



Saints Philip and James: Bedford

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

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - Year C

Psalter week 2

7th April 2019

Palm Sunday

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Proprs for Palm Sunday



Entrance Antiphon

Hosanna to the son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory:

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Proprs for Maundy Thursday



Entrance Antiphon

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Responsorial Psalm

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Communion Antiphon

This is the Body that will be given up for you; this is the Chalice of the new covenant in my Blood, says the Lord; do this, whenever you receive it, in memory of me.

As with last year, we still need volunteers for the "foot washing" during the Maundy Thursday liturgy. We also need adult volunteers for the interactive Stations of the Cross for children, and to prepare and serve the refreshments after the Easter Vigil.

Proprs for Good Friday



Responsorial Psalm

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 13 Apr
6:00pm HC

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Eileen Ord, RIP

Sun 14 Apr
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)

Janet Lichfield, RIP

Ada G. Wrightson, RIP

Mon 15 Apr
9:30am PJ

Monday of Holy Week

Tony Morrish, RIP - recently deceased

after Mass: **Holy Hour for an end to knife crime**

Tue 16 Apr
9:30am HC

Tuesday of Holy Week

Mary Thomas, RIP

Wed 17 Apr
9:30am PJ
9:30am HC

Wednesday of Holy Week

Tony Morrish, RIP - recently deceased

Funeral Mass of Mary Severs, RIP

Thu 18 Apr
11:00am Cathedral
7:30pm PJ

Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday

Chrism Mass

The Mass of the Lord's Supper

First Holy Communion Candidates of both parishes

Followed by "Watch"

Compline

10:00pm PJ

Fri 19 Apr
12:00pm PJ
3:00pm PJ

Good Friday

Interactive Stations of the Cross - for children

Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

Collection for Holy Places

Mary's Way of the Cross (Walsingham)

7:30pm HC

Sat 20 Apr
10:00am PJ
8:00pm PJ

Saturday of Holy Week (and thus not Easter Saturday)

Sacrament of Reconciliation - until 11:00am

Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

John Harrington

Sun 21 Apr
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ

Easter Sunday

Josephine Hodgkiss, Mass intention

Sheila and Keith Allen, 40th Wedding Anniversary

Jerry Lennon, RIP

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

Holy Hour, or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction is on Monday only and for one hour; praying for an end to youth knife crime.

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Severs (RIP)** whose Funeral Mass takes place this Wednesday, 17th April at 9:30am in HC. Please pray for her family and for those who mourn at this time.

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Lent 2019

Maundy Thursday (18th April)

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

Washing of Feet at Mass of the 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. We **still need** volunteers to be part of the "washing of feet". Please sign-up in the narthex.

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

Good Friday (19th April)

- Interactive Stations of the Cross for the whole family at 12:00noon, PJ.
- We **still need** adult-volunteers to help at the **Interactive Stations of the Cross** and there are sheets in the narthex for you to sign up.
- 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.

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. HC Parish Secretary for details.

Holy Saturday (20th April)

- **Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter** at 8:00pm, PJ. Volunteers are **urgently** sought to organise refreshments after the Easter Vigil. Contact Maria Quinlan.

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

Ecumenical Lent Course, United Service on Sunday, 28th April

Those who attended our Lent course and others are invited to a United Service at Priory Church, Newnham Avenue, on Sunday, 28th April. We will have a bring-and-share meal at 5:00pm and café style worship at 6:00pm.

Mass for victims and survivors of abuse, their families and supporters is at St Mary's in Woburn Sands at 12:00noon on Saturday, 12th October 2019. All victims and survivors of abuse, their families and supporters are invited to this Mass. The focus will be on healing, reconciliation and the forming of compassionate links with the Church. There will be light refreshments after Mass.

Individual meetings for victims and survivors, families and supporters

Bishop Peter is offering to meet with victims and survivors, their families and supporters commencing from May 2019 and continuing on a bimonthly basis. For more details or to book a meeting with the Bishop, contact the safeguarding office on: 01604 723514.

Confessions on Saturday:

Ss Philip & James: **10:00 to 11:00am**
Confessions may be heard by arrangement or in need at a reasonable time.

Baptisms: by arrangement. The next baptism preparation meetings are at Holy Cross, 7:30pm this Tuesday, 16th April and 21st May with Deacon Tony.

Weddings: we need at least six months' notice with Diocesan fee of £45. 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.

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

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.

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. Place £2 in an envelope, the name of the loved one on the front and place the envelope in the collection on Sunday.

Volunteer rotas: folders in the narthex.

We offer a heartfelt "**thank you**" to the small merry band of missionary disciples who over the last two weeks have folded cards, prepared envelopes, stapled cards to newsletters, etc. and thus have enabled our parishes to undertake a small missionary activity for **Holy Week**. Well done to each of them!

Vacancy Parish Youth Minister – Bedford – Full Time

We are delighted to advertise the role of Catholic Parish Youth Minister in the parishes of Ss Philip and James and Holy Cross, Bedford. This is a rare and exciting opportunity for a practising Catholic, with the right skills and experiences, to support and develop local young people in their faith and relationship with their parish. Full details can be found by visiting www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or calling the diocesan HR Advisor on 01604 714840. **The closing date for applications will be Friday, 3rd May 2019.**

Wow, what a really pleasant evening! My thanks to those people from both our churches who recently attended an **Alpha** 'training' session at PJ. I say 'training' as I have never attended such an enjoyable work-related gathering before; both the company and the food were great. I look forward to more 'training' sessions if they are going to be like this! **Alpha** follows the same pattern as above with always great: FOOD, VIDEOS and CONVERSATION. Do consider coming along to the first session (details on the invitation card attached to this newsletter) and what is more, bring a friend. When asked why the Catholic Church is promoting the use of **Alpha** I always offer the same answer as Vincent Cardinal Nichols, namely: It helps US grow in Faith and it RENEWS the Church. **Fr Wayne**

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 2:45pm or HC 6:30pm till 8:30pm.

Alpha



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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.

Easter Collection for Yarl's Wood IRC

Please place Easter eggs for the residents at Yarl's Wood in the red boxes in the narthex. They could be accompanied by a religious (only) Easter card signed "From a friend at Churches Together" and addressed to: "A friend at Yarl's Wood". Alternatively, to make a donation of £1 to purchase religious bracelets (requested by Catholic residents); simply place the money in an envelope marked "Religious bracelet donation" and add this to the basket during the collection at Mass.

The foot-plates from the wheelchair are missing. It may be that someone has inadvertently taken them home. If so, please bring them back. Thank you.

Appeal for Prayers for Sudan and South Sudan: A BIG Thank you

Dear Parishioners, the SVP wish to **THANK YOU** for your prayers and amazing generosity for the Sudan Crisis Appeal. Daily life there is a struggle, particularly for refugees in makeshift camps. **All** of the £540 YOU generously donated **will go direct** to our SVP brothers and sisters in Sudan and will help to maintain the the essential aid programmes they run. Please continue to pray that SVP aid programmes will not have to be cut.

Volunteer still needed 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.

Gift Aid Envelopes: Those that have not picked up their Gift Aid boxes please contact Margaret Wells on 01234 404891 or 07931338344 to arrange delivery.