



# 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)

### Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Fr Wayne continues live-stream from Holy Cross Church

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| Sat 24 Oct | <b>St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr - Memorial</b><br>Peter Willis, RIP  |
| Sun 25 Oct | <b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Missa pro Populo<br>Thanksgiving for all the people who pray for us: Donnelly and Brewer family<br>Holy Rosary<br><b>This will be the final Sunday "Holy Rosary"</b><br>Gerard and Maureen Smith, RIP |
| Mon 26 Oct | <b>Ss Chad and Cedd, Bishops and Missionaries</b><br>Autumn Willow, RIP - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary<br>Peter Willis, RIP  |
| Tue 27 Oct | <b>Votive of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b><br>Kathleen Ann Spackman, RIP<br>Michael Flynn, RIP  |
| Wed 28 Oct | <b>Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles - Feast</b><br>SVP - Members, Associates and Supporters<br>Holy Hour (Rosary, Adoration & Benediction)   |
| Thu 29 Oct | <b>Votive Mass of Ss Philip and James</b><br>Holy Hour (Rosary, Adoration & Benediction)<br>All deceased Parishioners and Clergy  |
| Fri 30 Oct | <b>Votive Mass of Ss Philip and James</b><br>Gordon Hughes, RIP<br>Stephen May, RIP   |
| Sat 31 Oct | <b>Votive Mass of Ss Philip and James</b><br>Golden Wedding Anniversary<br><b>Rosary</b> (National Relay Rally)<br>Missa pro Populo   |
| Sun 1 Nov  | <b>All Saints, Solemnity</b><br>Catherine and Christopher Wright (Recently Married)<br>Mike and Barbara Norton<br>Missa pro Populo  |
| Mon 2 Nov  | <b>All Souls, Solemnity</b><br>Departed Parishioners<br>The Holy Souls in Purgatory   |

### 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

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.**

### Interim Daily Liturgical Timetable for November

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

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

We assure **Catherine and Christopher Wright** of our prayers following their recent marriage in SsP&J; *may the Lord bless them and strengthen their love for each other.*

It was naturally a cause of great sadness that we were unable to collectively observe **Ss Philip and James Day** in May with a celebratory Mass. As we were unable to transfer the solemnity to a Sunday we shall now have a triduum of celebrations to honour our Patron Saints on 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October. This leads into All Saints Day on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

As we honour our Patronal Saints, attached to each Consecration Cross is a gold rose with a prayer intention:

- For our Parish Family: Cherishing the Past, Celebrating the Present, Embracing the Future/For past parishioners (RIP) - *Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray*
- Blessings on our young people and Catholic Youth Minister
- Prayer for God's blessing upon our sacramental candidates
- Thanksgiving for the clergy and catechists of our parishes

*A series written by Anon*

### Who Are All Those Saints in the Roman Canon?

#### The Saints after the Consecration: Saint Lucy

**Lucy**, like Agatha, was a virgin and martyr from Sicily. She suffered martyrdom about AD304 in the great persecution of Christians in the reign of the emperor Diocletian. **Lucy** was born in Syracuse and came from a wealthy Sicilian family. Like many of the early martyrs, **Lucy** consecrated her virginity to God and she distributed her wealth to the poor. She is the patron saint of the city of Syracuse, of virgins, of the blind and of those suffering from eye injuries. In Italy she is known as **Santa Lucia** and her name is associated with light (It. luce; luccicare = to sparkle), and thus with sight. Some traditions say her eyes were especially beautiful, and medieval artists used this theme in their paintings of **Saint Lucy**. Other traditions incorporate **Lucy** as the bearer of light in the darkness of winter since her feast is celebrated on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

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:** We request that people participate in the optional "NHS Test and Trace" scheme; details in previous newsletters. Email is: [bedfordparishfamily@gmail.com](mailto: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 and to then turn off the heating and open the windows. The buildings are likely to be cold; people should 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.*

#### First Holy Communion 2021

Parents who are interested in finding out more information are invited to contact Sheila. Deadline: **this Sunday**.

#### Sacrament of Confirmation 2021

Details about the next Confirmation course will be available soon. Contact Stephanie: [confirmationhcandpj@gmail.com](mailto:confirmationhcandpj@gmail.com).

Deadline: **29<sup>th</sup> November**.

**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.

**FYI: HC Parish Office will be closed this Monday.**

#### Operation Christmas Child 2020

Leaflets explaining how to fill a shoebox are available from both churches. Boxes may be left at both churches by 8<sup>th</sup> November at the latest. Donate online: [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk). There will be an **Operation Christmas Child** donation box available at the end of Masses. Any questions, phone Bernadette – on (01234) 772230.

#### World Mission Sunday

Thank you very much for your donations to **World Mission Sunday** last weekend. Our parishes raised the truly magnificent sum of **£935**. Your prayers and financial contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need. Please pray for the work of Missio and for all those who endeavour to offer the love of Jesus to other people; that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ. To continue supporting the missionary work of the Church please visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) or call 020 7821 9755 (during office hours). It is not too late to make a financial contribution to **World Mission Sunday** by placing a donation in an envelope marked *Missio* and dropping this in the marked box near the exit of each Church.

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

**You may also donate at [bedford.foodbank.org.uk/](http://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](http://justgiving.com/fundraising/svpbedford)**

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

On Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> October we are all invited to participate in the **National Rosary Relay Rally**. There are four intentions which we are asked to hold in prayer:

- 1 - The spiritual well-being of the British Isles.
- 2 - The Church in our country.
- 3 - The conversion of the British people to Christ and their protection from evil, danger and sickness.
- 4 - The deliverance of the British Isles from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The designated hour for our Diocese is 9:00am to 10:00am and you are encouraged to pray the Holy Rosary at any point during this time (in private, in church, alone or as part of a group). Bishop David will lead the Holy Rosary in the Cathedral at 9:30am.

**The Rosary will be offered in HC (including via live-stream) immediately following the 9:15am Mass on that day.**

The culmination (Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November) of this British Isles spiritual bouquet will see Bishop John Keenan lead a Rosary of Thanksgiving at 8:00pm in St Mirin's Cathedral, Paisley.



Last Sunday I received Holy Communion for the first time. I was supposed to do so earlier in the year, when I was seven, but coronavirus happened so none of us could receive First Holy Communion then. I liked going to the classes on a Wednesday at Holy Cross and asking questions and learning all about Jesus and becoming more Catholic. A few of my family came to see me receive Holy Communion for the first time last Sunday. I felt a bit scared to go up to the front by myself, but once I had done it, I felt joy inside.

Thank you Joan, Stephanie and Fr Wayne, from **Alyssa**