



# Saints Philip and James: Bedford

Our Parish Family: Cherishing the Past. Celebrating the Present. Embracing the Future.

## The Baptism of the Lord - Year C

Psalter week 1

### 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin**

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

### Propers for The Baptism of the Lord

#### Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

#### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

#### Responsorial Psalm (alternative)

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

#### Gospel Acclamation

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

#### Gospel Acclamation (alternative)

Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

#### Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

### Please continue to pray for the victims of sexual abuse

#### 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 Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 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. 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.

**Hospital Chaplain: Fr Malcolm Bull** is the hospital Roman Catholic Chaplain 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 12 Jan  
6:00pm HC

**Saturday after Epiphany/Christmas Feria**  
Ken Evans

Sun 13 Jan

**The Baptism of the Lord - Feast**  
**The White Flower Appeal for SPUC**  
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)  
Gavin Family  
Ita Mullen

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

Mon 14 Jan

9:30am PJ

**Feria**  
Mayse Flynn (prayers for Simon Tierney)  
**after Mass - Adoration and Benediction**

Tue 15 Jan

9:30am HC

**Feria**  
Clive Bishop, RIP

Wed 16 Jan

9:30am PJ

**Feria**  
Fr Jonathan Hill, birthday

Thu 17 Jan

9:30am HC

**St Anthony, Abbot - Memorial**  
Simon Tierney

Fri 18 Jan

9:30am HC

**Feria**  
Bernard Tucker, RIP  
**after Mass - Adoration and Benediction**

Sat 19 Jan

9:30am PJ

6:00pm HC

**Our Lady on Saturday**  
Mrs Mullen  
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

Sun 20 Jan

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Private Intention (CRD+MB)  
Doreen, Stephen, James.  
Mass is offered for the Repose of Souls  
Those who supported the Jesse Giving Tree

**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.

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> January is the last day of the Christmas season.

The Funeral Liturgy of **Margaret Dickinson (RIP)** will take place in St Philip and St James on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> January at 10:30am. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret and hold in your prayers all those who grieve at this time.

The Funeral Liturgy of **Joanne Espie (RIP)** will take place in St Philip and St James Church on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January at 12:30pm. The Rite of Reception of the Body (followed by private family prayers) will take place on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 4:00pm. Please hold in prayers all family and friends who grieve and also pray for the happy repose of the soul of Joanne.

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missio *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*

Year of Missio for Catholic Schools



20 + C + M + B + 19

### Prayers of Focus

Please pray for the success of the charities we are collecting for this year; **Mission Together** and our **Parish Youth Project**. We are also asked to pray, in Ordinary Time - Winter, for Peace on Earth (especially next Sunday) and Christian Unity (especially during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Octave).

### Petition boxes in the narthex

Prayer cards are available in the narthex of the Church upon which prayers/names can be written and posted in our Divine Mercy Jesus and Our Lady of Guadalupe Petition Boxes. These are not read; but Mass is offered for these Intentions every month.

### Diocesan Schools' Year of Missio

Schools receive a monthly mailing with resources from Missio. The Year of Missio will culminate in a Missio-themed Schools' Mass next October. Please pray for God's blessing on this endeavour.

### SVP Surplus Gift Sale with Childrens' Candlemas Activity

The SVP will be holding a Surplus Gift Sale in aid of Kerala's flood victims on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, after the 11.00am Mass, in the Parish Room. Gifts should be left in the boxes provided at the back of the church. The last date to de-clutter your cupboards and hand in your gifts is Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> January. **Parents please note:** Fr Wayne will run a fun and engaging Candlemas Activity for the children, at the same time, in the church. He is, of course, looking for volunteers to help supervise the young people at this event. So, you may leave your children in Fr Wayne and his helpers' capable and safe hands while you attend the **Surplus Gift Sale**, thus leaving you free to shop, peruse, chat and drink biblical quantities of tea. Refreshments for the children will be served after the activity, which will run for 45 minutes. See the event posters distributed last week for full details.



All funds raised will go where they are needed most.

### Catholic Marriages in 2019

Those who are hoping to be married in either Church (and those who are to be married in another parish) are requested to make contact with Fr Wayne and Dcn Crispin ASAP. All such engaged couples will be expected to participate in a (Pastoral Area wide) three session marriage preparation course beginning in March (details of which will be provided by Dcn Crispin). It will also be necessary to meet with Fr Wayne in order to undertake the necessary paperwork and where appropriate to plan the liturgy. Please hold in your prayers those engaged couples who are preparing to enter into a Catholic marriage.

A **Week of Guided Prayer** is being organised for the parishes of SsP&J and HC from 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> February. Details to follow.

### 'Artist-in-Residence' Sarah Janavicius

New Art Classes available in 'Drawing & Painting', Mixed Water-based Medium, and Collage for all ages, levels and abilities with HC and SsP&J 'Artist-in-Residence' Sarah Janavicius. For further information and bookings please contact: Sarah F Janavicius MA Fine Art, BA (Hons) Fine Art, F.A.E.T.C. [www.sarahjanavicius.co.uk](http://www.sarahjanavicius.co.uk) tel: (01234) 363112 Mobile: 0748418282



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### 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.

### Catholic Youth Minister

Recognising the need to engage, form and energise our young people in the Faith, our parishes have gained funding for a **Catholic Youth Minister** for two years. This is an exciting post we hope will support our young people on their journey of faith. We should allow up to six months for recruitment; this includes two rounds of advertising and interviews, as well as the successful candidates notice period. Realistically, we are looking at a summer appointment. We recognise the importance of getting the right person to journey with our young people and we are prepared to take our time with a robust recruitment process. Please note that we have funding for two years. Then we have decisions to make: Is this a role we want to continue with? Have we met our desired outcomes from this role? How do we continue to fund the role? We may have the opportunity to apply for more funding (which could contribute to salary costs and/or project costs). Alternatively, we could seek private funders who have been inspired by the vision and ministry being undertaken. Or thirdly, we would seek to cover the costs from within our parishes.

**Neil Roseman, Director of Youth Ministry and Communication (NYMO)**, will visit our community early in the year and will expound upon the above and seek to answer any questions you have. Please continue to pray about this exciting endeavour and ask the Lord to send us the best candidate for our needs.

### Immigration Detention Centre, Yarl's Wood

There will be a visit by the new detention staff members at SsP&J on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, at 2:30pm, with Pastor Lonnie, so that they might be given an introduction to Christianity and the specifics of Catholicism. Pastor Lonnie is the full-time protestant minister at IDC Yarl's Wood and has been described as "an inspirational Christian who will leave you challenged and encouraged". Come and meet them. We need volunteers to make refreshments for about 3:10pm.

Pastor Lonnie and the residents of Yarl's Wood IRC were really appreciative of the two "car-boots" full of items (DVD's, CD's, craft items, etc.) that were donated to the centre as well as the many Christmas cards they received. **The one item the team is short of at present is notebooks;** if you have any to spare these can be left in Church and they will be taken to the centre. Mass is celebrated for residents each Monday at Yarl's Wood and each time they appreciate being assured that they are held in our prayers.

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

### Gift Aid Secretary

Our current Gift-Aid Secretaries have been forced to stand-down because of illness. As a community we thank James and Jenny for all the work they have done through the years.

### 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.

A really big **"thank you"** to members of the parish family who joined us for Mass last Monday in St John Rigby Catholic School. Here we continued our observance of the Epiphany and asked the Lord to bless the School at the start of a new term.

### Jesse Giving Tree (SsP&J) and Crib Appeal (HC)

This weekend is the final opportunity to make a donation to the Jesse Giving Tree (SsP&J) and Crib Appeal (HC). Once counted, the amounts raised will be published in the newsletter.

Keep this date free: **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October.** Why? It is the day of the mini-retreat being organised by our parishes for our local Churches Together group. All are welcome. At St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church (Bletchley), we shall have full use of the church building and the adjoining hall. Transport to and from the venue will be arranged if there is sufficient interest. More details to follow.

Save this date too: **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March.** Why? Lent Reflection for members of the SVP. All parishioners and friends are welcome to be a part of this; it will be a wonderful way to undertake the season of Lent. To include: Stations of the Cross - Anointing of the Sick - Vigil Mass (fulfilling the Sunday Obligation) - Confession - refreshments. Venue: our parish. Details to follow.

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

The **White Flower Appeal** takes place this weekend.

