



Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

Saints Philip and James: Bedford

Lead us to heaven, Father: lead us to heaven

Third Sunday of Advent - Year C

Psalter week 3

16th December 2018

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for Third week of Advent

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Responsorial Psalm

Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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 this Tuesday, 18th December and then Wednesday, 16th January with Deacon Tony.

Weddings: at least six months' notice and with a Diocesan fee of £45.

Hospital Chaplain: Fr Malcolm Bull is back ministering at the hospital so people are asked to contact him in the first instance if they are admitted and are in need of sacramental care.

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 ^{letter} 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 marked with your name and the intention previously booked.

Masses for Christmas

24th December - **Christmas Eve**

9:30am PJ	Mass of Advent
2:30pm IRC Yarl's Wood	Mass
6:00pm HC	Vigil Youth Mass
9:30pm PJ	Sacred Readings and Carols led by the Choir
10:00pm PJ	Mass

25th December - **Christmas Day**

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

Mass for Mary, the Mother of God on 1st January 2019 will be at 12:00noon in HC. At this Mass we shall pray for God's blessing upon our parish family and for the pastoral initiatives we shall undertake in the new year. A plenary indulgence is associated with participating in Mass on 31st December and/or 1st January.

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

Sat 15 Dec
6:00pm HC

Feria
Tom Martin, Anniversary

Sun 16 Dec
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ

Third Sunday Of Advent - Gaudete
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
All Souls in Purgatory
Fr Jonathan Hill

Mon 17 Dec
9:30am PJ

Feria - O Wisdom
The Rev'd Kevin Kelly, RIP
after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Tue 18 Dec
9:30am HC

Feria - O Adonai
November All Souls lists at HC & PJ.

Wed 19 Dec
9:30am PJ

Feria - O Root of Jesse
Renato Thomas, RIP

Thu 20 Dec
9:30am HC

Feria - O Key of David
Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion

Fri 21 Dec
9:30am HC

Feria - O Rising Sun
Eileen Barron, RIP
after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Sat 22 Dec
9:30am PJ
6:00pm HC

Feria - O King
Doreen Gifford, RIP *Jesu mercy, Mary pray*
Peter McLoughlin

Sun 23 Dec
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ

Fourth Sunday of Advent - O Emmanuel
Patrick Reddin, RIP
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Benjamin Stephen Ostley, First birthday

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.

[NB] Parish Priests must offer one Mass per weekend for their parish.

The Funeral Mass for Anthony Byrne (RIP) will take place on Thursday, 3rd January in SsP&J at 12:30pm. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tony. Please also hold in your prayers those who grieve at this time.

The Mass intention booked for 7th January (Elena Fulco, RIP) has had to be moved to the following day; this is because Mass on the Monday will be offered in St John Rigby Catholic School (to which all are invited). We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. If another date is preferred please contact Maria the SsP&J Parish Secretary.

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Diocesan Schools' Year of Missio

The diocesan schools department has officially announced that **2019 will be the "Year of Missio"**. From January next year schools will receive a monthly mailing with resources from this papal charity and this will culminate in a Missio-themed Schools' Mass next October. Please do pray for God's blessing on this endeavour.

Prayers of Focus

Please pray for the success of the charities we are collecting for this year; **Mission Together** and our **Parish Youth Project**.

The Church will be in use on the following days:

- Tuesday, 18th December - St John Rigby Catholic School
- Thursday, 20th December - St Thomas More Catholic School **Theme: "Keep**
- Friday, 21st December - St Thomas More Catholic School **Christ in Christmas"**

The Jesse Giving Tree

The **Jesse Tree icon** is for people to have a look at and pray before at the back of the Church.

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). Linked with the Jesse Giving Tree, which takes the form of a stylised olive tree, and throughout Advent, the glass-topped display case (near the image of Our Lady) will contain the following items from the Holy Land: • rosary beads made from olive wood • holding crosses made from olive wood • rosary beads made from olive stones (pits) • Christmas Tree decorations made from olive wood • olive tree leaves • olive oil.

Bp Peter is backing the "Mission Together" (Missio) campaign that monies raised at a parish's Giving Tree and Christmas Crib support the work of this charity in its 175th anniversary year. Monies raised and your prayers will make a huge difference to the many children around the world who are in desperate need. Donations offered at the Giving Tree and Christmas Tree at PJ will support this appeal (and our own youth project linked to the new Catholic Youth Minister); likewise, monies collected at the Christmas Crib in HC will support the work of this papal charity and our Catholic Youth Minister.

Please see the display stand for more details. Every single contribution to the Jesse Giving Tree (large or small) will make a difference to the lives of young people in our community and across the world. Books about the ancient Catholic tradition of the Jesse Tree are available to loan from the narthex of the Church along with books about how families can observe Advent at home. And please take a look at the olive tree related items in the glass-topped display case.

The following plaques will be added to the Jesse Giving Tree:

Third Sunday of Advent (rose - St John the Baptist):

The Crown - Solomon	The Stones - Elijah
The Walls - Nehemiah	The Scroll - Isaiah
The Clay Pot - Jeremiah	The Lion - Daniel
The Big Fish - Jonah	

Thank you to those people who attended either of the liturgies at which we responded to the lay-led initiative of "**Reparation for the Sins of the Institutional Church and for Healing**" in response to the clerical abuse scandal. Bishop Peter encouraged all parishes to support this national initiative in which lay-people asked that it be observed with additional public devotions. Thank you to those people who made the effort to be present at either the extended Adoration or the Holy Rosary on that particular day. Please continue to pray for those children and vulnerable adults who have been the victim of sexual abuse.

Thank you to everyone who attended the "**Vigil Mass of the Immaculate Conception and the Holy Rosary**" Friday, 7th December, at which we prayed for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood, Permanent Diaconate, Religious Life and the Consecrated Life as a Perpetual Virgin. The latter is focused upon in the **BBC's "100 Women" series**; each year the broadcaster names one hundred inspirational women around the world and shares their stories. Please pray for Sr Helena, a Consecrated Virgin in our community. Please also pray for seminarians Liam and Daniel as they continue in their formation for the Sacred Priesthood.



Bedford Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support. We desperately need: UHT Milk, UHT Fruit Juice, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Sugar, Tinned Meat, Deodorants and Washing-up liquid. Contributions to the Parish Room as usual please.

Old stamps for the Leprosy Mission Box

We're collecting the stamps from the many envelopes we receive at this time of the year. Place these in the Leprosy Mission box in the narthex of the Church. This gesture will greatly help this charity. Details available from Ann Cawley.

Our Church Repository

Our Repository is stocked with new items, particularly those related to the festive season. Why not take a look and see if there isn't something to buy for a loved one. Profits from the Repository help support the **training of a seminarian in Kenya**. Keep **CHRIST** in **CHRISTmas**, use only religious cards and stamps. Our supply of religious stamps has proven very popular; only First-Class left. See Bernadette Skipper after 11:00am Mass. First class cost 67p and Second class cost 58p. Ridiculous prices, I know, but there you have it. *Editor*

ONE Lord; ONE Faith; ONE Baptism; TWO Collections!

There are a substantial number of Retiring Collections for 2019 that the Diocese mandates must be taken. It is, of course, optional to contribute! We have also already received a large number of requests from Catholic charities and Religious Communities to make appeals next year. To avoid any disappointment could all parish groups or individuals who want to make an appeal (for money, members or gifts), hold a raffle, etc. please let Maria (PJ Parish Secretary) know by Sunday, 30th December 2018. We shall then be able to settle the dates and inform groups soon afterwards. All 2019 Appeals and Retiring Collections, like last year, will be published in the newsletter.

APEALS AND RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 2018/19

- December 2018 - Giving Tree (HC)/Giving Jesse Tree (SsP&J)
 - January (until 13th) - Giving Jesse Tree (SsP&J)
 - 10th March - CAFOD (first of two annual Appeals)
 - 17th March - CAFOD (first of two annual Collections)
 - 19th April - Good Friday Collection for Holy Places
 - 12th May - Diocesan Priests' Training Fund
 - 2nd June - Mass Media
 - 16th June - Day for Life
 - 30th June - Peter's Pence
 - 14th July - Apostleship of the Sea
 - 15th September - Home Mission Sunday
 - 29th September - CAFOD (second of two annual Appeals)
 - 6th October - CAFOD (second of two annual Collections)
 - 20th October - Mission Sunday (NB: the Pope's mandatory collection in every Catholic Church)
 - 3rd November - Bishop's Maintenance Fund
 - 17th November - Sick and Retired Priests' Fund
- Each of these are mandated by the Diocese (except the papal charity).

SPUC Christmas Raffle

Be still your beating hearts; let not the pressures of Christmas pull you down. 'Tis the season for giving and Julia Scott (contact her on 07773 079906 if you can help) is selling opportunities for not one, oh no!, but two massive** Christmas Hampers. The draw will be after the 11:00am Mass on 23rd December. You have been warned! **Massive might be overstating their size *Editor*

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

Refreshments after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday

We need more people to join the rota for coffee after 11am Mass on a Sunday. Tea, coffee and sugar provided; you just need to bring milk and biscuits.

This Sunday: MULLED WINE and MINCE PIES in the Parish Room after the 11:00am Mass **TODAY**. Everybody welcome; do join us! What's not to like? *Editor*

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.)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The rota for Jan-Mar 2019 is available for collection in the Rota Folder in the narthex. Ministers for the three Christmas Masses will be sorted out on the day.

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