



The Catholic Community of Holy Cross Church and Saints Philip and James Church

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



The obligation upon each Catholic to attend Mass on a Sunday (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2180-2188) continues to be dispensed, by the Bishops of England and Wales, at this time.

Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

Fr Wayne continues to celebrate Mass
on live-feed from Holy Cross Church

Sat 15 Aug 5:30pm PJ	Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary Margaret Feenan, RIP
Sun 16 Aug 9:15am HC 11:00am PJ 5:30pm HC	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Missa pro Populo Mike O Hara: Strength, healing & wholeness Gerard Hickey, RIP
Mon 17 Aug 9:15am HC 7:15pm PJ	Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary Bob Naughton, RIP All Souls in Purgatory
Tue 18 Aug 9:15am HC 7:15pm PJ	Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary Fr Joseph Pham, RIP Deacon Daniel, ordination to the priesthood
Wed 19 Aug 9:15am HC 7:15pm PJ	Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lina Palmeiro, RIP Holy Hour (Exposition and Benediction)
Thu 20 Aug 9:15am HC 7:15pm PJ	St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor - Memorial Holy Hour (Exposition and Benediction) Peggy Walls, RIP
Fri 21 Aug 9:15am HC 7:15pm PJ	St Pius X, Pope - Memorial Mike Downs, RIP Anne Simmonds
Sat 22 Aug 9:15am HC 5:30pm PJ	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Prayers in the Petition Boxes Laura Clare Hall, 33 rd Birthday
Sun 23 Aug 9:15am HC 11:00am PJ 5:30pm HC	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary Harte, RIP Missa pro Populo Chris, Lucy and baby Seraphina Maria Jean White

The Sacrament of Confession on Saturday

Holy Cross: 10:00 to 10:30am
Ss Philip and James: 4:45 to 5:15pm

The Sacrament of Confession may be celebrated by arrangement or after Mass on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday.



My First Holy Communion Journey

I started my catechism classes in September 2019, once a week on Wednesday's, learning about Jesus, God the Father, the Holy Spirit and us. We also learned how to be better Christians. I really enjoyed the classes.

Due to Covid-19, I could not make my First Holy Communion any sooner (it was meant to be June 14th 2020). When I came to church two Sundays ago, I felt ready to receive the Body of Christ and asked Fr Wayne if I really had to wait any longer! Thank you to Caroline, Stephanie, Joan, Giovanna and Fr Wayne for helping me prepare.

David Anthony

We assure David of our prayers on this very special day as at the 11:00am Mass he receives Jesus (Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity) in Holy Communion for the first time.

Each Church will be open twenty minutes prior to Mass, Exposition or Confession. Thank you to our stewards who make it possible to open our churches for worship.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Patrick Joseph Walsh (RIP) - Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray.** We give thanks to God for Pat's many decades of connection with HC and for the various ways he diligently served our community. The Funeral Mass will be held in HC (details to follow). Please pray for all who mourn at this time.

Who Are All Those Saints in the Roman Canon?

A series written by Anon

The Saints after the consecration:

First among the saints and martyrs named after the Consecration, in the prayer *Nobis quoque peccatoribus* (To us, also, ... who though sinners) is **John the Baptist**. John was a cousin of Jesus. The Annunciation of the birth and the naming of John and of Jesus are linked in Luke's Gospel when the Angel Gabriel appears to Elizabeth's husband Zechariah (Lk 1:5-25) and then to Mary (Lk 1:26-38). In the **Year of the Word** it is significant to note that Luke presents us with words which have become familiar to us in the *Hail Mary* and the *Magnificat* (Lk 1:26-56). Little is known of John's early life, other than that he lived in the wilderness; but even before his birth he was destined to be great in the sight of God and filled with the Holy Spirit (Lk 1:15-16). Zechariah announces that John will be a Prophet of the Most High, and that he will prepare a way for the Lord (Lk 1:76). In Matthew's Gospel John the Baptist 'appeared', preaching a message of repentance in the wilderness. He is described as a wild figure, roughly dressed but confident in his preaching and attracting huge crowds to confess their sins and to be baptised. There are enduring words and images where John says that he baptises with water, but one who follows will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire; that he is not fit to carry His sandals; and he tries to dissuade Jesus from being baptised (Mt 3:1-15). John was martyred by beheading, and his martyrdom is celebrated on 29 August. Numerous churches are dedicated to him, and many cities and countries have chosen him as their patron.

In the month of August **The Holy Father** asks us to pray for **The Maritime World**
We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

NHS TEST AND TRACE

As we have a pastoral duty of care towards one another it is requested that those who physically come to Mass or Adoration, participate in the "NHS Test and Trace" scheme. It does however remain optional. If you want to participate in this scheme we invite you to email:

bedfordparishfamily@gmail.com

Please include: your **name**, contact telephone **number**, the **church**, the **date** and your anticipated **arrival and departure time** (plus the **number of people** in your group if more than one). You can also provide these details to one of the stewards when you arrive (but please do so with plenty of time). Your details will be held securely by the parish in accordance with GDPR legislation.

Volunteer Stewards are still Needed

In order to open each church building for Mass, Exposition and Confession during the month of August we are looking for people (from eighteen up to seventy years of age) to be stewards. If you can help, please contact Sheila.

It remains the **diocesan preference** that we maintain social distancing at **2 metres** (rather than 1m+) where possible. Bedford Borough Council likewise asked that we maintain the 2m option. Please be aware that a **face mask/covering** is compulsory (by government legislation) in Church.

For those in a state of grace (free of mortal sin) and to receive Holy Communion: Please adjust your mask/covering before the Blessed Sacrament - the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus - is reverently placed in your hand.

Whilst it has never been liturgically permissible to offer an **individual "blessing"** during the distribution of Holy Communion (as there is a final Blessing at the end of Mass) we are at this time asked to ensure that this is enacted; this is part of us being a COVID-19 safe environment. However, should you, your child or indeed your whole family want a Blessing after Mass (outside of the building) then Fr Wayne will very happily oblige! The clergy are happy to individually bless **water and devotional objects** for your use.

Deacon Tony, who leads **Holy hour** on Wednesdays and Thursdays, will offer the Rosary at the beginning for: *our stewards, SVP members and all of our parish volunteers.*

MariaTeresa, Parish Secretary PJ will be away next week on Wednesday. She will be working from home on Thursday.

Foodbank and SVP Food Donations



Foodbank:

Cup-a-Soup, Jellies (pre-made), Tinned Rice, Pudding, Tooth-brushes, Tooth-paste, Hand Soap, Washing-Up

Liquid, Deodorant, Shower Gel and Shampoo.

For more details please contact Graham: (01234) 400094.



St Vincent de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

A BIG SVP THANK YOU to our wonderful supporters for generous donations and much needed food items.

Items requested by the SVP: tea and coffee; tinned meat, fish, vegetables, soups and desserts; packs of pasta and rice; jam and marmalade.

SVP Knock and Drop Service

The Bedford District of the SVP have been providing food parcels and support for vulnerable people throughout the pandemic. Differing from the Foodbank, SVP members:

- deliver to the recipient's home,
- provide support on a regular basis (weekly if required),
- develop an ongoing relationship with recipients and
- offer social distance support each time they deliver a parcel.

The SVP are raising funds to help them in their invaluable work; for details please visit: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/svpbedford. Alternatively, you can send a donation by cash or cheque (made payable to SVP Ss Philip and James) c/o Fr Wayne at the Presbytery. You can also donate directly into the SVP's bank account. Details about this latter option and any of the above are available from Pam Kenworthy: PresidentE140102@svp.org.uk or 07845 121557.

Donations for both organisations can be left in the Presbytery porch and HC Church (when open for worship).

Car booting...and Jumble

It is unlikely that for the foreseeable future we shall be able to hold any form of car boot or jumble sale at HC. Accordingly, people are asked not to leave any items either outside the church or garage. We ask for your cooperation in this by advising people of this change.

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