

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.



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

Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

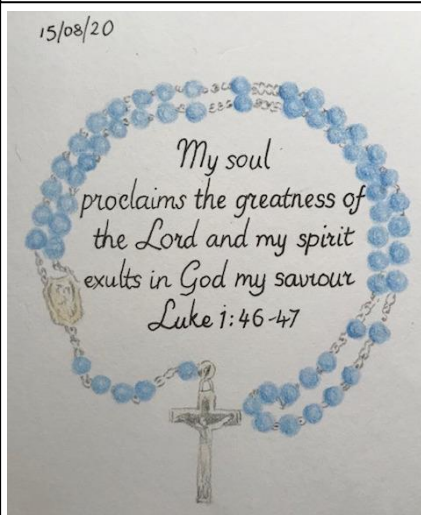
Fr Wayne continues to celebrate Mass
on live-stream from Holy Cross Church

Sat 5 Sep	Our Lady on Saturday Patrick Reddin, RIP - 11 th Anniversary
Sun 6 Sep	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Stephanie Lee, 1 st Anniversary of being our Catholic Youth Minister
11:00am PJ	Tracy Marshall, RIP
5:00pm HC	Holy Rosary
5:30pm HC	Missa pro Populo
Mon 7 Sep	Feria Sheila Dobson, RIP Gerard and Maureen Smith, RIP
9:15am HC	
7:15pm PJ	
Tue 8 Sep	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast Sponsors of the "live-stream" Adult Confirmandi
9:15am HC	
7:15pm PJ	
Wed 9 Sep	Feria Eileen Barron, RIP Holy Hour (Exposition and Benediction)
9:15am HC	
7:15pm PJ	
Thu 10 Sep	Feria Holy Hour (Exposition and Benediction) Raj Sohun, RIP - 30 th anniversary
9:15am HC	
7:15pm PJ	
Fri 11 Sep	Feria Thanksgiving All Souls in Purgatory
9:15am HC	
7:15pm PJ	
Sat 12 Sep	Votive of the Holy Cross All deceased parishioners and clergy Fr Fintan, Gratitude for 60 years a priest
9:15am HC	
5:30pm PJ	
Sun 13 Sep	Patronal Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Missa pro Populo Lesley Baker and Gerald Fallon (who are to be married) Holy Rosary Dianna Williams, RIP
9:15am HC	
11:00am PJ	
5:00pm HC	
5:30pm HC	

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 by request after Mass on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.



*Our Lady
of Sorrows
intercede to your
Son Jesus Christ
for our parishes
at this time.
Amen*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Patrick Joseph Costello, RIP** whose Funeral Liturgy takes place this Monday, 7th September in HC at 11:00am.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Kathleen Ann Spackman, RIP** whose Rite of Burial (following a Funeral Mass in Macclesfield) will take place on Monday, 14th September. *Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray.*

Please hold in prayer all those who:

- Are suffering in body, mind and/or soul.
- Are grieving and are in sorrow.
- Have recently died and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May the Lord be merciful in His judgement.

The **Mass of Confirmation for adults** will be celebrated this Tuesday, 8th September (the Feast of the Birthday of Our Lady) in Ss Philip and James Church at 7:15pm. Please hold each of the candidates in your prayers.

Who Are All Those Saints in the Roman Canon?

A series written by Anon

The Saints after the Consecration:

Saint Barnabas was one of the very earliest followers of Jesus. He was a Levite of Cypriot origin called Joseph whom the apostles surnamed Barnabas meaning 'son of encouragement'. He sold the land he owned and gave the money to the apostles to support the poor (Acts 4:36-37). **Barnabas** was generous, compassionate and a courageous missionary together with Saint Paul: 'they taught and proclaimed the Good News, the Word of the Lord' (Acts 15:35). There is also a brief reference to **Barnabas** in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (1Cor 9:6). **Barnabas** became a leader of the early Church at Antioch instructing a large number of people. It was at Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians' (Acts 11:25-26). **Barnabas** was martyred for his faith in AD61 and his name is the last mentioned in Holy Scripture to appear in the Canon. His feast is on 11th June.

In the month of September *The Holy Father* asks us to pray for **Respect for the Planet's Resources**. We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

NHS TEST AND TRACE

As we have a pastoral duty of care towards one another it is requested that those who come to Mass or Holy Hour participate in the optional "NHS Test and Trace" scheme. Details of how to do this can be found in previous editions of the newsletter which are available online.

Volunteer Stewards are still Needed

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

Please adjust your mask/covering before the Blessed Sacrament - the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus - is reverently placed in your hand.

The **Holy Rosary** will be offered (including via the live-stream) at 5:00pm on each Sunday of September as we honour Our Lady of Sorrows. If you have already been to Mass that day you are always welcome to join us just for the Holy Rosary.

The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

1. The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
2. The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21)
3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50)
4. The Carrying of the Holy Cross (John 19:17)
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30)
6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40)
7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)

September is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows** whose *memoria* the Church celebrates on Tuesday, 15th September. Normally this would follow **Holy Cross Day** but this year we shall observe this on Sunday, 13th September.

Holy Cross Day

In the hope of allowing as many people as possible to participate in our observance of **Holy Cross Day** there will be three days of celebrations:

- Saturday, 12th September - **Votive of the Holy Cross** with Mass at 9:15am in HC and then the **Vigil Mass of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Transferred)** at 5:30pm in PJ
- Sunday, 13th September - **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Transferred)** with Mass at 9:15am in HC, 11:00am in PJ and 5:30pm in HC
- Monday, 14th September - **Votive of the Holy Cross** with Mass at 9:15am in HC and 7:15pm in PJ

First Holy Communion 2021

We are looking to celebrate the **2021 First Holy Communion Mass on Corpus Christi Sunday (6th June 2021)**. Parents who are interested in finding out more information about this "not the easiest but the best" course of sacramental preparation are invited to speak to Fr Wayne after Mass and also email Sheila, the Parish Secretary who works out of Holy Cross.

Our Parish Priest is Fr Wayne Coughlin: The Presbytery, 2 Severn Way, Bedford MK41 7BX: parishpriestbedford@gmail.com

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Websites are: www.holycrossbedford.org.uk, www.facebook.com/holycrossbedford and www.sspandjbedford.org.uk

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Items for the Newsletter to the editor, by the Sunday before publication. Tel: 07986 357320; email: charlie.stallard@gmail.com

Foodbank donations required: Cup-a-soup, Tinned Rice Pudding, Coffee, Rice (small), Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Hand Soap, Anti-Bac Spray Cleaners, Washing Up Liquid, Shower Gel, Laundry Wash Tablets, Deodorant, Cleaning Cloths. More details from Graham: (01234) 400094.

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

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

Please note the new **SVP** contact email address for **Pam Kenworthy** is pam.kenworthySVP@gmail.com

Please share the SVP JustGiving page on social media or with friends

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/svpbedford>

For the Year of the Word - Studying the Psalms

It started last Wednesday 2nd September and runs for 10 weeks, the *Putnoe Bible Study Group* is studying the **Psalms**, via **ZOOM**, and would like to invite anyone who might be interested in learning more about the Bible to join in. Each session takes place on Wednesday 6:00-7:30 pm.

Judy has the details: judithmbuchanan@yahoo.co.uk

Tweeted by our Diocesan Youth Department

"Mary, who is the Virgin Most Pure, is also the Refuge of Sinners. She knows what sin is, not by the experience of its fall, not by tasting its bitter regrets, but by seeing what it did to her Divine Son." ~ **The Venerable Fulton J. Sheen**

EVC Uganda website

EVC Uganda provides a future through education for some of the poorest children in the world. The Charity is now seeking a **Volunteer Website Development Manager**. For further details contact Ted Fawcett on (01234) 838134 or email: tedfawcett@hotmail.com

Fr Julian Thangiturai

Many parishioners will recall **Fr Julian from Sri Lanka** with great fondness following his twin stays with us last year and he has sent us this update. He has been appointed Rector of *St Joseph's Minor Seminary in Batticaloa* (with its thirty-eight students and buildings dating to 1985); he also serves as the Judicial Vicar of the diocese. He asks that we hold him in prayer and he extends his regards and prayers to everyone.

Fr Julian mentioned he is missing the Newman Flat!