

The Confirmation Candidate for whom I will pray

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Saints Philip and James: Bedford

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Psalter week 1

10th February 2019

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with good things.

Or:

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

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 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. You will be expected to participate in a (Pastoral Area wide) three-session marriage preparation course beginning in March (details: Deacon Crispin). It is 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 the Presbytery door or send a carrier pigeon *Editor* to Maria Quinlan, Parish Secretary at P&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 9 Feb
6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

Sun 10 Feb
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ
1:00pm HC

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baby Korey and Baby Elemae, RIP

Kevin David Severs

Sick of Both Parishes

Baptisms of: Amber **Boyden** and Dominic Ace **Meredor**
Celebrant: Deacon Tony Quinlan

Mon 11 Feb
9:30am PJ

Feria

Sister Wendy Beckett, RIP - Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray
after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Tue 12 Feb
9:30am HC

Feria

Eileen Ord, RIP

Wed 13 Feb
9:30am PJ

Feria

Daniel Gerald Thomas

Thu 14 Feb
9:30am HC

Ss Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop - Memorial
John (Jan) Zielinski, RIP

Fri 15 Feb
9:30am HC

Feria

Eileen Ord, RIP

after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Sat 16 Feb
9:30am PJ
6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday

Robert Steele

Angela and Bill Letch

Sun 17 Feb
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

Melges Family

Repose of the Soul of Margaret Dickson

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

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Michael Roach, RIP**, whose Funeral Liturgy will take place at SsP&J on Thursday, 21st February at 1.30pm.

Please pray for all who mourn at this time.

Fr Nathaniel Onwuekwe, is the Roman Catholic Hospital Chaplain. If admitted and in need of sacramental care, you may contact him at St Joseph's Presbytery. Telephone: 352569. Fr Nathaniel will visit the hospital each Friday where he will celebrate Mass in the chapel at 12:30pm before undertaking sacramental visits.

Our seminarian, **Liam Castle**, is in the Holy Land from where he sends the assurance of prayer and particularly from the tomb of St James in Jerusalem.

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Lent 2019

(in brief)



Do you use the season of Lent to bring yourself closer to Jesus?

It is an urgent call to conversion and, accordingly, Pope Francis exhorts us not to settle for mediocrity (a second-rate version of ourselves). We are encouraged to grow in intimate friendship with the Lord and experience a true conversion of the heart (to become, the best-version of ourselves). Our Lord will be waiting for us to approach Him this coming Lent. **Will you accept His invitation?**

Ash Wednesday (6th March)

- MASS at 9:30am, PJ, followed by an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession (until 11:00am)
- Stations of the Cross at midday, PJ, with an opportunity for the Imposition of Ash
- MASS at 7:30pm, HC, with a prior opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession from 6:30pm

Ecumenical Lent Course Launch (7th March)

- Come and be part of this ecumenical gathering as we launch the combined Lent Course - 1:30pm in PJ where refreshments will be available.

Holy Hour - to pray for young people

- 17th March at 4:00pm, HC. There will be opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession, with two Priests available. *(This is a Bedford Pastoral Area event)*

Retreat Day (23rd March) at HC, organised by the SVP and open to everyone.

- 1:30pm - Rosary for members and beneficiaries of the SVP (living and departed)
- 2:00pm (prompt) - Welcome
- 2:05pm - St Vincent de Paul's Way of the Cross
- 2:45pm - Tea/Coffee
- 3:15pm - Anointing of the Sick
- 4:00pm - Vigil Mass (fulfills Sunday Obligation)
- 5:00pm - Light Supper in the parish hall
- 5:15pm - Sacrament of Confession
- 6:00pm - Vigil Mass (fulfills Sunday Obligation)

[NB]: Sacrament of Confession - Three Priests will be available at various points in the day to celebrate the sacramental mercy of God.

During Lent

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (each Monday)

- 10:00am until 11:00am, PJ.

Stations of the Cross (each Friday)

- 10:00am, HC, led by the clergy.
- 7:30pm, PJ. Following comments received last year these will be led by lay people and so we are looking for five groups or organisations to lead these on 15th, 22nd, 29th March, and 5th and 12th April. Such groups or organisations may include: SVP, Leprosy Mission, SPUC, Teams of Our Lady, Guadalupe Guardians, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Flower Arrangers, Church Cleaners, etc... Assistance from the clergy will be freely offered if desired. *If your group or organisation would like to lead Stations of the Cross on one of the above Fridays please contact the PJ Parish Secretary ASAP.*

Maundy Thursday (18th April)

- Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm, PJ. An opportunity for both parts of our parish community to come together as one family in Jesus Christ and be strengthened by the Holy Eucharist.

Good Friday (19th April)

- Children's Stations of the Cross at 10:00am, HC, followed by refreshments.
- Interactive Stations of the Cross for the whole family at 12:00noon, PJ, followed by refreshments.
- Solemn Liturgy of the Day at 3:00pm, PJ. Another opportunity for both parts of our parish community to come together and to adore the Cross of Calvary.
- Mary's Way of the Cross at 7:30pm, HC.

Holy Saturday (20th April)

- **Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter** at 8:00pm, PJ. Come as one family in Jesus Christ, await and celebrate the joy of the Risen Christ.

[NB]: There will not be a Vigil Mass on that day as it is not possible to celebrate the Eucharistic Sacrifice before the Easter Vigil. The HC Paschal Candle will be presented by HC parishioners and be solemnly lit at the Easter Vigil.

Our Lady of Walsingham

To celebrate the visit of the image from Walsingham's Slipper Chapel to our Cathedral: the temporary shrine to Our Lady will remain in the sanctuary for this weekend; the choir will sing a hymn in honour of Our Lady at the 11:00am Mass and Marian prayer books are available for loan from the narthex.

Volunteer rotas: folders in the narthex.

Bedford Foodbank

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

SVP Surplus Gift Sale and Children's Candlemas Activity

Thank you to everyone who; donated gifts, prepared and worked on the sale and children's activity, served refreshments, spent money on the day and most importantly for making it fun! Both activities exceeded our expectations. From the large number of gifts received, number of parishioners from both Parishes who attended, number of children who participated in the Candlemas Activity, refreshments donated and not least the **£572.36** raised in aid of Kerala's flood victims. The money will now be sent direct to our fellow SVP members in Kerala to support those most in need.

Candlemas Liturgy for HC and PJ Children

Last Sunday we joyously linked Candlemas with the visit of the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham to Northampton Cathedral. Accordingly, a temporary shrine to Our Lady of Walsingham was created as a focal point of prayer and before which the prayer-diaries of our First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates were left. As part of the Candlemas Liturgy the children and young people: were given a rosary; undertook a procession around the Church; prayed a decade of the Holy Rosary and decorated a glass candle holder for a blue votive candle (which they took home to light in prayer). We also witnessed one of our young people presenting flowers to Our Lady on behalf of the youth of the parishes. Amazingly, some of the children even stayed behind (yes, voluntarily!) after the liturgy ended to finish colouring-in their image of Our Lady of Walsingham and even helped to tidy up. You needed to be at the Vigil or 11:00am Mass to understand how the flag of Gallifrey (the home planet of the Time Lords in Doctor Who) managed to find a place in the events. **To view photographs from the celebrations type the following into an internet search engine: "Holy Cross Church Bedford Facebook" (you don't need a Facebook account for this)**



Mass of Confirmation with Bishop Peter

On Thursday, 6th June at 7:00pm in SsP&J come and support our young people and be part of the celebrations which follow! Please hold the young people on our Confirmation Course in your prayers.

Come and Sing Choir Practice 11:00am Mass

There are two choirs; (Come and Sing) the 11:00am Mass Choir and the Second Collection Music Group (which sings on the first Sunday of the month). If you want to exercise your tonsils, stretch your larynx and treat us all to your beautiful soprano or baritone on a **regular** basis; **Come and Sing** practices on Tuesdays at 6.30pm in the church. *You've heard 'em sing; now join them too!*

Church Cleaning Rota Meeting Next Saturday

There will be a meeting of the cleaning rota, next Saturday 16th February following Confession (assuming anybody turns up!).

Thank you to those parishioners who visited our Cathedral for the **Our Lady of Walsingham Dowry Tour**.

We also thank George Tasker, Joan Kedward, Margaret Wells and Elizabeth Ridley for attending the recent **Divine Renovation** conference.

Catholic Grandparents Association (CGA)

The next meeting, this Thursday, 14th February, 1:45pm in HC Parish Hall.