



Saints Philip and James: Bedford

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Psalter week 2

20th January 2019

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Or: Through the Good News God called us to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Or: We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

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 Tuesday, 19th February with Deacon Tony.

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

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.

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.

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 19 Jan
6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

Sun 20 Jan
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Private Intention (CRDP+MB)

Doreen, Stephen, James.

Mass is offered for the Repose of Souls

Those who supported the Jesse Giving Tree

11:00am PJ

Mon 21 Jan
9:30am PJ

St Agnes, Martyr - Memorial

Kathleen Maleczek

after Mass - **Adoration and Benediction**

Tue 22 Jan
9:30am HC

Feria

Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC)

Wed 23 Jan
9:30am PJ

Feria

Fr Wayne Coughlin

Thu 24 Jan
9:30am HC

St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor - Memorial

Holy Souls

Fri 25 Jan
9:30am HC

Conversion of St Paul - Feast

Patrick Walsh

after Mass - **Adoration and Benediction**

Sat 26 Jan
9:30am PJ
6:00pm HC

Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops - Memorial

Edwin and Josephine

Catherine Doyle, RIP

Sun 27 Jan
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Honor and Patrick Joseph Harte

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

Frank Toner

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.

Throughout Christmastide a candle has burned in prayer at the Altar and before the crib for the **Confirmandi and First Holy Communion Candidates**.

The Funeral Liturgy of **Joanne Espie (RIP)** will take place in SsP&J on Thursday, 24th January at 12:30pm. The Rite of Reception of the Body (followed by private family prayers), Wednesday, 23rd January at 4:00pm. Please hold in prayers all family and friends who grieve. Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Joanne.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Pauline Mary Cahill** whose funeral liturgy will take place at SsP&J on Friday, 25th January at 2:00pm.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jan Zielinski**, whose funeral liturgy will take place at Holy Cross on Wednesday, 30th January at 10:45am. Please keep in your prayers all who grieve at this time.

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SVP Surplus Gift Sale

We will be holding the Surplus Gift Sale in aid of Kerala's flood victims on Sunday, 3rd February, after the 11.00am Mass, in the Parish Room. Gifts should be left in the boxes provided at the back of the church. **Please, only NEW ITEMS.** The last date to hand in your gift is next Sunday, 27th January. There will be a **free raffle** for those who attend the event, plus refreshments.



Childrens' Candlemas Activity - Volunteers needed

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 parents can have a break to shop, chat, and drink biblical quantities of tea. Let Pam know, on 07845121557, that you want to help. See the posters in the narthex for full details.

There will not be the usual SVP meeting on Thursday, 24th January as our **SVP District meeting** will be held at SsP&J on that date.

Jesse Giving Tree Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Jesse Giving Tree Appeal; this, amidst a great many appeals for financial support, raised the truly fantastic sum of £1059.29. As mentioned in the newsletter this will be split between "Mission Together" and our own youth project. On behalf of the staff of Missio, and most particularly the children we support through "Mission Together", I extend our very sincere and heartfelt appreciation. Thank you also to those people who counted and banked the money. *Fr Wayne*

Do remember that we have two excellent Holy Rosary groups in the parish, SsP&J Mondays, 1:45pm and HC, Fridays, 6:30pm.

"As with the renewal of Eucharistic Adoration, this resurgence [in Marian piety] is being actively encouraged by the hierarchy and the Pope. Pope Francis invited Catholics to pray the rosary each day concluding with the Prayer to St Michael the Archangel. The context of this revival is a post-Christian society, in which, according to Sherry Weddell, author of *Forming Intentional Disciples*, "people who don't personally believe will not stay" in the Church now that cultural or familial ties to Christianity are disappearing. Their faith, she said, has to be "either personally meaningful or they are gone". Pope Francis has a vision of missionary parishes. But many parishes are merely hoping for survival. It is with the rediscovery of the "priceless treasure" of the rosary that such churches can trust that their prayers may be answered". *Excerpts from the Catholic Herald*

New Churches Together Group

"North Bedford Churches Together" is a new ecumenical group being launched in May. It will include our sister parish of the Holy Cross and the Christian communities who currently belong to Goldington Churches Together. The ecumenical group will cover the areas of Goldington, Putnoe, Brickhill and Renhold. In all of these areas (apart from Goldington) there has previously been no ecumenical group. We look forward to this new group of Catholic parishes and Christian communities working and praying together in partnership. For more information please email Peter Gerrish: hawberry@gmail.com.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

See poster about this in our church porch. It ends on Friday, 25th January.

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

'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 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.

Immigration Detention Centre, Yarl's Wood

There will be a visit by the new detention staff members at SsP&J on Wednesday, 6th February, at 2:30pm, with Pastor Lonnie, so that they might be given an introduction to Christianity and the specifics of Catholicism. Come and meet them. **We need volunteers to make refreshments** for about 3:10pm.

Parish Room Users

It is wonderful that our Parish Room is used by such a wide variety of groups within our community, e.g. refreshments after Mass (each Sunday and Wednesday and all are welcome) - Bible Timeline - First Holy Communion - Guadalupe Guardians - SPUC - Rosary Group - SVP - ecumenical association - CAFOD - Missio - Diocese - Pastoral Area - etc... With the introduction of a Christian Film Club we shall hopefully have a whole new clientele. In order to be good stewards of the environment and our resources, may we encourage all users of this marvellous facility, and those spiritual groups who use the Church, to ensure that all lights (including those in the toilets) are turned off when you leave. Can you also check and turn off taps in the toilets. It would also be helpful if users could close the blinds when they depart and remove perishable items from the fridge. In addition, if you are locking the Church after your group has finished, can you also please bring in the outdoor sign. Organisers, please check the booking diary if you wish to use the room. Many thanks to those people who regularly clean the Parish Room and surrounding area.

Dates to keep

Keep this date free: **Saturday, 12th October 2019**. 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. Details to follow.

Save this date too: **Saturday, 9th 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. More details to follow.

Visit of the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham to the Cathedral 7th to 9th February

Bishop Peter is encouraging all parishes to be involved in the Dowry Tour "Visit" to our Cathedral; this is part of the national preparation for the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary in 2020. Bishop Peter is hoping that parishes will come on pilgrimage to the Cathedral at some point during the three days of the "Visit" (the full programme of liturgical celebrations is available on a poster in the narthex). Bishop Peter has also asked that the morning Mass in parishes on Saturday, 9th February be offered as a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham (which we shall do at SsP&J at 9:30am) in order to unite all our parishes to the celebrations at the Cathedral.

The Friendship Group

The Friendship Group of P&J and HC meet **every Tuesday** in HC Parish Hall from 1-3 pm. All are welcome. For more information call Bridie Joyce on 07786 728150 or Julia Scott 07773 079906.

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.

Volunteer rotas are in folders in the narthex.

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