



# Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

## Saints Philip and James: Bedford

Lead us to heaven, Father: lead us to heaven

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King - Year B

Psalter week 2

### 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin**

**Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea**

#### Propers for Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

#### Mass Intentions and Services

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

#### Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To Him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

#### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

#### Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Sat 24 Nov

**St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions,**  
Martyrs of Vietnam - Memoria  
Sean Henry, RIP

6:00pm HC

Sun 25 Nov

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King**  
Pat Smith, RIP. Ron Smith and family  
Frank Duke  
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)  
Benjamin Stephen Ostley, First Birthday

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

Mon 26 Nov

**Feria**  
Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion  
*after Liturgy - Adoration and Benediction*

9:30am PJ

Tue 27 Nov

**Feria**  
Terence Murray RIP. Lesley Murray

9:30am HC

Wed 28 Nov

**Votive Mass of the Martyrs,**  
**Aid to the Church in Need: "Red Wednesday"**  
Ursula Pearson 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

9:30am PJ

Thu 29 Nov

**Feria**  
Nora Frances Burns, RIP

9:30am HC

Fri 30 Nov

**St Andrew, Apostle and Patron Saint of Scotland**  
Eileen Barron, RIP & prayers for Peter Barron and family  
*after Mass - Adoration and Benediction*

9:30am HC

Sat 1 Dec

**Our Lady on Saturday**  
Those who contribute to the giving tree  
Cait u Murchy, RIP

9:30am PJ

6:00pm HC

Sun 2 Dec

**First Sunday of Advent (Cycle C)**  
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)  
Greaves family and Loveday family  
Benjamin Stephen Ostley, First Birthday

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

**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**

#### Red Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Bishop Peter warmly commends this initiative from **Aid to the Church in Need**. It is a campaign to stand up for the Faith and for religious freedom. This is an important opportunity for Christians to stand together and shine a light on the modern day persecution of Christians. The 9:30am Mass on this day (SsP&J) will be celebrated as a Votive Mass of the Martyrs. Refreshments follow to which all are invited. Please also wear something red in solidarity with persecuted Christians. Many churches and schools are supporting this. Westminster Cathedral, many other cathedrals and churches (and even Blackpool Tower) will be lit up in red for this event.

#### 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 meeting is at Holy Cross at 7:30pm on 18<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>Editor</sup> 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.

#### Masses for Christmas

After conversations with Bp Peter, these will be the Masses over Christmas:

##### 24<sup>th</sup> December - **Christmas Eve**

9:30am PJ	MASS of Advent
2:30pm Yarls Wood IRC	MASS of Advent
6:00pm HC	Vigil YOUTH MASS of Christmas
9:30pm PJ	Sacred Readings and Carols led by the Choir
10:00pm PJ	MASS During the Night

##### 25<sup>th</sup> December - **Christmas Day**

8:00am PJ	MASS at Dawn
9:15am HC	MASS During the Day
11:00am PJ	MASS During the Day

Cards are available in the narthex for people to keep or give away which have the times of Christmas Masses on them. They are near the newsletter tray.

#### Reparation for the Sins of the Institutional Church and for Healing

Bishop Peter is encouraging us to support this **lay-led, national initiative**. This **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November** there will be a countrywide **Day of Prayer** with public devotions. **Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament** will therefore last for one hour (from 10:00am in HC) and the Holy Rosary group (6:30pm in HC) will hold this intention before the Lord as part of the devotions.

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### Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

As we come to the close of our Year of Prayer and Vocation we pray that we may continue to deepen our prayer and be ever more aware of how God calls each of us to serve Him and each other.

### Solemnity of Christ the King - Ecumenical Celebrations

There will be Ecumenical Celebrations for the Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6:00pm in Christ the King Church, Bedford. A traditional Catholic liturgy with Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Refreshments afterwards and, of course, everyone is welcome.

### Rosary Link - To pray for and sustain vocations to the Sacred Priesthood

On Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December in P&J, 7:00pm - Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception and then 7:45pm - Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament with the Holy Rosary followed by refreshments (for which volunteers are needed). Please attend these liturgies particularly as we support seminarians Liam and Daniel in their continued formation for the Sacred Priesthood. The Rosary Link began in 2004 to pray for priestly vocations and to strengthen those in ordained ministry.

### The Jesse Giving Tree

A huge thank you to those people who have supported this idea. A sign will display information relating to the charitable causes we are supporting this year. Advent resources for families will be available to loan from the church.



In the narthex of each Church there are small Jesse Giving Tree cards and on the reverse of which are displayed the times of Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The card is deliberately sized so as to be conveniently stored in a purse or wallet (to serve as an aide-memoire) and these could also be inserted into any Christmas cards that you send to your family and friends. These cards are also to be given to every pupil of our two Catholic schools.

Donations for our two charitable causes can be left below the tree itself (before and after Mass) and also in the marked wall-safe in the narthex (whenever the Church is open). Jesse Tree plaques will be available to view in the glass display case (near the statue of Our Lady) this Sunday, when Advent Resources for families will also be distributed; a free booklet of ideas on how to observe Advent whatever your age, and, on the First Sunday of Advent, a free Jesse Tree sticker set. At PJ there are Jesse Giving Tree resources that can be loaned for use by families throughout the seasons of Advent and Christmastide. These beautiful books provide a great link with the Jesse Giving Tree.

From the First Sunday of Advent there will be text to go in the newsletter which will explain the symbols on the Jesse Giving Tree. As we all know, The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse Tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse Tree connect the season of Advent with the faithfulness of God across thousands of years of human history.

*"It takes us through that first long advent which lasted from the Fall to the Incarnation with a collection of Scripture meditations to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas."*

National Catholic Register, EWTN

*"The Jesse Tree design was used mostly in stained glass windows in some of the great medieval cathedrals of Europe. The Cathedral of Chartres, which was dedicated in 1260, has a particularly beautiful Jesse Tree window."* CatholicCulture.org

### Christmas Collection for Yarl's Wood

It would be greatly appreciated if we could collect items for the residents at Yarl's Wood. This year we have been asked to collect DVDs and craft items such as fabric, for making and repairing items of clothing, cotton thread, wool, coloured paper, colouring pens and similar. Leave these, by 16<sup>th</sup> December, in the collection box in the narthex. Thank you.

### Doreen Eileen McCarthy, RIP

The Funeral Mass of Doreen Eileen McCarthy, RIP, will take place on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December in HC at 12:00noon. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for all who mourn at this time.

### Mass Intention

Mass on 22<sup>nd</sup> November was offered for strength, healing and wholeness in the lives of **Yvonne and Malcolm Rosario**.

### Feast Day Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December in 7:30pm at the Shrine of Our Lady Of Guadalupe, Church of the Holy Child and St Joseph, Bedford. The Principal Celebrant will be **His Excellency, Archbishop Edward Adams (Papal Nuncio)** with Bishop Peter in attendance. The Rector and Guardians of the Shrine hope you will be able to join us for the Mass and the reception after the Mass. See on-line at [www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk](http://www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk) or the poster in the narthex for more details.

**The next meeting of the SVP** will be Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm in the Parish Room. Contact Pam on 07845 121557 for information.

### Parish Open Meeting - this Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December

There will be an Open Meeting at SsP&J this Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10:30am, after the Sacrament of Confession. Julia Scott has kindly volunteered to make tea and coffee (let's hope there are biscuits!). 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.

### Christmas Stamps

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 stamps featuring red post-boxes.

**Advent Reflection evening for Families and Young People at St Thomas More Catholic School** on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 6:00pm. There will be an interactive talk about the recent **"Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment Synod"** led by Neil Roseman from NYMO (Youth Department). Also present: *Good News Bookshop* from Luton. Refreshments available and all are welcome.

### Children's Advent Service 9<sup>th</sup> December

At 4.00pm at HC. Activities and opportunity for children to dress up and take part in the Christmas story. Refreshments afterwards.

### Second Collection Music Group

There will be choir practice for the "Second Collection" music group on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm** in church, as we are singing on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. Be there or be square. You know it makes sense! - *Ed*

### Alpha - 2018

**LET US CELEBRATE, GIVE THANKS AND OFFER PRAISE to God Our Father** for the resounding success of the recent Alpha Course.

**THANK YOU** to all of the guests who supported and attended the course, and for their positive comments and feedback. **THANK YOU** to Kathy, Margaret, Geraldine, Pam, Rose, Irene, Mary and Breda, our wonderful team behind the scenes who arrived early to set up and then later cleared away and tidied the parish centre. **THANK YOU** to all our group facilitators and helpers: Erica, Christine, Maria, Sheila, Beth, Becca, Irene, Vic and George who enabled honest, stimulating and enjoyable group discussions about life, God, the Catholic Faith and Christianity. A big **THANK YOU** to Kathy Goodwin for all of the delicious meals and scrumptious desserts she cooked and to Sheila Allen for sorting out all of the course's paperwork and administration. **THANK YOU** to all in our parishes who prayed for the Alpha Course, the Alpha team and guests. Please continue to remember in your prayers all those who attended the recent course and also for the smooth running and success of next year's course. We extend a really well-deserved **"thank you"** to Joan Kedward for her unstinting efforts and boundless enthusiasm in organising and running the course.



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### Catholic Truth Society (CTS)

There are new resources in the CTS stand for you to purchase. Many subjects are covered and they are all well worth a look. (Monies in the marked wall-safe at the back.)

**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, Christmas Day, and January to March 2019.

**Bedford Catholic Events:** Website at [www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com](http://www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com).