



# Saints Philip and James: Bedford

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

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Psalter week 3

### 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin**

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

### Propers for Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions and Services

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

#### Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

#### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is compassion and love.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

#### Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Or: Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

Sat 23 Feb  
6:00pm HC

**St Polycarp**, Bishop and Martyr - Memorial  
Pasquale Nonatell, RIP

Sun 24 Feb

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**To Love and Serve the Lord - Appeal for Volunteers**

8:00am PJ  
9:15am HC  
11:00am PJ

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)  
John Flood, RIP  
Delia McKenzie, RIP

Mon 25 Feb  
9:30am PJ

**Feria**  
Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion  
*after Mass - Adoration and Benediction*

Tue 26 Feb  
9:30am HC

**Feria**  
Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion

Wed 27 Feb  
9:30am PJ

**Feria**  
Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion

Thu 28 Feb  
9:30am HC

**Feria**  
Recruitment of Catholic Youth Minister

Fri 1 Mar  
9:30am HC

**St David**, Bishop and Patron of Wales - Feast  
Meg and Alan Brown, RIP and with particular remembrance of their wedding anniversary  
*after Mass - Adoration and Benediction*

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

**Our Lady on Saturday**  
Those preparing for Holy Matrimony  
Eileen Barron, RIP

Sun 3 Mar  
8:00am PJ  
9:15am HC  
11:00am PJ

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Freddie, Tomi, Bella-Rose and Kaleb  
Bill Ryan, RIP  
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

#### 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.

Be assured that Fr Wayne holds the parishes in prayer every day of his time away on retreat, prayer, study and reflection this week. Whilst he is away, people are invited to contact Deacon Tony in a genuine pastoral emergency. It will not be possible to leave telephone messages at the Presbytery. Prayer cards from Father's visit to Rome are available in the narthex.

#### 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, 7:30pm on Tuesday, 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.

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

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

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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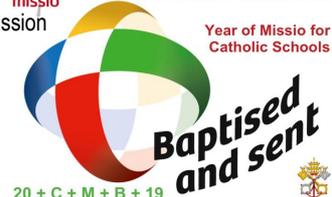
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**Lent 2019**  
(in brief)



**LENT**

### **Do you see the season of Lent to bring yourself closer to Jesus?**

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 is waiting for us to approach Him this Lent. **Will you accept His invitation?**

Kathy Goodwin will be serving **Pancakes** after Mass on Shrove Tuesday and all are welcome to come and 'feast' before the 'fast' of Lent.

#### **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 the launch of the combined Lent Course - 1:30pm in PJ.

#### **Holy Hour** - to pray for young people.

- 17<sup>th</sup> March at 4:00pm, HC. Sacrament of Confession, with two Priests available.

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

#### **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: 8<sup>th</sup>, Mike Harrington; 15<sup>th</sup>, Ann Cawley; 22<sup>nd</sup>, Peter and Barbara Doyle; 29<sup>th</sup> March, Pam Kenworthy - SVP; and 5<sup>th</sup>, Mike Harrington and, 12<sup>th</sup> April, Ann Cawley.

As last year the various liturgical roles and tasks for the **Sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday** will be shared by people from both our churches. This is a visible witness of our union in Jesus Christ and the spiritual friendship and unity that exists between both parts of our parish family.

#### **Maundy Thursday** (18<sup>th</sup> April)

- Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm, PJ. "Watch" ends with Compline at 10pm.

#### **Good Friday** (19<sup>th</sup> April)

- Children's Stations of the Cross at 10:00am, HC.
- Interactive Stations of the Cross for the whole family at 12:00noon, PJ.
- 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.

#### **Ecumenical Lent Course**

The weekly gathering will be based around the book **'Rediscover Jesus'** by Matthew Kelly. Meetings 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 concludes 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, which can be taken home, details of other ecumenical events during Lent, and a poster about the Lent Course may be found in the narthex.

#### **Catholic Bedford: Future Planning**

New initiatives? Celebrations? Resource sharing? Mass-time changes? How can we build on the Proclaim initiative? Do you have ideas about how Catholic mission in Bedford can grow? Bp Peter is aware of the heavy workload on our priests and has asked us all to work together to plan for the future. You are invited to write down your ideas briefly and post them in the suggestion box at the back of the church. They will all be passed to the **Bedford Pastoral Area Council**. The Council is working on a proposal about where we go from here, balancing increasing demands on our priests with the spiritual needs of our town's Catholic community. We are very grateful for your contributions – they are very important in this discussion. Suggestion boxes are available until Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March.

A Children's Concert to raise awareness of **Dementia** as well as funds to support parishioners with **Dementia** to attend services is being held at HC on **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February** at 5:00pm. Refreshments and raffle to follow at 6:00pm. Tickets (donations welcomed) available from Mel on 07936 135803 or "on the door".

#### **SPUC - Love in Action**

The next silent vigil takes place outside South Wing Hospital, Britannia Road on **Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February** from 12:00 to 1:15pm. All are welcome to come and pray for lost babies. Next SPUC meeting: Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February at PJ after "Rosary".

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

#### **Vocations to the Priesthood - weekend of discernment**

Northampton Diocese will be hosting a weekend for those men considering the Vocation to the Priesthood. This will be held at the Cathedral from Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March. If you are interested please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604 714556 or speak with Fr Wayne.

#### **Church security at St Philip and St James**

If you are using the church of an evening at SSP&J, please ensure you do lock the exterior door. One night last week the church was left open all night. Fortunately, on this occasion, nothing appeared to be stolen or damaged.

#### **Oh no!...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 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.

#### **TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD - YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU**

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

The newsletter, at the end of January, explained how our parish family was approached by the Diocese to be part of a new initiative piloted by Avril Baigent (Pastoral Ministry Advisor) regarding how we recruit and support volunteers. You may be surprised to learn that we have over 50 groups across our parishes and, in fact, a number of these invaluable groups are shared by our two parishes. We need to be able to maintain, support and grow these groups in addition to launching new groups to provide for our diverse and growing parish family. Our overall aim is to enable every person who attends a Sunday Mass to participate more fully in the life of our parish family. To help you decide which of the parish groups you might like to support, we have produced a volunteer profile pack which you will find on the benches this weekend. These packs provide information about the groups currently in our parish and explain the roles on offer, expected time commitment, benefits, training/support provided and any skills that might be beneficial to the role. Alongside these packs is a slip for you to complete if you would like more information about one or more of the groups. Take a look, take a pack home and then make your choice. Presentations will take place at the end of each Mass this weekend. The parishioners presenting are available to speak to you at the back of the church if there are any questions:

**Vigil Mass – Kathy Goodwin**

**8.00am Mass – George Tasker**

**9.15am Mass – Joan Kedward**

**11.00am Mass – George Tasker**

We would like to thank every one of our current volunteers and we extend our appreciation to those people who have been quietly and prayerfully working to bring about this wonderful project.

#### **Bedford Foodbank**

Many thanks for your continued support. It helps us to feed over 600 people each month. Current shortages are: UHT Fruit Juice, UHT Milk, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Spaghetti Hoops, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Deodorant, Shampoo, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes. Collection Boxes in the Parish Room.

#### **To Love and Serve the Lord - 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 vocal chords, stretch your lungs and treat us all to your beautiful bass or alto on a **regular** basis; **Come and Sing** practices on Tuesdays at 6.30pm in the church. **Go on, join them, join in; you know it makes sense.**

#### **Second Collection Music Group (SCMG)**

Or...the SCMG which meets once a month; the next rehearsal is this Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm in the church for Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 11:00am.

#### **MS Society Charity Dinner Dance**

There is a Dinner Dance at the Barns Hotel on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7:00pm. Dancing to **LIFE OF RILEY**. Laura is running in the London Marathon raising £2,500 for the MS Society. Tickets: Pat Wood 01234 263617 or 07885 850051

#### **Church Repository**

Please have a look at the repository (shop) and the new items that have arrived, including cards for Easter. Wonderfully, the money made from sales supports the training of a Priest through the work of Missio. See Bernadette Skipper after the 11:00am Mass.

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