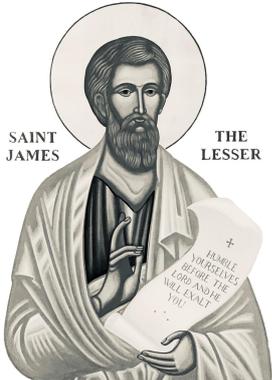
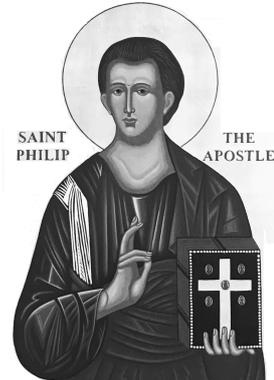


# Saints Philip and James Church



SAINT JAMES THE LESSER



SAINT PHILIP THE APOSTLE

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Psalter week 2

4<sup>th</sup> August 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 Eighteenth Sunday

### Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**First Reading:** Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 94:1-2.6-9.R.vv.7-8

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-5.9-11

**Gospel Acclamation - Alleluias should be sung**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. **Alleluia!**

**Or: Alleluia, alleluia!** How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 12:13-21

### Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste. **Or:**

I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

### 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 on 20<sup>th</sup> August 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. Please make your request clear and legible or we will have to make a best-guess!

## Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 3 Aug

6:00pm HC

**Our Lady on Saturday**

James Obua Otoa, RIP

Sun 4 Aug

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro populo)

Eileen Ord, RIP

Anthony Morrish, RIP

Mon 5 Aug

9:30am PJ

**Feria**

Seminarian Liam Castle - Thanksgiving

*After the above Mass: Adoration*

Tue 6 Aug

9:30am HC

**Transfiguration of the Lord - Feast**

Thomas Valentine Donnelly, RIP

Wed 7 Aug

9:30am PJ

**Feria**

Fr David Donaghue - Thanksgiving

Thu 8 Aug

9:30am HC

**St Dominic, Priest - Memorial**

Gabriella Rehberger, RIP

Fri 9 Aug

9:30pm HC

**St Benedicta of the Cross, Martyr - Feast**

Holy Souls in Purgatory - Novena Mass

*After the above Mass: Adoration*

Sat 10 Aug

9:30am PJ

6:00pm HC

**St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr - Feast**

Prayers in the Petition Boxes

Florence Mukasa - for her marriage

Sun 11 Aug

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Joanne McHugh and family, having a difficult time

Walter Higgins, RIP - Anniversary

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro populo)

**Morning Prayer:** before the morning Mass or Liturgy from Monday to Saturday. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** is on Monday and Friday for 30 minutes.

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.

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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 August *The Holy Father* asks us to pray for Families, Schools of Human Growth. That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".

As we Catholics seek deeper devotion to Christ in the Eucharist let us ponder His three purposes for giving us this great gift: to perpetuate His one sacrifice, to nourish souls and to share Himself in companionship. May every priest and baptised Catholic embrace His Presence. *Bishop J Strickland*

**There are many, many dates to keep in your diary. These are just some of them...**

#### **Afternoon Tea for the Solemnity of the Assumption**

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August: 12:00noon Angelus and Mass in SsP&J. The celebration of Our Lady's Assumption, and most particularly the midday Mass, will include an opportunity to learn more about the work of Missio, my recent 'tour' of the Diocese and a forthcoming volunteer recruitment drive at our Cathedral. If there is sufficient interest, the day will still include Afternoon Tea and a short presentation about Our Lady. We are, of course, looking for a couple of volunteers to set up refreshments and for some donated cakes and savouries. Also, could someone bring in some nice tablecloths? All food should be brought into the parish room before Mass. We already know about and are expecting lemon cake and scones with cream. The latest opportunity to sign up for "Afternoon Tea" is Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> August.

The Assumption is a **Holy Day of Obligation** and a great day of celebration. Our Lady, assumed into heaven: **Pray for us.**

#### **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September - Holy Cross Day**

12:00noon: Mass of Induction for our Catholic Youth Minister at HC followed by Lunch and youth activities. A wonderful way to welcome our Youth Minister.

**Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October** at 7:00pm; Pastoral Area Mass in St Joseph's.

#### **SS.CC Retreat in Buckden Towers**

The Secular Branch of the Sacred Hearts Of Jesus and Mary (SS.CC) warmly invite parishioners to join them on their Residential Retreat from 6:00pm, Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> until after lunch Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October. For information and booking, contact Mary Makin on (01234) 871759.

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October.** Mini-retreat organised by our parishes for our local Churches Together group at St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Bletchley. Transport will be arranged if there is sufficient interest.

#### **The Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman**

Votive Mass of "St" John Henry Newman (following his canonisation) - **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October** at 9:30am in SsP&J. Let us reflect on "**How we as parishes and individuals respond to the Canonisation of John Henry Newman is an indicator of the vitality of the Catholic Church in this country**". We might construct a temporary replica of Blessed John Henry Newman's private chapel. To that end, we will need carpentry, sewing, wall-papering skills. We already have a suitable altar, candles and some ephemera. Parishioners might donate to cover the cost; names to be engraved on a plaque and a Mass offered. Donations in an envelope marked "**JHN Chapel**". Please contact the Parish Secretaries if you have any ideas of how we might be a part of this historic event by 11<sup>th</sup> August. Some suggestions already received are: plant a tree accompanied by a plaque, a one-day street evangelisation project, music and liturgy day based around the works of Blessed John Henry Newman, a project linking our parish and St John Rigby School, weekly articles in the newsletter, canonisation area on the parish website, invite children to compose music and poetry inspired by the hymns of Blessed John Henry Newman.



It would be a terrible shame for us, as a parish, to fail to observe the canonisation of 'one of our own', a saint from our own land?

#### **National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima**

Prepare for the visit to our parishes of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco Marto on **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December**. This will be a great way to prepare for the Immaculate Conception (our diocesan patronal solemnity) and ideas and volunteers are sought to help with the organisation of this event.

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue is a hand-carved image of Our Lady of Fatima blessed by the Bishop of Fatima at the closing of the Jubilee Year on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1968 and brought to this country the following year. The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and Relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco travelled around the country, visiting various Cathedrals and churches in 2017, which was the Centenary year of the Fatima message. The Pilgrim Virgin Statue was crowned at Walsingham, the National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, by Bishop Alan Clark, Auxiliary Bishop of Northampton, on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 1971, in the presence of more than one thousand pilgrims, with a crown specially blessed by Pope Paul VI for the occasion. When Pope St John Paul II came to England in 1982, he blessed the National Pilgrim Virgin statue while at the Apostolic Nunciature in Wimbledon.



You are all encouraged to celebrate and mark this great honour and for our parishes to develop our spirituality both as individuals and as a catholic community. Please pray for God's blessing upon this important event in the life of our parishes.

#### **New Bible Timeline**

The new, weekly, Bible Timeline starts Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 1:15pm until 3pm at SsP&J during term time. This year we shall be journeying through **St Matthew's Gospel** - Come and join the adventure. Contact Joan Kedward: [joan.kedward@gmail.com](mailto:joan.kedward@gmail.com)

**Bedford Foodbank** are currently short of UHT Milk, UHT Fruit Juice, tins of vegetables, Spaghetti Hoops, fruit, rice pudding, and tomatoes, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and laundry tablets.

#### **Meetings with sexual abuse victims and survivors**

Bishop Peter will meet with victims and survivors, their families and supporters on a bimonthly basis. To book a meeting with the Bishop, phone the safeguarding office on: (01604) 723514.

#### **Parish Secretary, Ss Philip and James**

Please note that Maria is on holiday from Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August for two weeks, and will not therefore be in a position to receive Mass Intentions on Wednesdays 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August. Maria returns for Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Newsletter Editor on holiday too!**

Please be aware that the Newsletter editor will be away in early September for a week or so. The Newsletter content may be a little thin.

#### **Lost and found...**

A purse was found in the church on Monday, 22nd July. It has been handed in to Fr Wayne and may be reclaimed from him.

#### **The weekly collections: 28<sup>th</sup> July**

The collection for PJ was: Open Plate £215.20p Gift-Aid: £345.91p  
The collection for HC was: Open Plate £371.18p Gift-Aid: £189.50p  
PJ collects £48 per week in standing orders with £31 per week direct to the Diocese. HC is £620 per week.