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Saints Philip and James: Bedford

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Psalter week 4

3rd February 2019

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Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walking-Lea

Propers for Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Responsorial Psalm

My lips will tell of your help.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Or: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

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 2 Feb
6:00pm HC

The Presentation of the Lord - Feast
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

Mon 4 Feb
9:30am PJ

Feria
James Wells, RIP
after Mass - Adoration and Benediction

Tue 5 Feb
9:30am HC

St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr - Memorial
Fr David, birthday

Wed 6 Feb
9:30am PJ
11:00am HC

St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs - Memorial
Jacinta Tierney
Funeral Mass **Florence Maud Boyes, RIP**

Thu 7 Feb
9:30am HC

Feria
Doreen McCarthy

Fri 8 Feb
9:30am HC

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

Sat 9 Feb
9:30am PJ

Our Lady on Saturday
Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham
Marcus Wells (Mass Intention)
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

6:00pm HC

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

Morning Prayer: before the morning daily Mass or Liturgy; Monday to Saturday.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction on Monday and Friday.

Priests must celebrate one Mass per weekend for the People of the Parish.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Florence Maud Boyes, RIP, whose Funeral Mass will take place at 11:00am on Wednesday, 6th February in HC. Please also 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.

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SVP Surplus Gift Sale with Childrens' Candelmas Activity

The SVP SURPLUS GIFT SALE IS on here TODAY after 11:00am Mass! Don't forget to bring your copy of the Parish Newsletter to be in with a chance to win a hamper full of chocolate in our FREE RAFFLE. Sale items will be available to



view before 11:00am Mass. Relax, enjoy a cuppa and refreshments. Parents, the Children's Candelmas Activity will start at the back of the Church and while Fr Wayne is with the children you can have a break to shop, chat and drink biblical quantities of tea.

Ecumenical Lent Course (Lent runs from 6th March to 18th April)

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 SsP&J) or via the office at Priory Methodist Chapel. There will be joint launch of the course for all participants on Thursday, 7th March at 1:30pm in the Parish Room at SsP&J. We shall then meet at 1:30pm on Thursdays: 14th, 21st and 28th March, and 4th and 11th April in the Parish Room at SsP&J. 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, 28th April at Priory Methodist Chapel. A book reading guide (also with details of other ecumenical events during Lent) and a poster with more details about the Lent Course will soon be found in the narthex.

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.

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 who knows anybody on the cleaning rota and who doesn't read the Newsletter (I know, I know...hard to believe, but there it is!!!), can you tell them...

IT'S IN THE NEWSLETTER!!!

Organist at 11:00am Mass

Last weekend **Michael Melia** (11:00am Mass organist) informed Fr Wayne that he has accepted the invitation to be the organist at St Joseph's Church. I am sure we all hope that he will find this to be a richly rewarding experience. Likewise we extend to him our sincere appreciation for his musical gifts in the life of SsP&J.

Volunteer rotas: folders in the narthex.

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.

There will be a "**Votive Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham**" on Saturday, 9th February at the request of Bishop Peter in order to join those parishes with a Saturday morning Mass to the historic Dowry Tour events at the Cathedral.

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

PRAYER NEEDED: The world, the country, the Church and so many of us seem to be in great need of prayer at the moment. The Secular branch of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (**SS.CC**) invite you to join them during **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** from 7:00pm - 7.30pm this Tuesday in SsP&J.

Fr **Nathanial Onwuekwe** has been appointed **Hospital Chaplain**, vice Fr Malcolm Bull. People are asked to contact him at St Joseph's Presbytery if admitted and in need of sacramental care. Telephone: 01234 352569.

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 this Wednesday, 6th February, at 2:30pm, with Pastor Lonnie, for 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. We extend our appreciation to those people who have been quietly and prayerfully working to bring about this wonderful project. There will be an appeal on the weekend 23rd/24th February. For 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 Mass PJ - George Tasker

In your prayers...

- As the parish family please hold in prayer the following intentions this week:
- George Tasker, Joan Kedward and Elizabeth Ridley who are attending a **Divine Renovation** conference in Birmingham on 7th and 8th February.
- Missio conference for Lay-Chaplains (in diocesan Catholic schools) being held in Luton on Saturday, 8th February.
- Dowry Tour visit of the Shrine image of Our Lady of Walsingham at Northampton Cathedral between 7th and 9th February.

Cambridge Nazareth Trust - Thank You

Dear Fellow Parishioners, May I thank you for your great interest in my presentation last weekend and your generosity. The talk was planned to be an awareness raising address but Fr Wayne very kindly allowed me to make a collection. You donated the amazing sum of £853.50 (including gift aid), with roughly similar amounts from both parishes. This will cover a tutor's fees for nearly three days (over nine hours each day) of specialised teacher training. Shukran, thank you, on behalf of the pupils and teachers of the schools of the **Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem**. CNT trustees are volunteers and pay their own expenses, including flights and accommodation, when they accompany tutors on CNT's training projects. *Margaret Waddingham, Chairman of CNT*

Date for your diary: 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: **Cade, Bisola, Junior, Gift, Brendan, Hannah, Kacper, Robert, Denisa, Anna, Ifeanyichukwu, Kenechukwu, Trust, Rachel, Benjamin, Isabella, Esther, Mallaidh.**

Saxon crown and throne denote Mary's Queenship and the date of the founding of the Shrine 1061

Three-fold lily-sceptre of virginity/ sovereignty

Seven rings for the sacraments

Mary points to Christ

Seat of Wisdom

Toadstone which is the East Anglian symbol of evil (cf. Gen. 3:15)



Arch denotes rainbow, sign of the covenant between God and every living creature (cf. Gen. 9:12f)

Pillars of the House of God, the Church

Christ extends his arm in a double gesture of blessing and protection of his mother

Christ, the Word made Flesh, holds the Gospels