

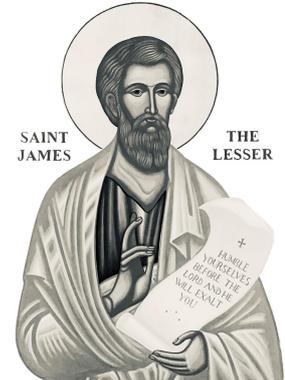
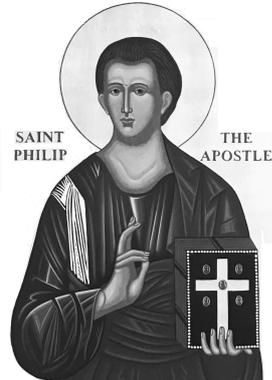
Saints Philip and James: Bedford

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C

Psalter week 4

12th May 2019



Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and my own know me. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Individual meetings for victims and survivors, families and supporters

Bishop Peter is offering to meet with victims and survivors, their families and supporters this month 2019 and continuing on a bimonthly basis. To book a meeting with the Bishop, phone 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 Ss Philip and James, 7:30pm on Tuesday, 21st May, with the following meeting back to Holy Cross on Tuesday, 18th June; always 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. (Missa pro Populo)

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. He regularly visits the hospital on Fridays and celebrates Mass in the chapel at 12:15pm.

The Month of May: Bishop Peter has asked that we use this month, dedicated to Our Lady, to ask the Holy Mother of God to pray especially for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood and for the life and mission of the Diocese. You might want to particularly pray for our seminarian **Liam** and also for **Daniel** (the seminarian from St Joseph's Church); both of whom are approaching important milestones in their journey to the ministerial Priesthood. Pray for Deacon David Donaghue who will be ordained a Priest for our Diocese on 20th July at the Cathedral.

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 11 May
6:00pm PJ

Our Lady on Saturday

Jenny Walsh, a speedy recovery

Sun 12 May

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood
Retiring Collection for the Priests' Training Fund

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro populo)

Ruth and Ivor Higgins

Joanne Espie, RIP

Baptism: Frankie Lawrence Foord

Celebrant: Deacon Tony Quinlan

Mon 13 May
9:30am PJ

Feria

David Irwin, RIP

After the above Mass: **Adoration**

Tue 14 May
9:30am HC
1:30pm PJ
6:30pm HC
8:00pm HC

St Matthias, Apostle - Feast

Pierre and Mary Boumansour, for a speedy recovery

Alpha - fourth session to 2:45pm

Alpha - fourth session to 8:30pm

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Wed 15 May
9:30am PJ

Feria

Intentions associated with Easter lilies

Thu 16 May
9:30am HC
11:00am HC

Feria

Bob and Mary Naughton, speedy recovery

Funeral Mass for Gabrijela Rehberger, RIP

Fri 17 May
9:30am HC

Feria

Charlotte and Keith Jones, speedy recovery

After the above Mass: **Stations of the Resurrection**

Sat 18 May
9:30am PJ
6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday

Prayers in the petition boxes

Elaine Terry, recently deceased

Sun 19 May
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ
1:00pm HC

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Souls

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro populo)

Mary Taylor, birthday

Baptisms: Avery Chloe Roper

Rosie Virginia Thompson

Celebrant: Deacon Crispin Walkling-Lea

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is on Mondays, for 30 minutes; **Stations of the Resurrection** are on Fridays commencing at 10:00am. There is additional opportunity for Adoration during the **Alpha** meeting at HC, 8:00pm.

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In the month of May *The Holy Father* asks us to pray for the Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity.

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Patronal Solemnity of Ss Philip and James

Thank you to everyone from both churches who attended Mass on our patronal saints day. We also extend our thanks to the various members of the clergy present, to seminarians Liam and Daniel who assisted at the Mass (and who sang so beautifully!) and to those people who arranged the refreshments. It was wonderful to see the parish room so full of people from both parishes enjoying themselves and sharing stories of times gone by and their hopes for the future. We have Holy Cross Day to look forward to! Ss Philip and James: Pray for us!

North Bedford Churches Together (NBCT)

The Launch Event is on Saturday, 1st June. North Bedford Churches Together is a new ecumenical group which will consist of the original Goldington Churches Together plus SsP&J and several other Christian communities. The areas covered will include Brickhill, Goldington, Putnoe and Renhold. This is an important development for us Catholics as the Second Vatican Council committed us to walking the path of ecumenism; this is so that we might bring unity to the fractured body of Jesus which is the Church. The new group will launch with a short liturgy and BBQ following the Vigil Mass at Holy Cross on 1st June. All are very welcome.

Catholic schools

In *Christus vivit* (222) Pope Francis says: "Catholic schools remain essential places for the evangelization of the young. Account should be taken of a number of guiding principles set forth in *Veritatis Gaudium* for the renewal and revival of missionary outreach on the part of schools and universities. These include a fresh experience of the kerygma...and an option in favour of those who are least, those whom society discards. Similarly important is the ability to integrate the knowledge of head, heart and hands." In light of this, please pray for:

- Our parishes as we seek to respond to the missionary impulse of Pope Francis.
- St John Rigby and St Thomas More School that they might be places where people are brought to faith in Jesus Christ.
- Missio, the Pope's agency for overseas mission, as we seek to introduce people to Jesus Christ and bring aid to wherever there is need.

Week of Guided Prayer - 11th to 18th June

This is an opportunity for parishioners of HC and SsP&J to pray and reflect upon a passage of Sacred Scripture chosen for you each day by a guide. We will meet at SsP&J at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 11th June. During the week, you will individually meet with your prayer guide. The final session will be held when we all meet up again on Tuesday, 18th June at 7.30pm, again in SsP&J. For further information, please contact: Elizabeth 211558 or Barbara 325844.

Summer Reflection DAY ALIVE IN CHRIST

Saturday, 22nd June, from 10:00am - 4:00pm at Monastery of Christ Our Saviour, Turvey. The cost will be £15 and Bishop Peter hopes to attend. Please remember to take a packed lunch. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL:** admin@nores.org.uk (01582) 723312 Ext 6.

Saturday, 14th September - Holy Cross Day

12:00noon: Mass of Induction for our Catholic Youth Minister at HC followed by Lunch and youth activities. This will be a wonderful way to welcome our Youth Minister to the parishes. Please pray the Lord has sent us the most appropriate candidate!

Keep this date free too: **Saturday, 12th October 2019.** Why? It is the day of the mini-retreat being organised by our parishes for our local Churches Together group. All are welcome. At St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church (Bletchley) we shall have full use of the church building and the adjoining hall. Transport to and from the venue will be arranged if there is sufficient interest.

The Great Bedford SPUC quiz

Friday, 24th May, 7.30pm at The Reading and Recreation Rooms, Barkers Lane. Parking, use HC car park opposite. Tickets: £6 (inc. platter of goodies per team of up to 6 but bring your own drinks) - liquid prize per winning team member. Poster in the narthex. Contact details for tickets: imminent.

SPUC April vigil on Sat 28th, 12-1.15pm, Britannia Rd.

Please see the Sacramental Preparation poster and leaflet for details of the First Holy Communion and Confirmation courses for 2019/2020. Priority consideration will be given to applications from parents who have participated in our *Alpha* gatherings.

Alpha continues...

Alpha continues this Tuesday and all are still welcome (PJ - 1:30pm to 2:45pm and HC - 6:30pm to 8:30pm). To help with catering, please contact Sheila (HC Parish Secretary) if you can attend either session. It is important that we pray for our Alpha volunteers and participants; please therefore consider attending Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday: approximately 8:00pm to 8:30pm in the small meeting room at HC.

Gabrijela Rehberger, RIP

I am genuinely sorry that I can't be present for the Funeral Mass of Gabrijela Rehberger (RIP) whom I had the great privilege to minister to. Gabrijela had a profound trust in Jesus Christ and lived the Catholic Faith with a joyous confidence that was infectious. I know the Funeral will reflect Gabrijela's love for the Sacred Priesthood as a number of Priests gather for the Mass; this is testament to the impact she had upon those who celebrated the sacraments for her. Whilst I can't be with you, I shall pray for Gabrijela as many of you gather on that day to pray for the repose of her soul. Likewise, do be assured of my prayers for yourselves, for whilst the Funeral Mass will be a joyous celebration of Gabrijela's Faith, it will be difficult to mark the death of someone whose life has been intimately connected with Holy Cross Church and parish for so many years. Having shared in Christ's death through Holy Baptism may Gabrijela come to enjoy the company of the redeemed in the glory of heaven. *Fr Wayne*

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: Fr Wayne, Deacon Tony and Fr Christopher Perry.
- For bookings and details, contact: Deacon Tony - (01234) 950453.



The 29th St Philip and St James Golf Society Charity Golf Day

Our Charity Golf Day takes place on Friday, 31st May at Pavenham Park Golf Club. This year we are supporting Carers in Bedfordshire and FACES and as usual we are looking for sponsorship (our main source of income) so if you can help, please contact us. Any donations are greatly appreciated. If you have any queries contact Mike Chappell 0797 370 3340.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The next SVP meeting is Thursday 23rd May at 7:00pm, in the Parish Room.

Our **Parish Secretary** will be absent next Wednesday; absent on training.

Back by popular demand

The Diocese had proposed that collection figures be removed from newsletters (for reasons of security, due to a large number of break-ins to Catholic churches across the diocese - including our own, twice!) but at the request of parishioners these have been restored. So...

Last week's collection for PJ was: Open Plate £236.26p Envelopes £302.83p

Last week's collection for HC was: Open Plate £353.12p Envelopes £180.50p

PJ collects £48 per week in standing orders with £31 per week direct to the Diocese. HC is £620 per week.

Retiring collection for CAFOD (17 Mar): £385.48p and Holy Places: £456.93p