

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.



Please check the liturgical calendar below

Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

Fr Wayne continues the live-stream from Holy Cross Church

Sat 31 Oct	All Hallows' Eve
5:30pm PJ	Persecuted and Martyred Christians
Sun 1 Nov	All Saints, Solemnity
9:15am HC	Catherine and Christopher Wright (Recently Married)
11:00am PJ	Mike and Barbara Norton
5:30pm HC	Missa pro Populo
Mon 2 Nov	All Souls
9:15am PJ	Departed Parishioners
12:00pm HC	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tue 3 Nov	Feria
9:15am HC	Gill Peck (for her recovery)
Wed 4 Nov	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop - Memorial
9:15am HC	Holy Hour (Rosary, Adoration & Benediction)
6:15pm PJ	Catharine Doyle, RIP
Thu 5 Nov	Requiem Mass
9:15am HC	Departed SVP: members and supporters
6:15pm PJ	Holy Hour (Rosary, Adoration & Benediction)
Fri 6 Nov	Requiem Mass
9:15am PJ	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat 7 Nov	Our Lady on Saturday
9:15am HC	Thanksgiving
5:30pm PJ	Joanie Wildman and David Donnelly, Thanksgiving for Recovery
Sun 8 Nov	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:15am HC	Missa pro Populo
11:00am PJ	Andrew Dowds, RIP
5:30pm HC	Catharine Doyle, RIP - Anniversary

Thank you to everyone who participated in our triduum of celebrations as we honoured our Patrons: **St Philip and St James**. We extend our appreciation also to our flower arrangers who beautifully decorated PJ for the festivities.

The flowers in the Sanctuary at SsP&J (in honour of our Patron Saints) are to the memory of John, Robert and Christopher Donnelly RIP.

The Sacrament of Confession on Saturday

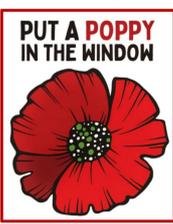
Holy Cross: 10:00 to 10:30am
Ss Philip and James: 4:45 to 5:15pm
May be celebrated by arrangement or request after Mass.

November Prayers for the Deceased

If you would like to have a name of a loved one added to the list, email or ring either of the Parish Secretaries with the details. **May all the departed find eternal rest in Christ.**

You may notice that the image of Our Lady of Walsingham in HC is now adorned with a **black cope** (made by Kathy Stallard) as we observe the month of the Holy Souls.

North Bedford Churches Together



Remembrance Sunday

North Bedford Churches Together is encouraging people to put a poppy in a window of their home as an Act of Remembrance as we acknowledge the supreme sacrifice that so many people have paid for our freedom and the pursuit of peace.

NB: There will be no Remembrance Service this year on Goldington Green and the service on the Embankment is not open to the public.

Lest we forget

Visiting Priest - Fr Daniel Rooke

It will be a great joy to welcome **Fr Daniel Rooke** to our community between 9th-15th November. He will preside at all the Masses and Saturday Confession 'slots' and be available should anyone want to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) during Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, 12th November. Please make him welcome in our community and offer a socially distanced "hello" when you see him!

Holy Mass continues to be live-streamed from HC during November (but not 9th to 15th November). The lack of WiFi and poor 4G does not permit us to live-stream from PJ.

Who Are All Those Saints in the Roman Canon?

A series written by Anon

The Saints after the Consecration: Saint Agnes

Saint Agnes, also known as **Saint Agnes of Rome**, was born in AD291. According to tradition, **Agnes** was a very beautiful girl, about 12 or 13 years old, who belonged to a wealthy Christian family. Although she was still very young, many high-ranking men wanted to marry her, but she refused marriage, stating that she could have no spouse but *Jesus Christ*. Her suitors revealed her *Christianity*, which was then condemned as a cult, and she was arrested. She refused to renounce her faith in God, and like many other Christians was tortured and martyred. **Agnes'** name is often associated with the Latin agnus (lamb), and with chastity and purity. **Agnes** is depicted in art as a virgin martyr holding a lamb and a martyr's palm. As one of the youngest Christian martyrs, **Agnes** is the patron saint of girls and chastity. Her feast day is 21st January.

In the month of November **The Holy Father** asks us to pray on the subject of **Artificial Intelligence**.
We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Plenary Indulgence for November

Bishop David has asked that we draw people's attention to the special pastoral provision that has been made by the Apostolic Penitentiary (in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic) with regards to the **Plenary Indulgence for November**; here provision has been made for those who are unable to visit a church or cemetery. Details of this were made available in the Parish Circular; copies of the document can also be obtained from either Sheila or Maria (the Parish Secretaries).

We are strongly encouraged by both the Diocese and Bedford Borough Council to participate in the optional **NHS TEST AND TRACE** scheme. You may participate in the **NHS TEST AND TRACE** scheme in one of three ways:

- 1) If you regularly attend Mass we should have your contact details; you may give your name to one of the stewards. If you are currently not on this list and would like us to hold your details for the future you can fill out a quick form which is available from one of the stewards.
- 2) By emailing the parish: bedfordparishfamily@gmail.com and providing details of which Mass or liturgy you are attending with your contact details.
- 3) Scan the QR Code in the narthex with the NHS COVID-19 App.

If you decide to participate in the **NHS TEST AND TRACE** scheme using options 1 or 3 we politely ask you arrive with sufficient time to carry this out. Arriving with insufficient time or late not only disrupts the whole congregation but can also mean that a steward is drawn away from participating in the Mass as they offer you assistance and then show you to a free seat.

Sanitising stands have been generously donated for use at the exit of each Church. There will be two at each exit which, whilst we maintain the requisite social distance, will enable you to more easily leave after Mass or Adoration.

Safety is our priority. We are all asked to wear a covering fully over our mouth and nose (unless exempt), to properly use sanitising gel as we enter and leave the building and to maintain appropriate social distance at all times. This includes talking to the clergy after Mass.

Please adjust your mask/covering before the Blessed Sacrament is reverently placed in your hand.

Helping us observe the Year of the Word

The Jeff Cavins Bible timeline course is being offered free online with **'Come and see Ministries'**. It is a seven week course which will be live streamed on Wednesday evenings starting on Wednesday, 4th November at 7:00 pm. For more information, visit <https://comeandsee.org/>

Or, even better! There is also a new **Zoom 24 week Bible Timeline** course starting on Wednesday 11th November at 6:00pm. Come along and join the adventure and fun as we journey through the Bible this winter. More info contact: joan.kedward@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.

You may also donate at bedford.foodbank.org.uk/

Donations 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.

For the SVP at justgiving.com/fundraising/svpbedford

Donations of produce may be left in the Presbytery and HC.

Retiring Collections in November

In November there will be the mandated Retiring Collections for the **Bishops Maintenance Fund** (which enables Bishop David to carry out his ministry across the Diocese) and for the **Sick and Retired Clergy Fund** (which offers grants to Priests who are facing financial difficulties due to sickness or retirement). To support either of these worthy causes please place your donation in an envelope with the name of the fund on the front and place this in the large container after Mass before 20th November. There will also be an appeal and a special retiring collection on 21st and 22nd November led by **Stephanie, our Catholic Youth Minister**, as she seeks your support for our existing and proposed youth projects. You can contribute to this fund either after Mass on that weekend or by placing your donation in an envelope marked **"Catholic Youth Fund"** and again depositing this in the large container near the exit of each Church any time before 29th November.

29th November: **Advent Giving Box** Appeal by our SVP Conferences (as they seek to support the most vulnerable members of society).

Operation Christmas Child 2020

Next Sunday 8th November is the last day for you to bring in your shoeboxes, or to make a donation to Operation Christmas Child. If you are unable to bring in your box by then please ring Bernie on Bedford 772230 and she will collect them from your home.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2021

Details about the next Confirmation course will be available soon. Contact Stephanie: confirmationhcandpj@gmail.com.
Deadline: **29th November**.

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