



## Saints Philip and James: Bedford

Lead us to heaven, Father: lead us to heaven

### Epiphany of the Lord - Year C

Psalter week 2

6<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin**

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

#### Propers for the Epiphany of the Lord

##### Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

##### Responsorial Psalm

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

##### Gospel Acclamation

We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.

##### Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

#### 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 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.

#### Ss P&J Parish Secretary

Maria is away from the office this Wednesday and back in on the 16<sup>th</sup> January.

**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.

Please hold in your prayers our **First Holy Communion** candidates who on Saturday will be celebrating the **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** for the first time. Please also pray for their parents and catechists.

#### Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 5 Jan  
6:00pm HC

##### Our Lady on Saturday

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)

Mon 7 Jan  
9:30am SJR

##### Monday after Epiphany/Christmas Feria

Bedford Catholic Schools *at St John Rigby School*

Tue 8 Jan  
9:30am HC

##### Tuesday after Epiphany/Christmas Feria

Elena Fulco, RIP

Wed 9 Jan  
9:30am PJ

##### Wednesday after Epiphany/Christmas Feria

Ian Whitman

Thu 10 Jan  
9:30am HC

##### Thursday after Epiphany/Christmas Feria

Eileen Barron, RIP

Fri 11 Jan  
9:30am HC

##### Friday after Epiphany/Christmas Feria

Charles Keenan, RIP  
*after Mass - Adoration and Benediction*

Sat 12 Jan  
9:30am PJ

##### Saturday after Epiphany/Christmas Feria

All who are ill in both parishes  
(from HC & PJ SVP Conferences)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation for First Holy Communion candidates  
Ken Evans

2:00pm PJ

6:00pm HC

Sun 13 Jan  
8:00am PJ  
9:15am HC  
11:00am PJ

##### The Baptism of the Lord - Feast

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)  
Gavin Family  
Ita Mullen

**Morning Prayer:** before the morning daily Mass or Liturgy; Monday to Saturday.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction** on Friday.

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.

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, Olney. 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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### 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

Schools receive a monthly mailing with resources from Missio culminating in a Missio-themed Schools' Mass in October. Pray God's blessing on this endeavour.

### Mary, Mother of God - New Year's Day Mass

I genuinely want to extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who attended Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> January as together we prayed for God's blessing upon our pastoral endeavours in 2019. There was such a palpable sense of being together as the parish family that at times I was left without words; which is a rare occurrence! I know for many people being at Mass that day meant making sacrifices (a later lunch, less time with family, etc...) so I am most grateful for your presence. It was only after Mass that I discovered we had members of the Orthodox Church present with us as well as a family from Brazil. The flowers and decorated candle presented before the image of Our Lady were gifts from us as a token of our love for the Holy Mother of God and in request for her maternal prayer; one bouquet was from our two parishes and the other from our parish Clergy (Dcn Tony, Dcn Crispin and Fr Wayne) and parish Religious (Sr Mae and Sr Margaret).

As we say in Wales: *Blwyddyn Newydd Dda ein Harglwydd - Happy New Year of Our Lord.* Fr Wayne

### Epiphany House Blessing 20 + C + M + B + 19

*Christus Mansionem Benedicat - May Christ Bless this Home*

There is an ancient tradition of blessing Christian homes at the Epiphany and thus asking for God's blessing on all who live in the home in the coming year. In doing so this year we shall link ourselves with the diocesan schools "Year of Missio" and we have been asked to especially draw people's attention to this wonderful practice. To do so we mark the lintel of the door in chalk with the date of the New Year: 2019. We also add the initials of the names given to the Magi who brought gifts to the infant Jesus in His first home:

- C for Caspar.
- M for Melchior.
- B for Balthasar.

The three initials, C-M-B, also stand for the three words of a Latin prayer: *Christus Mansionem Benedicat = May Christ bless this house.* If you cannot use chalk on the door/lintel of your home you could make a cardboard sign. Remember that each time you enter your home you are asking for God's blessing on all who live and visit it. This year's Epiphany Blessing will look like this: 20 + C + M + B + 19.

As you mark your home with the blessed chalk you might like to say this prayer:

*Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN*

You may also conclude with *the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be.*

Blessed chalk is available in the narthex of the church.

### Epiphany Proclamation AD 2019

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and in the calendars as 25<sup>th</sup> December, many of the important liturgical celebrations of the Church year move (based upon the date of Easter Sunday). Easter Sunday changes each year and is always the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon" and thus falls between 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 25<sup>th</sup> April. In ancient times, before calendars were common (or Church newsletters were published), most people did not know the dates of the major liturgical celebrations; as not attending Mass on a Holy Day of Obligation was (and remains) a mortal sin, it was important to know the dates. Thus began the tradition that on Epiphany Sunday, the upcoming major celebrations were "proclaimed" by a Deacon following the proclamation of the Gospel. We don't expect you to recall all the dates but this simple liturgical action links us with countless Catholic brothers and sisters across the centuries who have gone before us. Like the "Epiphany Blessing" (with chalk), the Liturgy Office of England and Wales encourages the restoration of the "Epiphany Proclamation" - *"its revival in many places would be opportune since it serves to make the connection between the Epiphany and Easter, and orientates all feasts towards the greatest Christian solemnity"*.

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

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, after the 11.00am Mass, in the Parish Room with fun for the children whilst you browse and buy and chat and drink tea. More info next week.

### Some of the participants in the Advent Christingle Liturgy led by Caroline Mathew. A similar Christingle Liturgy will take place in Lent.



### Further Funding Secured - Ss P&J Parish Room

Dear Joan and Fr Wayne, I am delighted to tell you that your application for funding for the projector has been successful. We were very pleased to see how much you have contributed to your parish already, and the plans for the future.

In his supporting letter, Fr Wayne offered to make the room available for use to the Pastoral Area. We think this is a real improvement in local capacity and request that the room be available for occasional use by diocesan staff, (eg: Danielle Dixon, NYMO or NORES) as it would be excellent to have such a facility in Bedford. God bless you in your new direction.

All the best, *Avril Baigent, Lay Formation Fund Application Committee.*

[NB] We propose to use the equipment for catechetical courses, Alpha, etc... and also to establish a Christian film club where the first movie to be shown will be a classic from a bygone era and will be accompanied by afternoon tea.

### 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.

The Diocese of Northampton **Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham**, Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> February in the Cathedral Church of Our Lady and St Thomas. Details to follow.

### SPUC Christmas Raffle

One of the two Christmas Hampers was won by Fr Wayne, the other by Lionel; Prosecco (hic!) by Stella G and Jane Caldwell; the Christmas Pud' by Vaughan Phillips and Alan White. £200 was raised. Well done and Thank You.

**Quiz Night** at Christ the King church with a "Fish supper" on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Pastoral Area Meeting** will be held on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm, Holy Cross Church, Goldington. Margaret Wells and Liz Budek are SsP&J reps'.

**Grandparents Meeting** is on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January in HC Parish Hall at 1.45pm.

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.

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

The **White Flower Appeal** is next weekend.

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

