



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.



NOVEMBER: There will be one Mass per day (Monday to Friday)

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

This week Fr Emmanuel Okami
will celebrate the evening Mass in SsP&J

Sat 17 Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr - Memorial 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
Mon 19 Oct	Feria For Mel's speedy recovery Steven, Steve & Mary, & Chris Norton, RIP
Tue 20 Oct	Dedication of Holy Cross Church - Anniv' Patrick Walsh, RIP Angelo Cataldo, RIP
Wed 21 Oct	Votive Mass for various needs Gill Tillotson, RIP - 11 th Anniversary Holy Hour (Rosary, Adoration & Benediction)
Thu 22 Oct	Pope St John-Paul II Holy Hour (Rosary, Adoration & Benediction) Kail Williams, RIP
Fri 23 Oct	Votive Mass for various needs Steve Tillotson, RIP Deceased members of the Pollard family
Sat 24 Oct	Our Lady on Saturday James and James Lawson, RIP Peter Willis, RIP
Sun 25 Oct	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Missa pro Populo Thanksgiving for all the people who pray for us: Donnelly and Brewer family Holy Rosary This will be the final Sunday "Holy Rosary" Gerard and Maureen Smith, 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 by request after Mass on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

November Prayers for the Departed

It will not be possible to distribute the traditional envelopes this year. Therefore if you would like to have a name of a loved one added to the list (and for whom occasionally Masses will be offered for and whom we shall hold in our daily prayers) preferably email either of the Parish Secretaries with the details or alternatively ring Maria and Sheila (work hours and telephone numbers in contact section). There is no need of a donation for this.

May all the departed find eternal rest in Christ.

Interim Daily Liturgical Timetable for November

Monday	• 9:15am - MASS (PJ)
Tuesday	• 9:15am - MASS (HC)
Wednesday	• 9:15am - Holy Hour: Rosary, Exposition and Benediction (HC) • 6:15pm - MASS (PJ)
Thursday	• 9:15am - MASS (HC) • 6:15pm - Holy Hour: Rosary, Exposition and Benediction (PJ)
Friday	• 9:15am - MASS (PJ)
Saturday	• 9:15am - MASS (HC)

Please pay close attention to the above and make other people aware of the minor changes.

We shall continue the current interim liturgical timetable of **Sunday Masses** and **Confession slots** during November (but this will be renewed for December).

Holy Mass will continue to be **live-streamed** from HC during November (unfortunately the lack of WiFi and poor 4G signal at SsP&J does not permit this).

We extend our continued appreciation to the volunteer **stewards** who make the above celebration of the sacraments and other liturgies possible.

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") should contact the Parish Secretary at HC.

Who Are All Those Saints in the Roman Canon?

A series written by Anon

The Saints after the Consecration:

Saint Agatha

Agatha was born in Sicily in about 231. Two cities of Sicily - Palermo and Catania contest the honour of her birthplace and claim her as patron saint. She was a holy virgin renowned for her nobility and wealth, as well as for her beauty and virtue. She dedicated her chastity and virginity to Christ. During a period of persecution of Christians she refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, was arrested, imprisoned and martyred in approximately 251 following brutal torture which included rolling her over burning coals and cutting off her breasts. Agatha is thus the patron saint of breast cancer patients, and she is considered to be a powerful intercessor when people suffer from fires. Her feast is celebrated on 5th February.

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.

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. The email address is: bedfordparishfamily@gmail.com

You may prefer to use the **QR code with the NHS Covid-19** App on your phone. The QR code 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*). The buildings are thus likely to be cold and people are asked to dress accordingly.

If you need to **speak** with either Fr Wayne, Deacon Crispin or Deacon Tony it may be easier by 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. This includes talking to the clergy after Mass.

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.

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 Holy Cross Church.



Fr Patrick Hutton has now retired from his post at **Christ the King Church** and it is our intention to send him a card to assure him of our continued prayers. If you would like to add your name (and indeed a short message) to this card please email either of the Parish Secretaries with your details; alternatively you may ring Maria and Sheila (working hours and telephone numbers below).

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: confirmation hchandpj@gmail.com. Deadline: **29th November**.

Note to Parents:

We will keep you updated on any developments by email.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Our joint community raised a fantastic £1,150 for **CAFOD's** coronavirus appeal this Harvest Family Fast Day (additional donations were made online and by text). Each and every donation will help as families in the world's poorest communities face chronic food shortages, malnutrition and poverty. Thank you for your generosity and please pray that our sisters and brothers around the world can survive, rebuild and heal. *Judy Buchanan*

Operation Christmas Child 2020

The **shoebox appeal** is still happening this year. Leaflets explaining how to fill a shoebox are available from both churches. Boxes may be left at both churches by 8th November at the latest. Donate online: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk. There will be an **Operation Christmas Child** donation box available at the end of Masses during the last two weeks in October. Donations will be used to buy boxes online. Any questions, phone Bernadette – on (01234) 772230.

World Mission Sunday

This Sunday, 18th October there is 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. Through your prayers you support missionaries everywhere in spreading the message of salvation and by your donations *Missio* can better respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. You may donate: 020 7821 9755; online: missio.org.uk/donate; cheque (payable to *Missio*) to: *Missio*, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU.

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