

Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

Saints Philip and James: Bedford

Lead us to heaven, Father: lead us to heaven

Second Sunday of Advent - Year C

Psalter week 2

9th December 2018



Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for Second week of Advent

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Gospel Acclamation

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Feast Day Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe - 12th December

We seek in prayer God's blessing on the preparations and celebration of the forthcoming Feast Day Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bedford. We pray also in thanksgiving for the presence of the Papal Nuncio (Archbishop Edward Adams) at the festivities and ask the Lord to answer the requests of all who venerate the Miraculous Relic Image that day.

Please use this prayer in your daily devotions to prepare for the Feast Day.

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 Tuesday, 18th December and then Wednesday, 16th 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 *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.

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

Sat 8 Dec

6:00pm HC

Sun 9 Dec

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

Mon 10 Dec

9:30am PJ

Tue 11 Dec

9:30am HC

Wed 12 Dec

9:30am PJ

7:30pm

Thu 13 Dec

12:00pm HC

Fri 14 Dec

9:30am HC

Sat 15 Dec

9:30am PJ

6:00pm HC

Sun 16 Dec

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

Immaculate Conception of BVM - solemnity
Chief Patron of the Diocese

Margaret McAuley, RIP

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

Holy Souls

Ian Mitchell, RIP

Feria

Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion

after Liturgy - **Adoration and Benediction**

Feria

Michael Burke

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Memorial

Guardians of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Feast Day Mass at Holy Child and St Joseph.

Principal Celebrant **Archbishop Edward Adams**

St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr - Memorial

Funeral Mass for Eileen McCarthy, RIP

St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor - Memorial

Bernie Logue

after Mass - **Adoration and Benediction**

Feria

Sr Helena, Anniversary of Consecration

Tom Martin, Anniversary

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

All Souls in Purgatory

Fr Jonathan Hill

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.

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

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

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

Fr Wayne Coughlin: The Presbytery, 2 Severn Way, Bedford MK41 7BX. Tel: (01234) 352607; parishpriestbedford@gmail.com

Fr Wayne is the Diocesan Director of Missio. Missio is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission and is part of the worldwide network of Pontifical Mission Societies.

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Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

At the end of our Year of Prayer and Vocation we pray that like Mary we may always do what God asks and then be generous in the way we respond.

The Jesse Giving Tree

There is a **Jesse Tree icon** for people to have a look at and pray before, situated 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.



These are some of the costs associated with these projects:

- Mission Together children's aid relief - Sri Lanka Children's healthcare products (£1.70) - Sri Lanka Children's Food Supplies (£2.30) - Sri Lanka child's visit to a doctor or dentist (£30.00) - Sri Lanka health and welfare packs for four hundred children (£1.600). Stationary for one child in Jordan (£5) - School bag for one child in Jordan (£10.00) - Snack and a drink for an entire school in Jordan (£150) - Books for an entire school in Jordan (£500).
- Parish youth project resources - YouCat (£9.95) - YouCat Prayer Book (£7.95), YouCat Bible (£17.95) - YouCat Confirmation Book (£9.95) - YouCat Confession (£2.95) - YouCat for Kids (£10.95) - DoCat (£9.95) - Compendium to the Catechism (£7.95).

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:

Second Sunday of Advent (violet - The Prophets):

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| The Basket - Miriam | The Tablets - Moses |
| The Horn - Joshua | The Grain - Ruth |
| The Tree - Jesse | The Oil Lamp - Samuel |
| The Harp - David | |

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, but two huge Christmas Hampers. The draw will be after the 11:00am Mass on 23rd December. You have been warned!

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.

Feast Day Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass this Wednesday, 12th December at 7:30pm at the Shrine of Our Lady Of Guadalupe, Church of the Holy Child and St Joseph, Bedford. The Principal Celebrant: **Archbishop Edward Adams** with Bishop Peter in attendance. The Rector and Guardians of the Shrine hope you can join us.

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

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.

Children's Advent Service this Sunday

At 4.00pm, Holy Cross Church, this Sunday. Activities and opportunity for children to dress up and take part in the Christmas story. Refreshments afterwards.

Divine Mercy Retreat, this Sunday

Between 2:00pm and 6:00pm at the Church of the Holy Child and St Joseph, Bedford will be a Divine mercy Retreat which will include Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of the Image, talks, etc... Poster in the narthex.

A note of Thanks

...to those who attended the Parish Open Meeting. A brief update about this meeting will be provided soon via the newsletter.

...to those who attended Mass on Red Wednesday (including many in an item of red clothing) in support of our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters.

...to everyone who tried the various variety of olive biscuits that were available last weekend after the 11:00am Mass.

...to those people who have already financially supported the Jesse Giving Tree.

Old stamps for the Leprosy Mission Box

Brian Holt has come up with the marvellous suggestion that we collect the stamps from the many envelopes we receive at this time of the year and place these in the Leprosy Mission box in the narthex of the Church. This small gesture will greatly help the invaluable work of this charity. Further details about this charity are available from Ann Cawley.

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 16th December, in the collection box in the narthex. Thank you.

Our Church shop (Repository)

Our Repository is stocked with new items, particularly those related to the forthcoming 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. We are hoping to get a supply of religious stamps for sale in the Repository. See Bernadette Skipper after Mass. First class cost 67p and Second class cost 58p. Ridiculous prices, I know, but there you have it. *Editor*

Security

On Wednesday evening, last week, whilst Holy Cross Church, Hall and parish office were in use, a car was broken into and items stolen. The car was parked immediately outside the parish office. Please be conscious of security and do not leave any items of value in your car or unattended in church.

Cyber-Security

If you receive an email from a member of the clergy, one of the Parish Secretaries and/or anyone claiming to be working on behalf of the parish and who is requesting money, please do not respond to this email. Please make Fr Wayne aware if you receive such an email.

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

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.