



**Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin**

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

### Propers for Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Entrance Antiphon**

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

**Communion Antiphon**

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Or: God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.



Some of the participants in the Candlemas Liturgy offering prayers at the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham

**Confessions on Saturday:**

Ss Philip & James:

**No Confession this Saturday at PJ**

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, 19<sup>th</sup> February and 19<sup>th</sup> March with Deacon Tony.

**Weddings:** we require at least six months' notice and 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.

**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 16 Feb  
6:00pm HC

**Our Lady on Saturday**

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

Mon 18 Feb  
9:30am PJ

**Feria**

Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion

after Mass - **Adoration and Benediction**

Tue 19 Feb  
9:30am HC

**Feria**

Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion

Wed 20 Feb  
9:30am PJ

**Feria**

Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion

Thu 21 Feb  
9:30am HC

**Feria**

Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion

Fri 22 Feb  
9:30am HC

**St Peter's Chair - Feast**

Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion

after Mass - **Adoration and Benediction**

Sat 23 Feb  
9:30am PJ  
6:00pm HC

**St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr - Memorial**

Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion

Pasquale Nonatell, RIP

Sun 24 Feb  
8:00am PJ  
9:15am HC  
11:00am PJ

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

John Flood, RIP

Delia McKenzie, RIP

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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction** on Monday and Friday led by Deacon Tony.

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Moira Crouch, RIP**, whose funeral liturgy will take place at HC on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 1:00pm.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Anna Marie Keeshan, RIP**, whose Funeral Mass is to be celebrated on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March in HC at 12:00noon.

Please also pray for all those that grieve at this time.

**Fr Nathaniel Onwuekwe**, is the Roman Catholic Hospital Chaplain. If you or a loved one are 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 12:15pm before undertaking sacramental visits.

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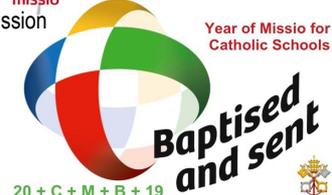
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## Lent 2019 (in brief)



### **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** (6<sup>th</sup> March)

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

#### **Ecumenical Lent Course Launch** (7<sup>th</sup> 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

- 17<sup>th</sup> March at 4:00pm, HC. Sacrament of Confession, with two Priests available. (This is a Bedford Pastoral Area event)

#### **Retreat Day** (23<sup>rd</sup> March) at HC, organised by the SVP and open to everyone.

With 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. Led by lay people. We are looking for five groups or organisations to lead these on 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> March, and 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April. *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** (18<sup>th</sup> April)

- Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm, PJ.

#### **Good Friday** (19<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Mary's Way of the Cross at 7:30pm, HC.

#### **Holy Saturday** (20<sup>th</sup> April)

- **Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter** at 8:00pm, PJ. Come as one family in Jesus Christ and celebrate the joy of the Risen Christ. The HC Paschal Candle will be presented by HC parishioners and be solemnly lit at the Easter Vigil.

#### **Ecumenical Lent Course**

The weekly gathering will be based around the book **'Rediscover Jesus'** by Matthew Kelly (which many parishioners will have). If you don't have a copy of this book you can purchase one for £5 via Peter Gerrish (after Sunday Masses at HC), Sheila Allen (Monday and Thursday at HC), Maria Quinlan (Wednesday at PJ) or via the office at Priory Methodist Chapel. There will be joint launch of the course for all participants on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 1:30pm in the Parish Room at PJ. We shall then meet at 1:30pm on Thursdays: 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March, and 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April in the PJ Parish Room. Wednesday evening sessions will be held at Priory Methodist Chapel. The course will conclude with a Bring and Share supper (5:00pm) and café-style worship (6:00pm) on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April at Priory Methodist Chapel. A book reading guide, with details of other ecumenical events during Lent, and a poster with more details about the Lent Course may be found in the narthex. The book reading guide can be taken home; this may be useful for those wanting to take part in the course but unable to attend the group sessions.

#### **Our Lady of Walsingham**

We pray for those **First Holy Communion candidates and Confirmandi** who last weekend received a statue of Our Lady of Walsingham at Mass; this gesture united them with the Dowry Tour celebrations at the Cathedral. May Our Lady of Walsingham hold them in prayer to her Son and may they always share in her joy.

We pray in thanksgiving for those members of both parishes who participated in the **Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham** in PJ. Thank you to those who sang the "Our Lady of Walsingham" hymn last weekend at the 11:00am Mass with such gusto. Thank you also for all the positive comments that we received about the temporary **"Our Lady of Walsingham"** shrine.

**Please return your Palm Crosses from last (or previous) year/s so that these may be burned and turned into ash for Ash Wednesday.**

We hold the following adult **Confirmandi** in prayer and offer them our friendship and support as members of our parish family: **Alex, Augustina, Margaret, Richard, Stef and Charlene.**

#### **Bedford Foodbank**

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

#### **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.

#### **But....Key to access the Parish Room...**

Over recent weeks, the key to access this area of the Church has not been returned to its secure location. As a result, several people have been unable to access the Parish Room, etc... May we politely ask that, after each use, you return the key to its proper location so it may be used by others?

#### **And...the Parish Room will be closed for two days...**

It will be necessary to prevent access to the Parish Room, sacristy, lobby, toilets, etc. on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February and Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March due to the installation of the new audio-visual system (for which, as you will recall, we received a grant from the Diocese). We would ask for your co-operation with this so that the sound-engineers can go about their work unhindered. It will not be possible to book the Parish Room on these dates. The Church will remain open as normal.

#### **Fr Wayne goes to Rome...**

Over the coming week, Fr Wayne will be in Rome as part of the preparations for the Extraordinary Month of Mission in October called for by Pope Francis. The task of organising this and providing resources has been given to Missio. Please hold the planning group in your prayers. Do be assured that Fr Wayne will hold the parishes in prayer each day and most especially at the Mass in St Peter's Basilica. Furthermore, Fr Wayne will also be taking some time for retreat, prayer, study and reflection over the coming weeks. Whilst Fr Wayne is away people are invited to contact Dcn Tony in a genuine pastoral emergency. As the Missio visit to Rome, etc. is in the context of a retreat Fr Wayne will seek to respond to emails ASAP on his return. It will not be possible to leave telephone messages at the Presbytery. Please see the details elsewhere in the newsletter of how to contact the Catholic Chaplain at Bedford Hospital.

#### **Thank you**

We thank those parishioners who over the last two weekends have dutifully written the names of our First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates on the front of our newsletters. Please continue to hold in prayer the candidates who appeared on the newsletter you took home (there is a First Holy Communion and Confirmation Candidate to pray for). We also extend our thanks to those who wrote the SVP raffle number on the front of the SsP&J newsletter. To which end...Madam President (of the SVP) Pam Kenworthy and the winner of the hamper of chocolates at the Surplus Gift Sale, Margaret.

#### **Mass of Confirmation with Bishop Peter**

On Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

