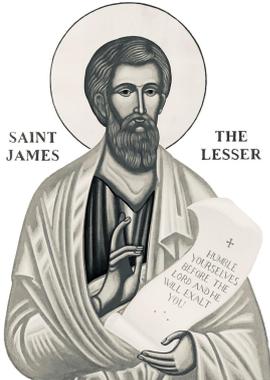
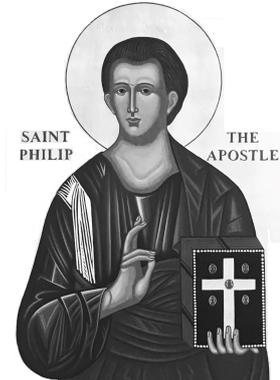
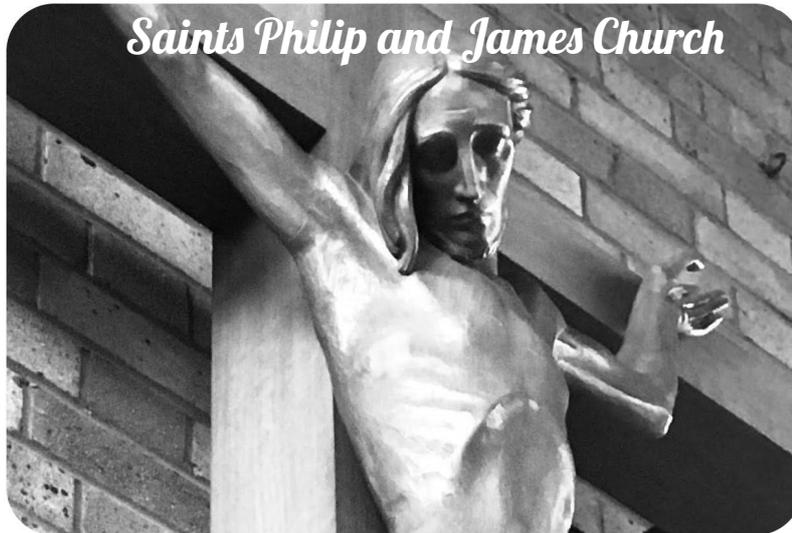


Saints Philip and James Church



SAINT JAMES THE LESSER



SAINT PHILIP THE APOSTLE

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)
Psalter week 2
26th May 2019

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

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him'. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, say the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.

Meetings for sexual abuse 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, this 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.

The Month of May: Bishop Peter has asked that we use this month to ask the Holy Mother of God to pray 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Dermot Cahill**, who had been a regular parishioner at SsP&J until ill health prevented his attendance. His funeral liturgy is on Friday, 7th June, SsP&J at 2:00pm.

St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor - Memorial
Carol Toner, RIP

Sat 25 May
6:00pm PJ

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro populo)
Renato Thomas, RIP
Eileen Donnelly, Mass Intention

Sun 26 May
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ

St Augustine, Apostle of England - Feast
Denis Keaney, RIP
After the above Mass: Adoration

Mon 27 May
9:30am PJ

Feria
Susan Maughan, recently deceased

Tue 28 May
9:30am HC

Feria
All Souls in Purgatory

Wed 29 May
9:30am PJ

The Ascension of the Lord - Solemnity
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro populo)
HC and PJ Confirmandi

Thu 30 May
9:30am HC
7:30pm PJ

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast
Ben Tierney, Mass Intention
After the above Mass: Stations of the Resurrection

Fri 31 May
9:30am HC

St Justin, Martyr - Memorial
All Souls in Purgatory
Carol Toner, RIP

Sat 1 Jun
9:30am PJ
6:00pm HC

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Trevor and Lettie Whitworth, RIP
Mike and Angela Chappell, 50th Wedding Anniversary
Mass for the Parish (Missa pro populo)

Sun 2 Jun
8:00am PJ
9:15am HC
11:00am PJ

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.

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Edwin Hodgkiss** (Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray) whose Funeral Mass will take place on Friday, 7th June at 12:30pm in SsP&J. Please also pray for Josephine and all the family at what will be a very difficult time; may they each take comfort in the presence of the Risen Christ.

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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.

Ascension Thursday - Holy Day of Obligation

The Bishops of England and Wales recently restored Ascension Day to the Thursday following the Sixth Sunday of Easter; in so doing it restored the Obligation for all Catholics to participate in the sacrifice of the Mass on that day. Accordingly, there are two Masses in our community this Ascension Thursday. Sadly, many Catholics look on Holy Days of Obligation with a sense of dread or fall into mortal sin by not attending Mass on such days. There are reasons when the obligation would not apply to certain individuals; e.g. sickness (please see Fr Wayne for details).

Marriage of Natalie Hill and Nicholas Fraser - an invitation to you all

"We would love you to join us for our special day at 1:00pm on Friday, 31st May at Ss Philip and James Church. I have many special memories of this Church, and its parishioners, and it would mean a lot to us both to share our marriage with you all. God bless," *Natalie*

North Bedford Churches Together (NBCT)

The Launch Event is this Saturday, 1st June. NBCT is a new ecumenical group consisting of the original Goldington Churches Together plus SsP&J and several other Christian communities. The areas covered include Brickhill, Goldington, Putnoe and Renhold. This is an important development for we 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 **Hog Roast**, (or BBQ if you prefer to call it!) following the Vigil Mass at **Holy Cross**. To those who pay only a cursory attention to the Newsletter...this **HOG ROAST** will take place in the grounds of **Holy Cross Church**. That's Holy Cross Church grounds...**where the church is...**Holy Cross...You're all welcome. Bring a guest too!

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 to 4:00pm at Monastery of Christ Our Saviour, Turvey. The cost is £15 and Bishop Peter hopes to attend. Take a packed lunch.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL: admin@nores.org.uk (01582) 723312 Ext 6.

SAVE THE DATE Friday, 28th June SAVE THE DATE

Two wonderful celebrations are to take place on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday, 28th June, this year.

The first is a day of prayer called by Pope Francis for the renewal of the Sacred Priesthood (with a major celebration taking place at Westminster Cathedral).

The second is the annual "**Day of Many Colours**" when Missio encourages people to pray the Holy Rosary for the whole world. We shall therefore celebrate this day with the following at Holy Cross Church:

- 9:00am Sacred Heart Litany (offered for an increase in vocations to the Sacred Priesthood)
- 9:10am Morning Prayer (page numbers announced)
- 9:30am MASS
- Followed by: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Rosary with Benediction. Concludes around 11:00am.

Come and pray for the renewal of the Sacred Priesthood and for seminarians **Liam** and **Daniel** in their formation. Put the date and times in your diary.

Bedford Foodbank are currently short of UHT milk, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, Long-Life sponge puddings, and jellies. All contributions are gratefully accepted and can be left in the special boxes in the Parish Room. Thank you for your continued support.

Is there no end to this kind of behaviour?

Recently we've seen a spate of antisocial behaviour at Holy Cross with the need to repeatedly call the police because young people are climbing on the roof. We have sought professional advice about this and the following measures have been advised to limit access to the roof:

- Move the bicycle rack
- Remove the raised flower bed
- Install anti-climb measures on the AC units
- Install anti-climb measures on the roof
- Install CCTV

Thank you to those who responded to seeing these youths by calling the police.

Please see the Sacramental Preparation poster and leaflet for details of the **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** courses for 2019/2020. This year the closing date for applications is Friday, 21st June and the courses will commence on Wednesday, 26th June. Priority consideration will be given to applications from parents who have participated in our **Alpha** gatherings.

Alpha pauses for breath...

There will be no meetings this week, during the school half-term. Normal service resumes next week.

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.



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.

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

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Luton are seeking to appoint a **Headteacher** for January 2020 or earlier. Visits to the school are encouraged; please contact Mrs A. Board on (01582) 572964 or finance@stjosephs.primaryluton.co.uk. For further details, see our advert on www.mynewterm.com. Closing date for applications is Friday, 7th June. Interviews on Wednesday, 19th June.

Paschal Candles

In order to better enable our Catholic schools to celebrate Eastertide, the Diocese has suggested that they ask their local parish for an old Paschal Candle and to light this during prayer at school assemblies, etc. We have adopted this idea but are asking parishioners to light the Paschal Candle in their home for a specific intention; in this way the light of the Risen Christ will shine throughout our parishes for the remainder of the year.

So far we have the following volunteers (with their intention):

- **Maria Abrantes:** Priests and vocations to the Sacred Priesthood
- **Ann and Hal Cawley:** Those who have lapsed from the Faith
- **Margaret Wells:** The Church and her Clergy
- **Charles and Kathy Stallard:** Teams of Our Lady

If you would like an old Paschal Candle (some are rather large) to burn in your home throughout the year for a specific intention, please contact Fr Wayne.

Please take home the **Parish Pentecost Novena (Adult and Child)** sheet which accompanies this newsletter, to be used in prayer for the strengthening of the Catholic Faith within our parishes.

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.

Volunteer rotas: folders in the narthex.

The **HC Parish Secretary**, Sheila, will NOT be in the office this Monday.

The weekly collections

Last week's collection for PJ was: Open Plate £181.78p Envelopes £420.54p
Last week's collection for HC was: Open Plate £379.39p Envelopes £151.60p
PJ collects £48 per week in standing orders with £31 per week direct to the Diocese. HC is £620 per week.

Retiring collection **NEXT WEEK:** Mass Media