



LENT 5

Saints Philip and James: Bedford

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year C

Psalter week 1

7th April 2019

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.

Or:

Now, now, - it is the Lord who speaks - come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion.

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

Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

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, 16th April 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.

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.

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, 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.

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.

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 6 Apr
6:00pm HC

Feria
Kate Williams, RIP

Sun 7 Apr

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sudan Crisis Appeal

8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ
1:00pm PJ

Noel Whitworth, RIP
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Jimmy McAuley
Baptism: Sophia Speranza Vera Amore **Topa**
Celebrant: Fr Wayne

Mon 8 Apr
9:30am PJ

Feria
Desmond Smyth, RIP
after Liturgy - Holy Hour

Tue 9 Apr
9:30am HC

Feria
Moira Therese Crouch, RIP

Wed 10 Apr
9:30am PJ

Feria
Mgr David Botrill, RIP - Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray

Thu 11 Apr
9:30am HC

St Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr - Memorial
Tommy Foster, RIP

Fri 12 Apr
9:30am HC

Feria
Maria Middleditch, RIP
after Mass - Walsingham's Stations of the Cross
Stations of the Cross - led by Ann Cawley

7:30pm PJ

Sat 13 Apr
9:30am PJ
6:00pm HC

Feria
Mary O'Mahoney, Birthday Prayers
Eileen Ord, RIP

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

Palm Sunday (of the Passion of the Lord)
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro Populo)
Janet Lichfield, RIP
Ada G. Wrightson, RIP

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.

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

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

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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: Ann Cawley.

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. 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)

- 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** adult-volunteers to help at the **Interactive Stations of the Cross** and there are sheets in the narthex for you to sign up.

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.

- 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 **urgently** sought to organise refreshments after the Easter Vigil. Contact Maria Quinlan.

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 last weekly gatherings, based around the book '**Rediscover Jesus**' is at 1:30pm on Thursday, 11th April in PJ Parish Room and Wednesday evening at Priory Methodist Chapel. The course ends with a "Bring and Share" supper (5:00pm) and worship (6:00pm) on Sunday, 28th April at Priory Methodist Chapel.

Paschal Candle

See the display case for details of the AD 2019 **Paschal Candle**; this beautiful design is created by Sarah Janavicius. The candle is to be blessed at 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. Please see the poster in the narthex.

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.

Next **Catholic Grandparents meeting** is Thursday, 11th April at 1.45pm, HC.

We extend our thanks to the florists for the beautiful stand of flowers which was placed next to the statue of Our Lady last weekend as we celebrated Mothering Sunday (Laetare Sunday).

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.

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.

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.

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



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.

Gift Aid Envelopes: The Gift Aid boxes continue to be distributed after each Mass this week. If you have any queries about Gift Aid please speak to Margaret Wells on (01234) 404891 or 0793 133 8344.

Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC)

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

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.

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.

Last chance for **Catholic Basics "The Church"** this Thursday, April 11th at the Diocesan Centre, Luton, LU4 8JD. Come and join us from 10am to 3pm (arr. 9.30am for refreshments) for an engaging and informative day with full lunch. For details and booking: (01582) 723312 admin@nores.org.uk

SVP Appeal for Prayers for Sudan and South Sudan

This weekend we are 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.