



LENT 2

Saints Philip and James: Bedford

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

Second Sunday of Lent - Year C

Psalter week 2

17th March 2019

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for the Second Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Or:

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not your enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my help.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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 this Tuesday, 19th 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*.

Easter Lily Appeal

A lily in remembrance of a loved one at the altar at Easter and to be remembered in all the Masses. £2 in an envelope, name of the loved one on the front and place in the collection on Sunday.

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 16 Mar
6:00pm HC

Feria

Kate Williams

Sun 17 Mar

Second Sunday of Lent

CAFOD Lent Second Collection

Alpha Appeal by Brendon Thompson

Mass for the Parish (*Missa pro Populo*)

Liam Clarke, RIP

David Irwin, RIP

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

4:00pm HC

Holy Hour, prayer for young people (with Confession)

Mon 18 Mar

9:30am PJ

Feria

Pauline Mary Cahill, RIP

after Liturgy - **Holy Hour**

Tue 19 Mar

9:30am HC

St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM - Solemnity

Barbara Dixon Spain, RIP

Wed 20 Mar

9:30am PJ

Feria

Noel Whitworth, RIP

Thu 21 Mar

9:30am HC

Feria

Florence Boyes, RIP

Fri 22 Mar

9:30am HC

Feria

David Eyles, who is sick

after Mass - **Walsingham's Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross - led by HC Church Cleaners

7:30pm PJ

Sat 23 Mar

9:30am PJ

4:00pm PJ

6:00pm HC

Feria

Prayers in narthex petition boxes

SVP Members and Beneficiaries

(fulfils Sunday obligation)

Recruitment of Catholic Youth Minister

Sun 24 Mar

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

Third Sunday of Lent

Tony Morrish, RIP

Mass for the Parish (*Missa pro Populo*)

Filomena Conte, speedy recovery after a serious operation

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

Holy Hour, or 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.

• 17th 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. The second Priest who was to join us for the Holy Hour to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession is unable to do so. Please be aware that there are other opportunities to 'make one's confession' including the two slots each Saturday, the SVP Lent Retreat Day and by request (as well as in the other Churches of the town).

Retreat Day (23rd 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: HC Church cleaners; 29th March, Pam Kenworthy - SVP; and 5th, Mike Harrington and, 12th 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. See Penny for details.

Maundy Thursday (18th 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 (19th 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. (There will be an appropriate film for children in the Parish Room)

• 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.

Ecumenical Lent Course

The weekly gatherings, based around the book **'Rediscover Jesus'** by Matthew Kelly, take place at 1:30pm on Thursdays: 21st and 28th March, 4th and 11th 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, 28th April at Priory Methodist Chapel.

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.

Next **Catholic Grandparents' Meeting:** Thursday, 21st March, 1:45pm at HC Church Hall.

Alpha appeal this weekend

Speaker: Brendan Thompson (CEO of Catholic Voices). Please speak with Brendan, George Tasker or Joan Kedward after Mass for more information. Please also take home your invitation to be a helper or a guest at the forthcoming Alpha gatherings. For details of how you might be involved as a volunteer or as a guest at our Alpha courses please contact, Joan: joan.kedward@gmail.com.



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 two weeks ago (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 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.

IMPORTANT: SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, 14th September - Holy Cross Day

12:00noon: MASS of Induction for Catholic Youth Minister at HC followed by 1:00pm: Lunch and youth activities. This will be a wonderful way to welcome our Catholic Youth Minister to the parishes. Please pray that the Lord will send us the most appropriate candidate!

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.

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 narthex for the period April/Easter, May and June.

Fruit of the earth, work of human hands

The bread which will be brought up to the Altar in the offertory during our Sunday Masses was made yesterday by our First Holy Communion candidates in a bread making workshop at Holy Cross Church. As well as kneading bread dough and having fun the candidates explored and discussed the meaning of the words **fruit of the earth, work of human hands** which we hear at Mass. Please continue to remember in your prayers our 'budding bakers' as they journey towards receiving their First Holy Communion. Thank you to Shirley, Catherine and Caroline for their time, and help in running yesterday's bread making afternoon.