



# LENT 1

## Saints Philip and James: Bedford

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

First Sunday of Lent - Year C

Psalter week 1

10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

### Proprs for the First Sunday in Lent

### Mass Intentions and Services

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

#### Entrance Antiphon

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

#### Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Or:

The Lord will conceal you with His pinions, and under His wings you will trust.

#### Confessions on Saturday:

Ss Philip & James: **10:00 - 10:30am**

Holy Cross: **5:15 - 5:45pm**

Confessions may 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 need at least six months' notice with 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 (details: Deacon Crispin). You must 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.

Parish Priests must celebrate one Mass per weekend for the People of the Parish, *Missa pro Populo*.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Anthony Morrish**, whose Funeral Mass will be held at PJ on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am. *Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray.*

**St Josemaría Escrivá:** Pray for those who mourn/grieve at this time.

#### Saturday in Lent

Mass for the Parish (*Missa pro Populo*)

#### First Sunday of Lent

#### CAFOD Lent Fast Day

David Irwin

All who recently retired from liturgical or pastoral roles

Noel O'Hanlon - birthday celebrations

#### Feria

Gareth Boylan, RIP

*after Liturgy - Adoration and Benediction*

#### Feria

Private Intention

#### Feria

Funeral Mass for Anthony Morrish

Mass for First Holy Communion Candidates  
(Open to everybody)

#### Feria

Private intention, in Thanksgiving

#### Feria

#### CAFOD Fast Day

Eileen Ord, RIP

*after Mass - Walsingham's Stations of the Cross*  
**Stations of the Cross** - led by Ann Cawley

#### Saturday in Lent - Feria

Those Preparing for Holy Matrimony

Kate Williams

#### Second Sunday of Lent

#### CAFOD Lent Second Collection

Mass for the Parish (*Missa pro Populo*)

Liam Clarke, RIP

David Irwin, RIP

Sat 9 Mar  
6:00pm HC

Sun 10 Mar

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

Mon 11 Mar

9:30am PJ

Tue 12 Mar

9:30am HC

Wed 13 Mar

11:30am PJ

7:30pm HC

Thu 14 Mar

9:30am HC

Fri 15 Mar

9:30am HC

7:30pm PJ

Sat 16 Mar

9:30am PJ

6:00pm HC

Sun 17 Mar

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

**Morning Prayer:** before the morning daily Mass or Liturgy; Monday to Saturday. Please be aware, on **Wednesday**, that there will be no Morning Prayer, early Mass or Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion as there are two Masses that day.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction** after Mass takes place only on Mondays, and for one hour during Lent. On Fridays there will be **Stations of the Cross**.

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## Lent 2019

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

• 17<sup>th</sup> March at 4:00pm, HC. This Holy Hour, brought to you by the Bedford Pastoral Area Council specifically with prayer for young people, is to bring to the Lord our heartfelt plea for an end to knife crime, violence, drug use, alcohol dependency, etc., that we increasingly see among children and young people across our country. Sacrament of Confession, with two Priests available.

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

1:30pm - Holy Rosary, offered 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

[NB] Three Priests will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the day.

### 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: 15<sup>th</sup>, Ann Cawley; 22<sup>nd</sup>, HC Church cleaners; 29<sup>th</sup> March, Pam Kenworthy - SVP; and 5<sup>th</sup>, Mike Harrington and, 12<sup>th</sup> April, Ann Cawley.

Holy Week commences with **Palm Sunday**.

Together with HC, musicians and singers are combining to provide music for Holy Week which this year is at our church. We would welcome any singers to come to our joint rehearsals, every Tuesday 7:00pm for an hour in the Church. We look forward to welcoming you this week, 12<sup>th</sup> March. See Penny for details.

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

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

The **Washing of Feet** at Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday is optional and can be omitted from the celebration. Following the reforms of Pope Francis men and women can have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday; it was not licit to do so before the recent papal reforms. Still further, those people whose feet are washed no longer represent the twelve Apostles but reflect the brokenness and diversity of humanity and therefore the number is not limited to twelve. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the "washing of feet" **there are sign-up sheets in the narthex for people to append their name.**

"Watch" before the Blessed Sacrament ends with Complime at 10:00pm.

### 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.

We need five adult-volunteers to help at the **Interactive Stations of the Cross**. Someone comfortable with IT would be much appreciated.

**There are additional sign-up sheets in the narthex for people to append their name.**

• 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 gatherings, based around the book **'Rediscover Jesus'** by Matthew Kelly, take place at 1:30pm on Thursdays: 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April in PJ Parish Room. Wednesday evening sessions are 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.

**Thank you** to those who attended the launch of this Lent Course last week.

### Hospital Chaplain

The Roman Catholic **Hospital Chaplain** at South Wing Hospital is **Fr Nathaniel Onwuekwe**. If you or a loved one are admitted and in need of sacramental care, you may contact him at St Joseph's Presbytery. 'Phone number: 01234 352569. Fr Nathaniel will visit the hospital each Friday where he will celebrate Mass in the chapel at 12:15pm before undertaking sacramental visits.

**Church Repository:** Please have a look at the repository and the new items that have arrived, including cards for Easter, and see Bernadette Skipper after Mass.

As we say in Wales: **Diolch yn fawr iawn** (Thank you very much)!

Thank you to everyone who offered prayers, cards and gifts as we celebrated St David's Day last Friday. The items of food and drink that we were given produced a wonderful meal of leeks with chocolate, Glengetti tea and Bara Brith ('mottled bread') - delicious! **Fr Wayne**

### Mass for First Holy Communion Families

There will be a Mass next Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm at HC. This Mass is aimed at our **First Holy Communion families** but ALL in our parishes are encouraged and warmly welcomed to join in the celebration of the Eucharist with our First Holy Communion candidates and their families.

### Year of Missio for Catholic Schools

This is such an important year for the Pope's official charity for mission within our Diocese as we celebrate the **"Year of Missio for Catholic Schools"**. Having recently returned from Rome I know how vital our volunteers are for ensuring the work of the charity not only continues but grows and develops. The charity is therefore eternally grateful to Margaret Waddingham, Sue Barter and Bernard Waddingham who have agreed to visit schools across the Diocese to talk about our work with some of the world's most deprived children. Please do pray for Missio in our Diocese at this important juncture. **Fr Wayne**

### CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March

CAFOD Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. On Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help them? Through CAFOD's global Church network your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please collect your Fast Day envelope and give whatever you can. Taxpayers please fill in the Gift Aid slip.

### 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. **The suggestion boxes are available until next Sunday.**

### Hearing Loop System/Microphone System

Please be assured that each time a comment has been offered to the clergy that the above is not working we have requested a visit from a sound engineer; you may even recall that the present system was upgraded with new speakers etc., to help address the issues. Noel and I have also become aware that on several occasions the controls for the above have been 'altered' by someone other than ourselves! A further visit from two sound engineers took place last week (from a company who are responsible for international football stadiums and West End theatres) to look specifically at the loop system. We have been informed that many modern hearing-aids are not compatible with older loop systems. The present loop system has been adjusted to the best of its ability. If it proves necessary to replace the current loop system (as was the case at HC) this is likely to cost in the region of £1200. **Fr Wayne**

### To Love and Serve the Lord - Lifts to Mass

Are you still pondering how you might serve our parishes and so **"Love and Serve the Lord"**? Can you help a parishioner with a lift to and from Mass at the weekends? Please consider joining a **new rota** offering lifts to Mass for parishioners who would otherwise be unable to join us in the weekend celebration of the Eucharist. If you can help and serve in this way, please contact HC Parish Secretary [holycrosschurch896@btconnect.com](mailto:holycrosschurch896@btconnect.com) to provide your details (stating which PJ or HC Mass you normally attend) and to receive more information on this new and increasingly vital ministry. Joan Kedward and George Tasker will be happy to talk to you further on this new service for our parishes.

**Vocations to the Priesthood:** A weekend of discernment takes place at Northampton Cathedral from Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March. Men considering the Vocation to the Priesthood should contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604 714556 or speak with Fr Wayne.

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

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Will ministers please fill in the AVAILABILITY CHART located in the Rota Book in the porch for the period April/Easter, May and June.