



LENT 3

Saints Philip and James: Bedford

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

Third Sunday of Lent - Year C

Psalter week 3

24th March 2019

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for the Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Or:

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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, 16th April 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, or beat a path to the Presbytery door: 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.

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.

Holy Cross Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 8th April.

Sat 23 Mar
4:00pm HC

Feria

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

Mon 25 Mar
9:30am PJ

The Annunciation of The Lord - Solemnity

Tina Tierney, RIP
after Liturgy - Holy Hour

Tue 26 Mar
9:30am HC

Feria

Jerry Hickey, RIP - Anniversary

Wed 27 Mar
9:30am PJ

Feria

Michael Roach, RIP

Thu 28 Mar
9:30am HC

Feria

Bridie Boyd, RIP

Fri 29 Mar
9:30am HC

Feria

Edmond Connolly, RIP
after Mass - **Walsingham's Stations of the Cross**
Stations of the Cross - led by Pam Kenworthy - SVP

7:30pm PJ

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

Feria

Those preparing for Holy Matrimony
Meg Brown, RIP

Sun 31 Mar
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare or Rose Sunday

Peter and Mary McNulty, RIP
Ann and Gerry Maxwell, RIP
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

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**.

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.

Volunteer Sought to arrange refreshments for the **Parish Solemnity of Ss Philip and James** on Friday, 3rd May. Refreshments will follow the 7:30pm Mass. Please let the Parish Secretary know if you can help.

[NB] The obligatory Friday fast from meat does not apply on that day for those who live within the territory of SsP&J parish.

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Lent 2019

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: Pam Kenworthy - SVP; and on the 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. Rehearsals are every Tuesday 7:00pm for an hour in the Church. 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 names.**

"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 names.

Ecumenical "Act of Witness"

Holy Cross Church are to gather a group of people together who would like to attend the ecumenical act of witness in the town centre on Good Friday. The idea is that people will meet at the HC car park and walk together (possibly with banners with our parish names on) along Barkers Lane/Embankment into town as an act of witness in itself. Please contact the HC Parish Secretary for details.

- 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. Volunteers sought to organise refreshments for after the Easter Vigil. If you can help, please contact the Parish Secretary.

Ecumenical Lent Course

The weekly gatherings, based around the book **'Rediscover Jesus'** by Matthew Kelly, take place at 1:30pm on Thursdays: 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.

Paschal Candle

Please see the display case (by the statue of Our Lady) for details of the **AD 2019 Paschal Candle**; the beautiful design is to be created by Sarah Janavicius. The candle will be blessed at the Easter Vigil.

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Bedford Pastoral Area Holy Hour** last Sunday at HC; here we specifically made the heartfelt plea for an end to knife crime, violence, drug use, alcohol dependency, etc. that is increasingly seen among many young people.

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

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.

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.

Volunteer rotas: folders in the narthex.

Alpha

THANK YOU to everyone who was so welcoming, supportive and encouraging towards our speaker Brenden Thompson last weekend. Thank you also to those people who have volunteered to hold Alpha in prayer. Brenden will have left our parishes with such a positive impression of us. So, let us give thanks and celebrate the success of last weekend's Alpha Appeal. We are especially thankful for the 17 volunteers who have registered to help with the Alpha Course starting on the Tuesday 23rd April. Volunteer registration forms are still available in the narthex. Come along and join the fun either as a helper or a guest. For more information please feel free to speak to Joan Kedward or George Tasker after Masses this weekend.

Red Boxes: Not just for Red-Box Day

A big thank you to parishioners for supporting Red-Box Day. We raised £1,932.93p for Missio, the Pope's chosen charity for mission. This is an increase of nearly 40% compared to last year, which is wonderful in these times of financial constraint. Please don't forget to pick up a replacement Red Box from the back of the Church. Lent is the ideal time to begin filling it up again! Have you given up chocolate, sweets, biscuits, alcohol or cigarettes for Lent? Put the cash you've saved into the Red Box and help Missio as well. Remember all the little contributions really do add up. Happy Lent from the Missio team: Sue Barter, Margaret Waddingham, Dermot Horan and Bernard Waddingham.

Celebrate Your Marriage

Bishop Peter invites all married couples to the Diocesan Mass for Married Life at St Mary's Catholic Church, Woburn Sands on **Saturday, 6th April** at 12:00noon. Please contact Eamonn and Paola McMorro for details (Tel: 07412 151 517 or mfl@northamptondiocese.com).

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.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2019

This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham is on Saturday, 8th June. Poster in the narthex for more details.

Saturday, 14th September - Holy Cross Day

12:00noon: Mass of Induction for our 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!

Thank you: £468.58 raised for CAFOD at PJ.

Fruit of the earth, work of human hands

Our First Holy Communion candidates in a bread making workshop at Holy Cross Church. Please continue to remember in your prayers our 'budding bakers' as they journey towards receiving their First Holy Communion.



Confirmation and First Holy Communion ENROLMENT 2019

Our Catholic Community will soon be open for applications from parents and guardians desiring Sacramental preparation for their children. Candidates for **Confirmation** must be in Year 8 or above this September. Candidates for **First Holy Communion** must be in Year 3 or above this September. Applications for First Holy Communion preparation from parents and guardians who have attended our parishes' **ALPHA** gatherings will be given priority consideration. Look out for our new **Sacramental Leaflet** which will soon be available.