



Saints Philip and James: Bedford

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

Easter Sunday - Year C
Psalter week 1

21st April 2019

Easter Sunday

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walking-Lea

Propers for Easter Sunday



Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Or:
The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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 10:30am**
Holy Cross **5:15 to 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, 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.

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.

Our **Hospital Chaplain** at South Wing is **Fr Nathaniel Onwuekwe**. If you or a loved one are admitted and in need of sacramental care, contact him at St Joseph's Presbytery: (01234) 352569. Fr Nathaniel visits the hospital on Fridays, he celebrates Mass in the chapel at 12:15pm before sacramental visits.

Fr Tony Brennan is celebrating the silver jubilee of his ordination to the sacred priesthood on Monday, 24th June. He will be celebrating Mass at St John's Church, Luton at 7:00pm, followed by a reception in the parish hall. All parishioners of HC and PJ are invited. There is a Minibus from HC to Luton, and return, with 12 seats available on a first come first served basis.

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 20 Apr
8:00pm PJ

Saturday of Holy Week

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

Mon 22 Apr
9:30am PJ

Monday of Easter Octave

Tony Morrish, RIP - recently deceased
after Mass: Adoration and Benediction

Tue 23 Apr
9:30am HC
1:30pm PJ
6:30pm HC

Tuesday of Easter Octave

Honor Houghton, who is sick
Alpha - opening session to 2:45pm
Alpha - opening session to 8:30pm

Wed 24 Apr
9:30am PJ

Wednesday Easter Octave

Tomi, Freddie, Bella-Rose, Kaleb - Mass intention

Thu 25 Apr
9:30am HC

Thursday of Easter Octave

Joanne Espie, RIP

Fri 26 Apr
9:30am HC

Friday of Easter Octave

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro populo)
after Mass: Stations of the Resurrection

Sat 27 Apr
9:30am PJ
6:00pm HC

Saturday of Easter Octave

Prayers in the Guadalupe and Divine Mercy petition boxes
Tony Morrish, RIP - recently deceased

Sun 28 Apr

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy or Low Sunday)

Guided Prayer Group, Appeal

Tony Morrish, RIP - recently deceased
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro populo)
Eileen Donnelly, RIP

Baptisms: Oscar Mikolaj Madera-Calvert
Alice Sylvia McCarthy **Celebrant:** Deacon Tony Quinlan

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction is on Mondays and will be **for one hour.**

Volunteer(s) are 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.



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Fr Wayne is the Diocesan Director of Missio. Missio is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission and is part of the worldwide network of Pontifical Mission Societies.

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Parish Secretary Holy Cross, Mrs Sheila Allen (**Thursday only this week**): Tel: (01234) 353116; holycrosschurch896@btconnect.com

Parish Secretary Ss Philip & James, Mrs Maria Quinlan (**Away this Wednesday**): Tel: (01234) 352607; sspandjparishsecretary@gmail.com

In the month of April *The Holy Father* asks us to pray for Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones. For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

Got questions about life



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.

Be Our Guest at your **Alpha**

Courses starting this Tuesday, 23rd April. Come along and join the fun. Food and friendship guaranteed. RSVP to help with catering. Please email Sheila, HC Secretary, and let us know your name, contact details and which **Alpha** session you will be attending: PJ 1:30pm to 2:45pm or HC 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Explore life's biggest questions



#TryAlpha
Alpha.org

Easter Lily Appeal: Thank you to those people who sponsored an Easter lily in the sanctuary for a departed loved one or for another intention. A list of intentions can be found in the narthex and we shall hold these intentions in prayer at every Sunday Mass throughout Eastertide.

Sheila, HC Secretary won't be there on Easter Monday, nor Maria on Wednesday.

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.

SPUC April vigil on Saturday, 28th, 12:00pm - 1.15pm, Britannia Rd.

Volunteer rotas: folders in the narthex.

Families and friends of the Bedford Catholic Schools are warmly invited to our

BCS EASTER CELEBRATION EVENING

Music, Song & Prayer

THURSDAY
25TH APRIL
6.30 - 7.30PM

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

With thanks to staff and children at St John Rigby Primary, St Joseph's and St Gregory's Primary & St Thomas More Secondary



ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL DRAMA THEATRE | FREE ENTRY

THANK YOU to everyone who attended the celebrations of the Easter Triduum and to all who worked so tirelessly in the background to bring about these beautiful celebrations. We extend our particular appreciation to parishioners from HC and PJ who aided our worship through offering their joint services as musicians, readers, sacristan, servers, welcomers, Easter fire lighters(!), florists, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, etc. We also thank those people who cleaned our buildings and all who undertook a myriad of roles in the background. Please do compliment **Sarah Janavicius** for our new Paschal Candle which is very beautiful. Thank you also to all who contributed to the Easter Offering and who sent cards and gifts; they are all greatly appreciated! *Fr Wayne*

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.

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. Visit www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or call the diocesan HR Advisor: 01604 714840. **Closing date for applications is Friday, 3rd May 2019.**

Divine Mercy Celebrations: On Sunday, 28th April at All Saints Church, Bletchley. Sacrament of Confession available (with several Priests) from 2:00pm. Devotions (including Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of the Holy Image) from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Light refreshments follow. All welcome!

We join with Vincent Cardinal Nichols in praying for the Catholic community of France following the fire at the Cathedral Church of Our Lady of Paris (Notre Dame). Cardinal Nichols has spoken of his support for restoring the Cathedral according to its original design and thus, he said, we must resist the temptation to impose a modernist scheme on the Gothic building. He concluded by saying: "Now I promise you the prayers and support of Catholics in England and Wales and, I am sure, of all people of good will in our countries. We offer our sympathy and support in prayer to the people of Paris and our deepest desire that Notre Dame should rise again to watch over your City and all its people."

"Hold the Cross high that I might see it through the flames." *Joan of Arc*

