weekends are a great opportunity for anyone discerning a vocation to the Sacred Priesthood to connect with others and make progress on their own journey of discernment.

The next meetings of the SVP will be this Thursday, 22nd November at 7:00pm in the Parish Room. Contact Pam on 07845 121557 for information.

Parish Open Meeting - Saturday, 1st December

There will be an Open Meeting at SsP&J on Saturday, 1st December at 10:30am, after the Sacrament of Confession. We need volunteers to make tea and coffee and people to attend. Remember, decisions and points are made by those who turn up. Please bring your hopes for the future and identify the ways you may be involved in Parish life.

The Jesse Giving Tree

This year we shall combine the Advent Crown with the Giving Tree by creating a **Jesse Giving Tree**. This illustrates the account of salvation from Creation to the Nativity of Jesus Christ. Wonderfully, we shall build this each Advent Sunday as our young people will bring forward seven plaques representing a Biblical theme. The newsletter will contain a brief explanation of each plaque and there will be loanable resources provided for families to take home and learn more about the ancient Catholic tradition of the Jesse Tree. It will be a wonderful way for families to observe Advent at home. The final candle in the Advent Crown will be added on Christmas Day and will be presented by our young people for blessing. As usual there will be an opportunity to make a financial donation at the **Jesse Giving Tree**. This year the money will be used as part of an exciting parish youth project; for which there will soon be an important update. It has further been suggested that the **Jesse Giving Tree** also support "Mission Together" (an aid agency for children, part of Missio) which is celebrating its 175th anniversary. Thus the monies collected at the **Jesse Giving Tree** and the Christmas Tree will support children and youth in our own parish and across the world. My thanks to everyone who has already been so supportive of this idea. The **Jesse Giving Tree** will help us to truly make a distinction between Advent and **CHRISTmas**, it will also be more visible than our usual Advent Crown and will involve our young people in a fuller way each week. You might also be interested to know that it is called an Advent 'Crown' as traditionally it was associated with Christ the King Sunday (the Sunday before the start of Advent). Perhaps this Advent we might all pause each day and remember the spiritual wonder of the season and not rush too quickly to **CHRISTmas**? And to emphasise this, our thanks to Kieran Rentle and Noel O'Hanlon, who have agreed to erect the Christmas Tree on the 23rd/24th December. The presence of the **Jesse Giving Tree** in Advent and then the arrival of the Christmas Tree so close to Christmas Day will help us to mark the difference between the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Christmas Stamps

Despite what some supermarkets would have us believe, **CHRISTmas** is not about turkey. It is about the overflowing love of God revealed in the Birth of Jesus Christ. It is not therefore, as is often said, "for the children". It is for all people because it is about the hope of our eternal salvation. Therefore as you make preparations for the great season try to keep **CHRIST** in **CHRISTmas** by purchasing only Christian cards and religious postage stamps. [NB] You may need to ask for the 'Madonna and Child' stamps otherwise you will be offered the secular seasonal stamps featuring red post-boxes.

Volunteer rotas are in folders in the narthex of the church. May I draw your attention particularly to the new **Cleaners' Rota** which is now available for collection from the back of the same folder in the narthex.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: please fill in your availability in the Rota Folder for Christmas Eve, Day and January to March 2019. Thank you.

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