



Saints Philip and James: Bedford

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Psalter week 3

27th January 2019

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walking-Lea

Propers for Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

Responsorial Psalm

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

Gospel Acclamation

The Lord has sent me to bring the Good News to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives.

Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Or:

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

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) should make contact with Fr Wayne and Deacon Crispin. All such 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 Deacon 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 26 Jan
6:00pm HC

Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops - Memorial
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

Mon 28 Jan
9:30am PJ

St Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church
Anonymous, RIP - Jesu mercy, Mary pray
after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Tue 29 Jan
9:30am HC

Feria
Reginald Wooding

Wed 30 Jan
9:30am PJ

Feria
George Wilson

Thu 31 Jan
9:30am HC

St John Bosco, Priest - Memorial
Service of Word and Holy Communion

Fri 1 Feb
9:30am HC

Feria
Doreen McCarthy
after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Sat 2 Feb
9:30am PJ
6:00pm HC

The Presentation of the Lord - Feast
Paola Pearce (Mass will be longer as it is Candlemas)
Stephen Harris, RIP

Sun 3 Feb
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ
1:00pm HC

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Eileen Ord
Marie Toner
Baptism of Ray Lee Luca Cook
Celebrant: Deacon Crispin Walking-Lea

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.

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 pray for the repose of the soul of Florence Maud Boyes, RIP. The Funeral Mass will take place at 11:00am on Wednesday, 6th February in Holy Cross. Please pray for all who mourn at this time.

Cambridge Nazareth Trust

Margaret Waddingham, Chair of Cambridge Nazareth Trust, will be speaking about the work of the Trust this weekend.

"Helping young people of the Holy Land to have a brighter future".

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By supporting our **Surplus Gift Sale next Sunday**, you will be helping flood victims in Kerala. We have 3900 St Vincent de Paul groups in Kerala and are well placed to directly help those affected by the disaster both now and in the long term. **Sales items will be available to view before 11am Mass.**



So don't forget to bring money, a shopping bag and your copy of the Parish Newsletter with you to purchase some great items, help a great cause and the chance to win a **hamper full of chocolate in our free raffle**; you have to be with us to win! All this and the **Children's Candlemas Activity**. See more information on the crisis in Kerala, the Sale and Children's Activity on the display at the back of the church. **Ooh... and don't forget the children.**

Appreciation

With gratitude to Fr Wayne and parishioners for all your prayers, loving care and support during Sister Ann's illness. The Memorial Mass and the Funeral Mass were celebrations and fitting tributes of farewell for Sister Ann, thank you and may God bless you all. *The Sisters*

North Bedford Churches Together

A new Churches Together Group will include our sister parish of Holy Cross and the communities currently in Goldington Churches Together. This Ecumenical group will cover Goldington, Putnoe, Brickhill and Renhold. We look forward to working and praying together. For information: hawberry@gmail.com.

Ecumenical Lent Course

The weekly gathering will be based around the book 'Rediscover Jesus' by Matthew Kelly (which many parishioners will already have). The course will be held in the SsP&J Parish Room from 1:30pm on 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March and 4th & 11th April. Alternative sessions will be held at other venues in the town. More details to follow. As a conclusion to the course there will be an opportunity to gather for a Bring and Share Meal (5:00pm) and ecumenical worship (6:00pm) on Sunday, 28th April at Priory Methodist Church.

Year of Missio for Catholic Schools

The February resource for the "Year of Missio for Catholic Schools" is themed around the World Day for the Sick. It references Our Lady and uses as a case study the health-clinic it helped to build in Malawi. More broadly within the wider work of the charity we are giving thanks for the £53,000 that primary school aged children helped to raise last year.

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.

Church Cleaning Rota Meeting

There will be a meeting for those on the cleaning rota, on Saturday 16th February following confession. A few people missed the last (first) meeting, so if you know anybody, or know anybody who knows anybody who might know anybody on the cleaning rota who doesn't read the Newsletter (GASP!!!), can you tell them...

IT IS IN THE NEWSLETTER.

The Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham

The Diocese of Northampton is first for the Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham in 2019. **Thursday, 7th February to Saturday, 9th February** in the Cathedral Church of Our Lady and St. Thomas, Northampton. We are looking to hire a minibus to take parishioners and Michael Harrington has volunteered to drive.

The **Week of Guided Prayer** for our parishes has been rescheduled. Details to follow.

SVP Retreat Day has moved to 23rd March.

Prayer cards entitled "**Rosary for the Unborn**", produced by the Knights of St Columba, are available in the narthex.

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



Bedford Foodbank

Thank you for your continued generous donations. All contributions are always very much appreciated. Collection boxes in the Parish Room.

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.

To Love and Serve the Lord

Planning for the Future: volunteering and volunteers in our parish family

Last year our parish family was approached by the Diocese to be part of a new initiative being piloted by Avril Baigent (Pastoral Ministry Adviser) as regards how we recruit and support volunteers. You will recall that Avril has already given us much support as we develop links with the local university campus. Consequently a person from each parish attended a day-long workshop in July 2018 in Woburn Sands. This pilot group consisted of both clergy and laity; from this a consensus grew that in order to thrive into the future all parishes need to encourage a spirit of volunteering (recruitment), to better support our current volunteers (retainment) and where appropriate gently encourage people to find their own replacement (succession planning).

Two major themes emerged from this day:

- That some volunteers lose the joy they once found in their role but feel unable to relinquish it.
- Lots of volunteer and liturgical roles are undertaken by a very small number of people who offer their gifts sacrificially.

The findings from the above workshop were presented to our parish family via the Parish Council (HC) and Parish Forum (SsP&J). Given the sterling response to this workshop from within our wider parish family we were asked to hold a similar day for our Pastoral Area (this took place in October 2018 at HC and was tremendously well received). All parishioners were and remain invited to be a part of this process. With further support from Avril a core group of people from both parishes were subsequently asked to reach out to both our parish groups and to those with responsibilities in our parishes, e.g. those who arrange rota's, etc.

Further to the above we were all surprised by the sheer number of groups that we have in our parishes! You may recall that this was demonstrated by the splendid display of parish groups that we had at the back of each Church for several weeks (accompanied by notices in the newsletter and a brief talk at Mass). Wonderfully, we discovered that a great number of these invaluable groups are shared by our two parishes. Desiring to strengthen our existing parish groups and wanting to help them recruit more volunteers, all the above were invited to respond to a questionnaire. This asked them what their requirements were, how many hours of time a volunteer might be expected to contribute, what skills they were looking for, etc...

Avril then returned to our parish family in January of this year to attend a meeting at SsP&J to hear how we are progressing; it is no exaggeration to say she was overwhelmed at the work that has been carried out! In essence our parish groups have been broadly grouped together in seven areas so that we might over the coming weeks promote their work, seek to recruit more volunteers and to help us better support our current volunteers. Whilst the above can appear dry and procedural this really is a very exciting opportunity for us to recruit more volunteers and to offer encouragement to those who already volunteer. Our overall aim is to enable every person who attends a Sunday Mass to participate more fully in the life of our parish family. Presentations to this effect will take place at the Sunday Mass on 23rd/24th February.

We extend our appreciation to those people who have been quietly and prayerfully working to bring about this wonderful project. So, for further information regarding the above please speak with:

Vigil Mass HC - Sheila Allen
8:00am Mass PJ - Michael Harrington
9:15am Mass HC - Joan Kedward
11:00am PJ - George Tasker

Second Collection Music Group

The next rehearsal for the SCMG will be this Monday at 7:30pm. Bring your tonsils, your Altos, Sopranos, Basses and Contraltos. Praise the Lord in Song!

Volunteer rotas are in folders in the narthex.