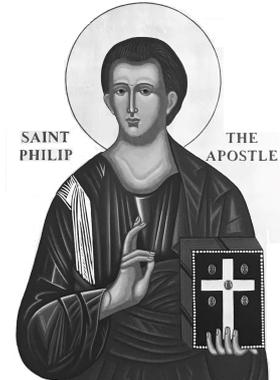


SAINT JAMES THE LESSER



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SAINT PHILIP THE APOSTLE

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter week 2

1st September 2019

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

Saints Philip and James Church
is proud to support our SVP Conference

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Coughlin

Deacons: Revv. Tony Quinlan, Crispin Walkling-Lea

Propers for the Twenty-Second Sunday

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm

In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation - Alleluias should be sung

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

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Or: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Confessions on Saturday:

Ss Philip & James: **10:00 to 10:30am**
Holy Cross **5:15 to 5:45pm**

Confessions may be heard by arrangement, in need at a reasonable time.

Baptisms: by arrangement. The next baptism preparation meeting is at Holy Cross on Tuesday, 17th September 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 be a little inventive with the actualitée...(that means a best guess!)

Mass was recently offered on Monday, 18th August for this intention: "Dinah Quacoe would like to thank God for the past year and also for giving her wonderful girls and a loving husband". **Deo gratias!**

Bedford Pastoral Area Day of Reflection

Saturday, 21st September 2019 at HC Parish Hall; 11:00am to 3:00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/Coffee/soft drinks will be provided.

Mass Intentions and Services

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

Sat 31 Aug
6:00pm HC

Our Lady on Saturday

Andy Woodward, recently deceased

Sun 1 Sep

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Appeal on behalf of the Leprosy Mission

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro populo)

Arthur Johnstone, Mass Intention

Raj Sohun, RIP

8:00am PJ

9:15am HC

11:00am PJ

Mon 2 Sep

Feria

9:30am PJ

Prayers in the petition Boxes

After the above Mass: Adoration

Tue 3 Sep

Pope St Gregory the Great - Feast

9:30am HC

Pilgrims to Poland

Wed 4 Sep

Feria

9:30am PJ

Paul Souter, RIP

Thu 5 Sep

Feria

9:30am HC

Sandie Danquah, speedy recovery from heart surgery

Fri 6 Sep

Feria

11:00am PJ

Funeral Mass for Paul Edwin Souter, RIP

Sat 7 Sep

Our Lady on Saturday

9:30am PJ

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro populo)

6:00pm HC

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sun 8 Sep

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am PJ

Michael Fuccillo, RIP

9:15am HC

Mass for the Parish (Missa pro populo)

11:00am PJ

Sr Melanie, Mass Intention

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

Thank you to all those who contributed to the retiring collection last week for when **Fr Julian** returns to Sri Lanka and to support the work he does.

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In the month of September *The Holy Father* asks us to pray for The Protection of the Oceans. That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

Fr Wayne is at the Cathedral for *Missio*...

Over this weekend Fr Wayne will be celebrating the four Sunday Masses at our Cathedral in order to promote the work of *Missio*. Please pray that his visit will bear much fruit.

And then he is away on the Parish Pilgrimage to Poland. Please pray for God's blessing upon this Pilgrimage.

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of **Paul Edwin Souter, RIP**, whose Funeral Mass will take place this Friday, 6th September in SsP&J at 11:00am. Because of the Parish Pilgrimage, Fr Julian will preside at the Funeral Mass; Mass will be offered for the family that day in Poland by Fr Wayne. Please pray for all who mourn and are in grief at this time.

The Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman

Let us all 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 England".

We are responding as a parish with a **temporary and standalone** shrine in the form of an "homage" to JHN's private chapel. As well as the items previously listed in the newsletter we have been given a Victorian candle-stand and have been loaned a beautiful altar frontal! Financial donations may be placed in an envelope, marked "Newman Shrine", in the Sunday collection or dropped in at the Presbytery.

Parish Celebrations at Ss Philip and James

Sunday, 6th October:

Day One of the Newman Novena for the spiritual and numerical growth of our parishes

Monday, 7th October

7:00pm - Votive MASS for the Canonisation of Blessed JH Newman

7:45pm - "Lead Kindly Light" DVD (Part 1)

8:15pm - Tea/Coffee

8:45pm - "Lead Kindly Light" DVD (Part 2)

9:15pm - Night Prayer/Compline to include the hymn "Lead Kindly Light"

Wednesday, 9th October

9:30am - MASS of the Optional Memoria of Blessed John Henry Newman

Sunday, 13th October

11:00am - MASS of Obligation with some hymns composed by Newman

Monday, 14th October

9:30am - Votive MASS of "St" John Henry Newman

Journey with us; observe the canonisation of a saint from our own land.

The fourth article about John Henry Newman

Canonisation is the final step in the official process of declaration of Newman's sainthood. To ensure objective scrutiny of holiness, evaluation can only begin five years after the candidate's death. Individuals are declared "servant of God", and the Congregation for the Causes of Saints scrutinises evidence of candidates' holiness, work, and signs that people have been drawn to prayer through



their example. Following approval, and the Pope's decision that candidates lived a life of "heroic virtue", they are called "venerable". At Beatification the title "blessed" is given when incidents attributed to candidates can be 'verified by evidence' and accepted as miracles. Normally, sainthood is recognised by canonisation following two Vatican-authenticated miracles. Our last canonisation was in 1970 when Pope Paul VI made 40 English and Welsh martyrs saints.

St Vincent de Paul (SVP) September Awareness Month

During September we will offer our thanks for your support, reach out to all, especially those in need, explaining what we do and what can be expected of the SVP and we will be looking for members. There will be a display in the Church during the month, our appeal and retiring collection on 22nd September followed by tea, coffee and croissants after 8:00am Mass and tea, coffee and cake* after 11:00am Mass in the Parish Room where we will screen two videos showing the current situation and our work in South Sudan. Members will be available to answer questions after every Mass.

*Ed: did someone mention cake?

We bring you news of great joy! Today in the town of Bedford* - we

announce that our joint community has appointed **Stephanie** as our **Catholic Youth Minister**. Across a total of three days we interviewed five candidates for the post. Stephanie impressed our young people due to her passion for encouraging people to deepen their Catholic Faith, her warm personality and sheer approachability. Stephanie will be working closely with Fr Wayne and Joan Kedward as we seek to develop our ministry to young people. Please extend the hand of friendship to Stephanie as she settles into parish life within our vibrant community.

*For the biblical scholars among you, did you spot the biblical language?!

Saturday, 14th September - Holy Cross Day at midday

There will be a Mass of Induction for Stephanie, our Catholic Youth Minister, at HC followed by lunch and youth activities. Attendance is a wonderful way to welcome her; therefore please encourage any young people you know to be there.

A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex of the Church for those having lunch after Mass (this is really important for catering purposes). If you subsequently find that you cannot attend the lunch, please remove your name. Either way, the deadline is Sunday, 8th September.

[NB] There will be no 9:30am Mass or 10:00am Confession slot that day.

Children's Liturgy will begin the new term on Sunday, 8th September. All children aged 3 - 8years are welcome. We meet in the upstairs room before the 11:00am Mass on Sunday mornings. Term times are available in the Rota Folder in the narthex.

The Friendship Group (Tuesdays 1:00-3:00pm) has its 10th birthday this Tuesday and we are celebrating. A cracking-good lunch (£2.50pp or £6.50 group of three), live music, quiz, good raffle, bingo (money prizes). Contact details on posters. Oh yes! Be there or be square!

Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda - Concert

Stewartby Operatic Society is providing a musical evening Wednesday, 18th September at the **Castle Newnham School, Polhill Avenue** starting at 7:30pm. Cheese and wine will be provided and there will be cakes, crisps and soft drinks for children. We are hoping that **Fr Boniface** will be there. Tickets £5 each will be available on the door on the night or from Judi Fawcett (01234) 838134. Entrance for children is free.

Theatre Night Out

Come and enjoy yourselves at the comedy "**Entertaining Angels**" and help raise funds for **Guide Dogs for the Blind**. Monday, 9th September in Sharnbrook Theatre at 6:45pm for 7:30pm start. Tickets £15, with drink: theatre.tickets@bedforddeparysrotary.co.uk or Barbara: 01234 325844.

The weekly collections: 25th August

The collection for PJ was: Open Plate £189.98p Gift-Aid: £318.26p

The collection for HC was: Open Plate £337.93p Gift-Aid: £138.50p

Retiring collection for Fr Julian: PJ £444.15p and HC £427.86p

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