



Archbasilica of St John Lateran

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

Lead us to heaven, Father: lead us to heaven

Thirty-First Sunday - Year B

Psalter week 3

4th November 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

Communion Antiphon

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Or:

Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me shall have life because of me, says the Lord.

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*

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 3 Nov
6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday

Eddie Murphy, RIP

Sun 4 Nov

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Collection - Bishop's Maintenance Fund

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

Mon 5 Nov
9:30am PJ

Feria

Geraldine Moylan, RIP

after Mass - **Adoration and Benediction**

Tue 6 Nov
9:30am HC

Feria

Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion

Wed 7 Nov
9:30am PJ

Feria

Thomas Slattery, RIP

Thu 8 Nov
9:30am HC
5:00pm

Feria

Catherine Doyle, RIP - Anniversary

Rite of Reception, Doreen Frances Gifford

Fri 9 Nov
9:30am HC

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Michael Rehberger, RIP

after Mass - **Adoration and Benediction**

Sat 10 Nov
9:30am PJ
6:00pm HC

St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor - Memoria

Prayers in the petition boxes

Peter Willis, RIP

Sun 11 Nov

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Armistice Day

Missa Pro Populo (HC & PJ)

Salvatore de Luca

Anne Barrett, RIP

This is a **Requiem Mass for Remembrance Sunday** and will commence with a period of silence. Please arrive at Mass in good time.

Morning Prayer: before the morning daily Mass; Monday to Saturday. There is

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday and Friday only.

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.

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.

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*. **Contact Deacon Crispin for more information.**

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.

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 (following the order of 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.

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 great tool for catechists, parents/guardians, grandparents and anyone who desires to pass on the Faith to children; a special "YOUCAT for Kids session" is to take place in our church on Tuesday, 20th November 2018 at 7:30pm-9:00pm. Refreshments are from 7:00pm and we need volunteers to organise these please. During the 90 minute session you may browse the "**YOUCAT for Kids**" and be guided through a method of using this; have the opportunity to purchase a copy of the "**YOUCAT for Kids**" at the reduced price of £10 and hear about support and training for catechists with our diocese. The event is free. Booking is essential (admin@nores.org.uk or 01582 723312).

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the Vigil Mass for All Saint's Day and thus helped us to reclaim Halloween (All Hallow's Eve) and HallowMass (All Saints Day) as Catholic celebrations. All Hallows' Eve and All Saints Day are celebrations of the Light of Christ seen in the great heroes of the Faith: the Saints of God. What a contrast that is to the trivialisation of evil that we see in the secular and pagan observance of All Hallows' Eve. We also thank Orla (dressed as St Therese) for leading us in the Angelus and to all the young people who brought forward coloured candles at the Intercessions (each candle representing the children of a different continent and those young people who have died).

THANK YOU to everyone who assisted with the All Hallows' Eve party! A truly wonderful and hallowed time was had by all and what fantastic saintly costumes some of our young people were wearing! The twenty carved pumpkins with Christian symbols at the foot of the altar were a joy to behold. More than sixty young people attended this celebration and each went home with arms full of saint-themed goodies, glow-sticks and boxes of chocolates. The fireworks and sparklers were a real crowd-pleaser especially for the adults.

THANK YOU also to everyone who fulfilled the All Saint's Day Mass of Obligation at one of our three Masses. **THANK YOU** to everyone who attended one of the All Souls Day Masses in our community.

Please do continue to pray for all the faithful departed of our parish family.



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. Bedford Foodbank are looking for extra help at the end of November to hand out leaflets at 2 local Supermarkets. If you are able to give One Hour of your time, please contact Richard Brown on 01234 268569. For full details, please see the Church Notice Board.

The next meetings of the SVP will be on Thursdays, 8th and 22nd November at 7:00pm in the Parish Room. Contact Pam on 07845 121557 for more information.

Catholic Grandparents Association (CGA)

The next meeting, this Thursday, 8th November, 1:45pm in HC Parish Hall.

Reach out to touch the world this Christmas

This can be made possible by offering Hospitality to a *Stranger* -*Soon-To-Become-Friend*, as you set that extra place at the table and turn down the bedclothes in that spare room. Here at HOST UK we offer you the opportunity to engage in an extra special Christmas-time by opening your home to an international student for whom the alternative would be, not only being far from home and loved ones but marking time in lonely halls of residence. HOST UK arranges visits for international students all year round but as can well be imagined, festive season hospitality is greatly sought after and valued. Our "festive season" will include the period in the run up to Christmas as well as New Year. Your guest will be someone keen to experience British life with all its special traditions and culture and keen to share those of their home country. Please consider this opportunity and remember that if the festive season is difficult for you, we do operate all year round and hosting can become one of your New Year Resolutions. If you should like to know more, leave a message on <http://visits.hostuk.org/Public/ApplyToBecomeAHost> or website www.hostuk.org.

Parish Open Meeting

There will be an Open Meeting at SsP&J on Saturday, 1st December at 10:30am, after the morning Mass. 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.

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. If anyone knows the history of this important book and/or when the last names were added please contact our Parish Secretary. Perhaps we could reintroduce the tradition of adding the names of departed parishioners in this memorial book?

SsP&J Giving Tree with a difference

This year we are looking to do something different for our Giving Tree. In fact it need not be a tree at all! If you would like to be part of a team of people looking at how we might renew the Giving Tree and to decide which Christian charity or charities to support please contact the Parish Secretary by Wednesday, 14th November.

APF Missio Red Boxes

Thank you so much for your super response to the Red Box appeal. Many thanks to those who have already returned their Red Boxes. Those have now been emptied and returned to the church porch for collection. If you haven't yet returned your box, please do so next week. Thank you for your support.

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.

Conference for Catholic Men

"Adam, where art thou?" Man and His Mission. Saturday 17th and Sunday, 18th November 2018 from 10.00am; Buckden Towers, Buckden, Cambs. Tickets and information: www.catholicman.uk, or contact Sam: info@catholicman.uk.

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

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