

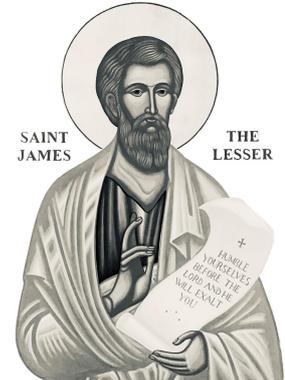
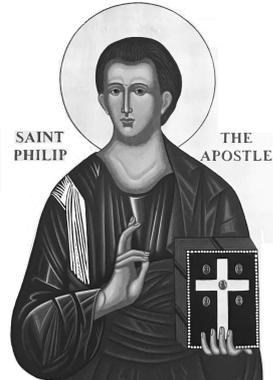
Saints Philip and James: Bedford

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

Third Sunday of Easter - Year C

Psalter week 3

5th May 2019



Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Proprs for the Third Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. **Alleluia!**

Or:

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has risen: he who creates all things, and has granted his mercy to men. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took the bread and gave it to them, 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 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.

The Apostles' Creed may be used at any Sunday Mass; however, the Church requests that we do so during the seasons of Lent and Easter. But why? The words of this ancient Creed have been used for centuries as the basis of our baptismal promises; likewise, the seasons of Lent and Easter put a strong focus on the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. During Lent we prepare those who will be baptised at the Easter Vigil (who will profess their Faith using this Creed) while readying ourselves to renew our own baptismal promises. The Apostles' Creed is also recited by parents and Godparents when presenting a child for Holy Baptism. As we recite the Apostles' Creed each Sunday of Lent and Eastertide it should stir up in our hearts the desire to renew our commitment to Christ and His Church (first made at our Baptism) and likewise help us rejoice in the Good News of the Resurrection.

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 4 May
6:00pm PJ

Martyrs of England and Wales - Feast
John Harrington, RIP

Sun 5 May

Third Sunday of Easter
Guided Prayer Group, Appeal

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

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro populo)
Eileen Walsh, recovering from a fall
Teresa Rentle, RIP

Mon 6 May
9:30am PJ

Feria
Tony Morrish, RIP
After the above Mass: Adoration

Tue 7 May
9:30am HC
1:30pm PJ
6:30pm HC
8:00pm HC

Feria
Chris Hall - Intention
Alpha - third session to 2:45pm
Alpha - third session to 8:30pm
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Wed 8 May
9:30am PJ

Feria
Noel Whitworth - Intention

Thu 9 May
9:30am HC

Feria
Patsy Peachey, a speedy recovery

Fri 10 May
9:30am HC

Feria
Intention associated with the Easter Lilies
After the above Mass: Stations of the Resurrection

Sat 11 May
9:30am PJ
6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday
William McKenna, RIP
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 Lawrance Foord
Celebrant: Deacon Tony Quinlan

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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gabrijela Rehberger, RIP** - Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray. Her Funeral Mass will take place at HC on Thursday, 16th May at 11:00am. Please also pray for all who mourn at this time.

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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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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.

Adoration and the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Many thanks, on behalf of our clergy, are greatly extended to all who attended and participated in last Sunday's **Adoration and Chaplet** recital together as one community in Christ from our two parishes. We all remained also in Fr Wayne's prayers as he was guest preacher during the same devotions in **Bletchley**. Please remember that you may add a prayer card to the Divine Mercy petition box in the narthex of SsP&J. These are not read but once a month Mass is offered for these intentions.

Mass of Confirmation with Bishop Peter

On Thursday, 6th June at 7:00pm in SsP&J come, support our young people; be part of the celebrations which follow, holding these young people in your prayers.

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2019

This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham is on Saturday, 8th June. Please see the poster in the narthex for more details.

Week of Guided Prayer

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 (01234) 211558 or Barbara (01234) 325844.

Fr Tony Brennan is celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the sacred priesthood on **Monday, 24th June**. Bishop Peter 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. Keith Allen is to drive a Minibus from HC to Luton, and return, with 12 seats available on a first come first served basis. Phone Sheila, HC Parish Secretary to book a seat on the Minibus.

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. Pray the Lord will send 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. Details to follow.

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.

The **March for Life UK** will take place on Saturday 11th May starting outside Westminster Church House, 25 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BN at 2:00pm. There will also be events in the morning from 9:30am until 1:30pm. More details and local coach information see www.MarchforLife.co.uk.

Volunteer rotas: folders in the narthex.

Well, well..

Message left by a recent visitor to our Church: "I just had to let you know how wonderfully welcoming I found the congregation at the 11:00am Solemn Mass. A welcome that began as soon as I walked through the doors; I am so glad I attended. The Mass was truly uplifting and your powerful homily caused me to think and pray; I don't want to sit among the debris, I want to rebuild the Church. Whatever you are doing here I want to bottle it and take it back to my parish. God bless you Father, the work you are doing and your parish community. I can't wait to visit again!"

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.

Alpha continues...

Our Alpha Course continues this Tuesday. Come along and join the fun. Food and friendship guaranteed. Our two **Alpha** gatherings have got off to a wonderful start; numerous parishioners have commented what a joy it was to hear people enjoying themselves over tasty treats, great food and a drink of 'something' nice! It is important that we soak the volunteers and participants in the **Alpha** gatherings in prayer. One way you can be a part of this is to join in silent Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament which informally takes place during the gathering at HC (each Tuesday, approximately 8:00am to 8:30pm in the small meeting room). All are welcome to be a part of this important outpouring of prayer. 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.

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.



Church Repository: Please have a look at the repository (shop) and the new items that have arrived. The money made from sales supports the training of a Priest through the work of Missio. See Bernadette Skipper after 11:00am Mass. Profits help support the **training of a seminarian in Kenya**. Additionally Marcel Grech-Marguarat has produced a CD of some of our favourite Hymns. The proceeds go to the charity **Housing Aid in Bosnia and Rwanda** and contribute to the building of a Medical Centre in Rwanda.

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.

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.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

There will be no SVP conference on Thursday and so the next SVP meeting is Thursday 23rd May at 7pm, in the Parish Room.

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