



# Saints Philip and James: Bedford

Lead us to heaven, Father: lead us to heaven

## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Year C

Psalter week 1

### 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin**

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

#### Propers for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**Entrance Antiphon**

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in a manger.

**Responsorial Psalm**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

**Gospel Acclamation**

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you.

**Communion Antiphon**

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

#### Propers for The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

**Entrance Antiphon**

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever.  
Or:

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.

**Responsorial Psalm**

O God, be gracious and bless us.

**Gospel Acclamation**

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.

**Communion Antiphon**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

**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 Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 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. An offering is fine, it is used for the mission of the parish, and should be placed in an envelope marked with your name and the intention previously booked.

**Thank you**

Fr Wayne would like to thank the family of Doreen McCarthy (RIP) for the gift of £100 for the Jesse Giving Tree in her memory.

**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. His telephone number is 01234 350628.

#### Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 29 Dec  
6:00pm HC

**St Thomas Becket** - Martyr and Bishop, Feast Terrence Kerrigan, RIP

Sun 30 Dec  
8:00am PJ  
9:15am HC  
11:00am PJ

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
Eileen Barron, RIP  
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)  
Jimmy Sheil, Priest, RIP - *Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray*

Mon 31 Dec  
9:30am PJ

**Seventh Day of the Christmas Octave**  
Philomena Quinlan, RIP  
*after Mass - Adoration and Benediction*

Tue 1 Jan AD 2019  
12:00pm HC

**Mary, Mother of God** - Solemnity  
Private Intention. Prayers for Pasquale Nonatelli, RIP

Wed 2 Jan  
9:30am PJ

**Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**, Bps & Drs  
Yvonne Rossario

Thu 3 Jan  
9:30am HC  
12:30pm PJ

**Feria**  
Diocesan Schools Year of Missio  
Funeral Mass for Anthony Byrne, RIP

Fri 4 Jan  
9:30am HC

**Feria**  
Desmond Smyth, RIP  
*after Mass - Adoration and Benediction*

Sat 5 Jan  
9:30am PJ  
6:00pm HC

**Our Lady on Saturday**  
Prayers in the petition boxes  
David Beagent

Sun 6 Jan  
8:00am PJ  
9:15am HC  
11:00am PJ

**Epiphany of the Lord** - Solemnity  
Louise Walton, RIP  
Bryan Loveday  
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.

The Funeral Liturgy for Patrick Joseph Harte, RIP, is on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January in SsP&J at 1.30pm. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for all who grieve.

The Funeral Mass for Anthony Byrne, RIP, is on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January in SsP&J at 12:30pm. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tony.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Ord, a former parishioner at HC, and whose funeral liturgy will take place at HC on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January at 11am.

Mass for Sr Ann will be at Christ the King Church on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards. The Funeral Mass for Sr Ann will be at 11.00am on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January in Our Lady and St Lawrence Church, West Street, Olney MK46 5HH. Burial at the local Cemetery, Olney.

The Funeral Liturgy of Elizabeth Patricia Barrett will take place on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January in HC at 11.30am.

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**The Holy Father** asks us to pray for **Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith**. That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

### Prayers of Focus

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

### Diocesan Schools' Year of Missio

From January, 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 pray for God's blessing on this endeavour.

### Plenary indulgence

A Plenary Indulgence is the full remission of temporal punishment due for sins which have been forgiven in the Sacrament of Confession. The Indulgence draws on the merit of Christ's sacrifice on the Holy Cross and the virtues and penances of the Saints. To obtain the New Year's Plenary Indulgence (for oneself or for someone deceased) a person must:

- Receive Holy Communion on 31st December or 1st January
- Go to Confession (within eight days of the celebration)
- Have no attachment to sin
- Pray for the Intentions of the Pope (by saying one Our Father and one Hail Mary); Pray the Te Deum (on 31st December) or Veni Creator Spiritus (on 1st January).

Mass for Mary, the Mother of God on Tuesday, 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.

The Te Deum and Veni, Creator Spiritus will be offered after Mass, as appropriate, on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

### A date for your diary

The Diocese of Northampton is first for the Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham in 2019. Thursday, 7th February to Saturday, 9th February 2019 in the Cathedral Church of Our Lady and St. Thomas. Further details to follow.

### 'Our Lady' and 'St Joseph' bring the Christ-Child and three gold roses to lay in the Crib at our Christmas Youth Vigil Mass.

### Mission Together/Missio

Throughout Christmastide you will be able to make a donation at the Christmas Crib (HC) or Jesse Giving Tree (SsP&J) to help Mission Together/Missio support some of the worlds most deprived children. Bishop Peter is backing this national campaign and has asked that all parishes consider supporting this endeavour. Recently this papal charity has made the following grants:

Cambodia (7 projects): £26,935  
South Africa (3 projects): £19,013  
Sri Lanka (4 projects): £24,908  
Kenya (5 projects): £23,766  
Malawi (7 projects): £29,940  
Myanmar (5 projects): £22,974

More than 20,000 of the worlds most deprived children have been helped by Missio and will be helped directly by you through your offering at either the Jesse Giving Tree (SsP&J) or Christmas Crib (HC).



### Happy Christmas

I hope your celebration of Our Lord's Nativity on 'the great day itself' was truly joyous and full of many blessings; I pray that it will continue to be so as we journey throughout the season of Christmastide (which ends with Our Lord's Baptism on 13th January 2019). Thank you for your kind words regarding the Masses and homilies, prayers, cards and gifts. Thank you also to our:

- musicians
- the young people who assisted at the Masses
- servers
- flower-arrangers
- sacristans
- Readers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- cleaners
- those who erected our Christmas Cribbs
- those who decorated our Christmas trees
- indeed everyone who helped organise our Christmas Masses and prepared the buildings.

I hope that as many people as possible will come to Mass on 1st January (12:00noon at HC) to celebrate "Mary, Mother of God" and to seek God's blessing upon our pastoral endeavours in the New Year of our Lord 2019. Please ask if you would like a lift to this Mass. As we say in Wales: **Nadolig Llawn**. Fr Wayne

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

### 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 still 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 from Ann Cawley.



### Liam Castle

On the 11th December our fourth year seminarian, Liam Castle, graduated with a Degree in Fundamental Catholic Theology from the University of Birmingham. Liam will apply to the Diocese and seminary to be admitted as a Candidate for Holy Orders during the early part of 2019. Please hold Liam, and Daniel Rooke (in his fifth year of seminary), in your prayers as they continue in their journey with Christ and His Church to Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood.

At two of our Christmas Masses our **young people** presented gold roses and olive-scented candles in prayer before the Altar and Christmas Crib. The symbolism behind this is:

- The rose has long been associated with the Christmas Crib. Here the purity of the flower represents Our Lady (Mary) and the thorns foreshadow the crown which will be laid upon Jesus' head during His most blessed Passion (suffering and death). Our roses are also reminiscent of how the Pope offers dignitaries a golden rose; there is no greater 'dignitary' than Jesus, the Son of God! Our golden roses represented: 1) Thanksgiving for the year that is coming to an end. 2) Prayer for God's blessing on the coming year of Our Lord 2019. 3) Blessings upon our young people and our Catholic Youth Minister (to be employed in 2019).

- The olive tree is rich in symbolism within the Sacred Scriptures and features heavily in the account of human salvation. Since 1681 the Franciscans have cared for eight of the oldest olive trees in the Holy Land. Tradition and genetic testing tell us that these trees were grafted from a single tree that was a witness to Jesus' Passion (suffering and death). We also see the symbolism how the olive fruits, in being pressed to release the precious oil, remind us of how Jesus was crushed for us on the Holy Cross to release His Precious Blood that we receive at Holy Mass. The six olive candles represented:

- 1) St John Rigby Catholic School
- 2) St Thomas More Catholic School
- 3) Our First Holy Communion candidates
- 4) Our Confirmation candidates
- 5) Adult candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation
- 6) Parents and Guardians who undertook Alpha

### SPUC Christmas Raffle

One of the two gargantuan\*\* Christmas Hampers was won by Fr Wayne.

\*\*Gargantuan is almost certainly overstating their size. See Fr Wayne for details Editor

**Quiz Night** at Christ the King church with a Fish and Chip supper on Friday, 25th January 2019 at 7.30pm. See the poster in the narthex.

### Refreshments after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday

We still need more people to join the rota for coffee after 11:00am Mass on a Sunday. Tea, coffee and sugar provided; you just need to bring milk and biscuits.

### Ss P&J Parish Secretary

Maria is away from the 8th to the 14th January and therefore on the 9th January will not be in the office. Maria will be back in on the 16th January.

**Pastoral Area Meeting** will be held on Friday, 11th January at 7.30pm, Holy Cross Church, Goldington.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**The rota for Jan-Mar 2019 is available for collection in the Rota Folder in the narthex.

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