



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.

Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time Fr Wayne continues to celebrate Mass on live-stream from Holy Cross Church

Sat 10 Oct	Our Lady on Saturday Beatification of the Ven. Carlo Acutis
Sun 11 Oct	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Missa pro Populo Deacon Liam Castle and Fr Daniel Rooke Holy Rosary Tony Tierney, RIP
Mon 12 Oct	St Wilfrid, Bishop and Missionary Michael Kinsella, RIP - Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray Jan Purvey and Family
Tue 13 Oct	St Edward the Confessor, King Tenus Eileen Kerrigan, RIP - 16 th Anniversary JH Newman - Thanksgiving for Canonisation
Wed 14 Oct	Votive of St Joseph, Husband of the BVM Alex Ross, Joshua and Charlotte Tait for starting school Holy Hour (Exposition and Benediction)
Thu 15 Oct	St Teresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor - Mem' Holy Hour (Exposition and Benediction) Patrick Walsh, RIP
Fri 16 Oct	St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin Patrick McGirl, RIP Peter Purvey, RIP
Sat 17 Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr - Memorial All Souls in Purgatory Missa pro Populo
Sun 18 Oct	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Thanksgiving for SVP members and associates John, Robert and Christopher Donnelly, RIP Holy Rosary Nigel Good, RIP - Anniversary

Please hold in prayer all those who are suffering in body, mind and/or soul.

Fr Wayne is having a period of rest this week so will be unavailable via telephone or email.

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



This beautiful cake was made by Jo-Anne Middleditch. The design and creation was intended for the Marian Rededication of England in March and more recently to celebrate the visit of Bishop David for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Given the present situation neither of these were possible. The cake is now on display next to Our Lady at Holy Cross Church. Our Lady of Walsingham, Pray for us.

Unfortunately it has been necessary to move the "Thanksgiving" Mass Intention on **Monday, 9th November** to another day. Whoever sponsored this Intention please contact Maria, Wednesdays. Sincere apologies for the inconvenience. Any difficulty, please speak with Fr Wayne ASAP.

The Sunday and Holy Day Mass Obligation remains suspended. Therefore you might want to consider coming to Mass or Adoration midweek where the number of people present is likely to be much less than at the weekend.

The **9:15am Sunday Mass at HC** has, in all likelihood, reached maximum capacity. Therefore for our safety and peace of mind we suggest that in future if you are wanting to participate in a Sunday Mass you look to attend the 11:00am Mass in SsP&J (this being the least attended) or 5:30pm in HC.

Please remember that we are operating an **interim liturgical timetable** in order to provide as many opportunities as possible for people to participate in Holy Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and the Rosary. However, this does mean that the timetable is subject to change and certainly from November it will not be possible to maintain the current number of weekly liturgical celebrations. It is therefore imperative to consult the newsletter.

World Mission Sunday

On Sunday, 18th October there will be a Retiring Collection for **World Mission Sunday**. On this one Sunday the entire global Church comes together to support mission and every single donation supports parishes, hospitals, schools, the nurture of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and the training of catechists in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. This is your chance to show love and solidarity to our global Church family. Through your prayers you support missionaries everywhere in spreading the message of salvation and by your donations *Missio* (which is asked by the Pope to coordinate World Mission Sunday) can better respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

In the month of October *The Holy Father* asks us to pray for **The Laity's Mission in the Church**. We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the appeal last weekend for volunteer stewards.

NHS TEST AND TRACE: As we have a moral duty of care towards one another it is requested that people participate in the optional "NHS Test and Trace" scheme; details of how can be found in previous newsletters. You may prefer to use the **QR code with the NHS Covid-19 App** on your phone. The QR code (unique to each building) is in the narthex.

Church Buildings: Covid-19, heating and ventilation: The diocesan guidance specific to our parishes is that we should warm the buildings prior to Mass or another liturgy and to then turn off the heating and open the windows (*and doors at SsP&J*) in order to ensure the maximum amount of ventilation. This allows us to create as safe an environment as possible. The buildings are thus likely to be cold and people are asked to dress accordingly. As they say on some airlines: your safety rather than comfort is our priority!

Given the likely inclement weather and the limited amount of space by the new "exits" it will not always be possible for the **clergy** to greet you as you leave. On such occasions please do be assured of our prayers.

If you do want to **speak** with either Fr Wayne, Dcn Crispin or Dcn Tony it might be easier to do so via telephone or email rather than seeking to "catch them after Mass".

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. Naturally, this includes when you talk to the clergy inside or outside of the Church.

We want to ensure everyone's **safety** and in this regard we ask for your cooperation and understanding.

We are all asked to take careful note of these instructions as the Diocese has become aware that local authorities have visited places of worship to ensure compliance.

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

First Holy Communion 2021

Parents who are interested in finding out more information are invited to contact Sheila. Deadline: **31st October**.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2021

Details about the next Confirmation course will be available soon. Parents should contact Stephanie. The email address is: confirmationhcandpj@gmail.com. Deadline: **29th November**.

Note to Parents

Please be assured that the above courses will run just as soon as it is safe to do so. If we have your email address, we will keep you updated on any developments.

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 can 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 Holy Cross Church.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day was 9th October: We've all felt the impact of the CORONAVIRUS – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected. You can donate **online** at cafod.org.uk/give, or **Text CAFOD to 70085** to donate £10. This weekend 10th/11th October there are envelopes, plus a contactless device after Mass. You can donate £5 each time you tap with your bank card.

Operation Christmas Child 2020

The **shoebbox appeal** is still happening this year. Leaflets explaining how to fill a shoebox have been available from both churches from last Sunday. Deprivation caused by Covid19 has meant that it is more important than ever that children who have very little in life receive a personal gift from those who are able to fill a box. If you can cover a shoebox with Christmas paper, and fill it with appropriate presents, that would be great. Boxes may be left at both churches by 8th November at the latest. Donate online: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk. Click on 'ways to give' on the green bar then on 'Pack a shoebox online'. This costs £20, including transport. Or on 'Give to support the project', you may donate towards a shoebox. There will be an **Operation Christmas Child** donation box available at the end of Masses during the last two weeks in October. Any donations will be used to buy boxes online. Any questions, ring Bernadette – on 01234 772230. Thanks.

Gift Aid Boxes

Parishioners who are looking to collect their **HC or SsP&J Gift Aid Boxes** (having not done so due to the "lockdown") are asked to contact the Parish Secretary at HC who will then be able to put you in contact with Margaret Wells. Thank you for your continuing financial support of our community.

Postponed Retiring Collections

Should you want to support the postponed Retiring Collections **The Holy Places of Palestine** and **Peter's Pence** you are invited to place your donation in an envelope (with the name of the appeal on the front) and to place this in the large collection box as you leave after Mass. You may make such donations throughout October.

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