



LENT 4

Saints Philip and James: Bedford

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare, Rose,
Mothering Sunday - Year C

Psalter week 4

31st March 2019

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Proprs for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Communion Antiphon

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

Confessions on Saturday:

Ss Philip & James: No Confession today as Fr Wayne is away
Holy Cross: **5:15 to 5:45** with Locum Priest
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: Those planning to be married in either Church (and those to be married in another parish) should make contact with Fr Wayne and Deacon Crispin. Expect to participate in a marriage preparation course.

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.

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.

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.

Do you want to know what the **four symbols at the top of the newsletter** represent? Do you want to help spread the message of God's love to everyone who will attend Masses and the liturgies of Holy Week? Come and find out on **Thursday, 4th April and Thursday, 11th April** at 3:00pm (i.e. following the Lent Course) in the Parish Room at SsP&J. Speciality coffee (suitable for Lent, of course) will be served to help with the mammoth task of folding several thousand cards.

Sat 30 Mar
6:00pm HC

Feria
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)

Mon 1 Apr
9:30am PJ

Feria
Michael Irwin, recently deceased
after Liturgy - Holy Hour

Tue 2 Apr
9:30am HC

Feria
Patrick Collins, recently deceased

Wed 3 Apr
9:30am PJ

Feria
Maria Vidmar, RIP

Thu 4 Apr
9:30am HC

Feria
John (Jan) Zielinski, Mass Intention

Fri 5 Apr
9:30am HC

Feria
Joan Dell, Mass Intention
after Mass - Walsingham's Stations of the Cross
Stations of the Cross - led by Michael Harrington

7:30pm PJ

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

Feria
Liturgy of Word and Holy Communion
Kate Williams, RIP

Sun 7 Apr

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sudan Crisis Appeal
Noel Whitworth, RIP
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Jimmy McAuley

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

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**.

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

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

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: Michael Harrington; and on 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.

Washing of Feet at Mass of Lord's Supper Following the reforms of Pope Francis men and women can have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday as part of an optional element in the celebration; 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, diversity and unity of humanity and therefore the number is not limited to twelve. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the optional "washing of feet" please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

"**Watch**" before the Blessed Sacrament ends with Compline 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 still 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.

Act of Witness

HC are to gather a group of people together to attend the Act of Witness in the town centre on Good Friday. Please contact 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 are sought to organise refreshments after the Easter Vigil. Please contact the Parish Secretary.

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.**

Ecumenical Lent Course

The weekly gatherings, based around the book '**Rediscover Jesus**' continue at 1:30pm on Thursdays: 4th and 11th April in PJ Parish Room. Wednesday evening at Priory Methodist Chapel. Course ends with a "Bring and Share" supper (5:00pm) and 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 and the candle will be blessed at the Easter Vigil.

St Thomas Aquinas Church, Bletchley

Parish Lent Devotion: **Forty Hours for the Lord** (Quarantore): 8th to 11th April. Each Day will consist of 10 hours of Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

10:00am Holy Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Morning Prayer

11:00am Holy Rosary (Sacrament of Confession available)

12:00noon Midday Prayer with Spiritual Reflection

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

4:30pm Evening Prayer

7:00pm Holy Rosary (Sacrament of Confession available)

7:40pm Compline and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

8:00pm Holy Mass

SVP Appeal for Prayers for Sudan and South Sudan

Next Sunday we will be asking for your Prayers for the ongoing and often forgotten crisis in Sudan, a country rent in two by civil war. It has left behind a trail of destruction of unimaginable proportions together with untold human misery. Please see our display at the back of the church to find out more.

Volunteer rotas: folders in the narthex.

Bedford Foodbank

We are currently short of UHT Milk and Fruit Juice; Tinned Fruit and Vegetables; Tinned Rice Pudding, Spaghetti Hoops, Squash, Washing-Up Liquid, Laundry Washing Tablets, Shampoo and Nappies, sizes 4&5. Contributions can be left in the boxes in the parish room. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

2019 Poland Pilgrimage

Departs: 2nd September / Returns: 8th September and the cost: £700 (sharing) - £865 (single room) includes:

- ✓ Return flights: Luton – Krakow.
- ✓ Airport duty and passenger taxes.
- ✓ 1 aircraft hold suitcase (20kgs).
- ✓ Dinner, bed and breakfast in Krakow.
- ✓ Northern Star Travel representative.
- ✓ Local English-speaking tour guides.
- ✓ Daily Mass in wonderful churches!
- ✓ Free time to explore.
- ✓ Social gathering in Bedford to try some Polish food (date to be confirmed)
- ✓ Several tourist visits (including: to the famous Salt Mines, Auschwitz Birkenau, Divine Mercy Shrine and places associated with St John Paul II), fees included.
- ✓ Clergy on the pilgrimage: Fr Wayne, Deacon Tony and Fr Christopher Perry.
- For bookings and more details please contact: Deacon Tony - (01234) 950453.



Be Our Guest at our **Alpha** Courses starting on Tuesday 23rd April.

Come along and join the fun. Food and friendship guaranteed.

RSVP to help with catering please email Sheila at holycrosschurch896@btconnect.com and let us know your name, contact details

and which Alpha session you will be attending:

Ss P&J 1:30pm till 2:45 pm or HC 6:30 pm till 8:30 pm.

Alpha

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).

Grateful thanks for the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Lenten Retreat

The Members of SsP&J and HC SVP Conferences wish to thank: Fr. Wayne, Fr. Christopher and Deacon Tony for making the Lenten Retreat such an inspiring afternoon. Many of those who attended spoke warm words of appreciation. Others shared that they were motivated by St Vincent de Paul's Way of the Cross and comforted by the Anointing of the Sick.

ALPHA Registration Forms are now available in the Narthex for parents and guardians desiring **First Holy Communion** preparation for their child in our parishes. If your child will be in Year 3 or above in September 2019 and you would like them to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2020, please note that priority consideration will be given to applications from parents or guardians who have attended our parishes' Alpha gatherings. See the Sacramental Preparation poster and leaflets in the narthex.

Second Collection Music Group

There will be choir practice for the "Second Collection" music group on **Monday 1st April at 7:30pm** in church, as we are singing on **Sunday 7th April**.

Gift Aid Envelopes: The Gift Aid boxes will be distributed after each Mass for the next two weeks. If you have any queries about Gift Aid please contact Margaret Wells on (01234) 404891 or 07931338344.

P&J Cleaning Rota: There will be a meeting for those on the PJ cleaning rota on Saturday, 6th April at 10.30am, to discuss the way forward. Meanwhile, new Rotas are in the folder.

Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC)

There will be an SPUC meeting at P&J on Monday, 8th April at 3.30pm in the Parish Room, when the Rosary Group leaves - ALL are welcome.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The rota for the period April - June 2019 is available for collection in the Rota-book in the porch. The rota for Holy Week services will be decided later.

The foot-plates from the wheelchair have gone missing and it is now unusable. It may be that someone has inadvertently taken them home. If that is so, could you please bring them back. Thank you.