

Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation

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Mass Intentions

Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (P&J) Prayers in Petition Boxes  
6.00 (HC) William Higgins RIP  
Prayers for Elizabeth

Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> 8.00 (P&J) Missa pro Populo  
9.15 (HC) Arthur Johnstone anniv  
11.00 (P&J) Penny & George Drewett

Mon. 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (P&J) Word and Communion

Tue. 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (HC) Word and Communion

Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (P&J) Word and Communion

Thu. 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (HC) Word and Communion

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (HC) Word and Communion

Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (P&J) Word and Communion  
6.00 (HC) Martin Hanlon

Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of Title and Dedication:  
Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
8.00 (P&J) Noel Whitworth  
9.15 (HC) Deceased HC parishioners  
Followed by brunch and lots of fun activities  
for all the family!  
11.00 (P&J) Missa pro Populo

**Missa pro populo** refers to the requirement of all Parish Priests to offer Mass for the people of the parish every Sunday and each Holyday of Obligation.

Readings This Week**First Reading:** Isaiah 35: 4 - 7**Psalm:** Psalm 145**Second Reading:** James 2: 1 - 5**Gospel:** Mark 7: 31 - 37Psalm Response*My soul, give praise to the Lord.*Gospel Acclamation*Speak Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.*Confessions

Saturday 10.00 - 10.30 a.m. (PJ) and  
5.15 p.m. (HC) or by arrangement or in case  
of need at any reasonable time.

Baptisms

**Luca Virgadamo, Arlo Patrick Banks,  
Jessica Erin Carolan & Liam James  
Carolan**

9<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00 p.m. (HC)  
Celebrant: Dcn Tony

### Morning Prayer of the Church

The Morning Prayer of the Church is recited before the 9.30 Mass each weekday. **Exposition and Benediction** Usually on Monday & Friday after 9.30 Mass, ending with Benediction at 10.30 a.m.

### Rosary

Rosary every Friday at 6.30 p.m. All welcome N.B. not 14<sup>th</sup> Sept.

### Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy resumes this Sunday. There will be the usual two groups, ages 3-5 and 6+. Please meet in front of the altar before the start of Mass. All children aged 3+ very welcome. There will be a meeting for helpers on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7.30 p.m. in the parish centre. We would love new helpers. No teaching experience necessary. Please come along to the meeting or contact Barbara (345935) for further information.

### Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation

In September the Pope asks us to pray for Young People in Africa; that they may have access to education and work in their own countries.

### Baptism Preparation Meeting - 18<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Holy Cross 7.30 p.m. led by Dcn Tony.

### Parish Feast Day

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. (and at the Vigil Mass) we shall be observing Holy Cross Day at all four Masses. The 9.15 a.m. Mass will be followed by brunch (with hot bacons rolls) with games and activities for the family.

### Thank You

To those who attended Mass in St John Rigby School and supported our Catholic teachers.

### SVP Meeting

17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 7.00 p.m. at Holy Cross.

### Modern Day Slavery: Conference

13<sup>th</sup> October, Luton. See poster for details.

### Confession

There will be no P&J 10.00 a.m. -10.30 a.m. Confession slot on 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. but there will be the **HC** Confession slot from 5.15 p.m. on these days (with a visiting Priest).

### Day of Reflection - 20<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Fr Derek Lavery SS.CC will be leading a Day of Reflection, 10.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. in P&J Parish Room. All welcome. Bring a packed lunch; drinks will be provided.

### Fundraising Variety Performance - EVC Uganda - Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept.

For details, see poster in the narthex. Buy tickets on the door or from Judi Fawcett 838134.

### Catholic Papers

As from next weekend we shall no longer be selling newspapers. Very few were being purchased and they have been a loss maker for the parish. Subscription forms which would enable anyone to order a copy of either paper to be delivered direct to them are available in the narthex. We apologise to those parishioners who did buy a paper each week. Any queries please contact the parish office.

### Holy Hour

The month of September in our Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation is focused on prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament. Accordingly Bishop Peter has written of how "delighted" he was to discover that so many parishes had arranged special Holy Hours and Forty Hours of Adoration (called "Quarantore"- "forty" corresponding to the number of hours Jesus spent dead in the tomb ) in order that people might be spiritually united with the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress (Adoremus) that took place during the second weekend of September. Therefore, thank you to everyone who took part in the special Adoremus Holy Hour within our community.

### Rosary Link for Vocations

14<sup>th</sup> Sept. 7.30 p.m. in Our Lady of Ransom Church, Kempston. All welcome!

### Youth Event! All Hallows Eve - 31<sup>st</sup> October

Help is needed to organise a Christian celebration of All Hallows Eve for our young people to be held at HC following a 6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass (fulfilling the All Saints Day Obligation on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.). We could encourage young people to dress-up as saints and to carve a cross into a pumpkin; we shall have glow-sticks and sparklers for use outside and fireworks are being arranged! We will have appropriately themed food with heavenly cakes and saintly sweets! This will help us to portray a positive alternative and the Christian origin to "Halloween": the word comes from "All Hallows Eve" which is the evening before All Hallows Day (commonly called All Saints Day). If you are able to assist with this please let Fr Wayne know ASAP.

### Retiring Collection

16<sup>th</sup> Sept. Home Mission Sunday.

### Sympathy

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stephen Lawson, RIP. The Funeral Liturgy for Stephen will take place on Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. in HC at midday. Refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the burial at Norse Road. Please pray for Stephen's father Jim at this very sad time. *Jesu Mercy. Mary pray.* On that day the liturgical timetable will be: Morning Prayer at 10.10, Mass at 10.30 a.m., Adoration at 11.00 a.m.

### Little Way Healing Ministries

Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10.45 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. Church of the Holy Child & St Joseph, Midland Road. Mass, Exposition, teaching, laying on of hands, prayer, testimony and song. Bring packed lunch.

### Pope Francis

Over the past weeks there has been a lot of justified anger expressed toward the various sexual scandals that have emerged amongst the clergy and seminarians across the world. We are rightly dismayed by the actions of those who are complicit in this atrocity by covering-up abuse. Many members of the clergy and laity are looking for answers, for appropriate swift action to be taken and for true repentance to be expressed. Please pray for all victims of sexual abuse and for an increase in holiness within the Sacred Priesthood and among those who are training for the ordained ministry. Pope Francis has responded to this situation in a letter addressed to the whole People of God; he calls on the Church to be close to victims in solidarity, and to join in acts of prayer and fasting in penance for such atrocities. Read the full letter at <https://www.Vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-08/pope-francis-letter-people-of-god-sexual-abuse.html>.

### Parish Secretary HC

Barbara is leaving her role as Parish Secretary on the 14<sup>th</sup> Sept.

### SVP: Going beyond Boundaries

"Let us do without hesitation whatever good lies at our hands."

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

At the St Vincent de Paul Society we are aware that poverty exists beyond where we can see. You may have noticed posters on the Parish notice board which highlight some of the places where you can find Members of the SVP helping others; such as prisons, care homes, hospitals or visiting people in their own homes. In some of these instances, being a Member of the SVP can be a challenge, but it is also rewarding work, finding those in need, giving our support with compassion, and responding where need is greatest.

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

#### **Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Dcn. Crispin, K. Goodwin, P. Hanway,  
M. Quinlan, S. Moubarak

#### **Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Dcn. Tony, A. Spina, J. Jarman, I. Mahona,  
T. Walsh

### Readers' Rota

#### **8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> September**

Sat. 6.00 O. Keaveney & G. McAuley

Sun. 9.15 S. & S. Baker

#### **15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> September**

Sat. 6.00 J. Trott & A. Melia

Sun. 9.15 M. Chappell & S. Davydaitis

### Offertory Collection

Offertory £1157.77 (£537.77 + £620  
standing orders)

### Church Cleaning

w/b 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. - Team B

w/b 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. - Team C

### Refreshments after Mass

After the 9.15 Mass on Sundays and after  
the 9.30 Mass on Tuesdays.

### Hospital Visiting

Due to Data Protection we no longer receive patients' names. If you know of someone who is a patient in Bedford Hospital and would like a visit from a member of the Chaplaincy Team please ring Fr. Malcolm (350628). However, whilst Fr Malcolm is recuperating due to ill-health, those in hospital (or their relatives) are asked to contact their own Parish Priest who will seek to provide sacramental care.

### New Parishioners - Welcome to Holy Cross

Please complete a "New Parishioners" form, found in the porch and return forms to the Parish office.

### Daily Homily

Daily homilies from Fr. Francis Maple at  
<https://fatherfrancismaple.co.uk/home>

## Prayer List

### The Sick

Frances Litchfield	Pia Tesaro
Lina Darbun	Rosemary Symes
Gillian O'Connell	Maria & Clive Tipple
Mimio Miraglia	Victoria Keenan
Ken Blackburn	Claire Noone
Gabriela Rehberger	Emiliana Quaranta
Emilio Valerio	Jim Lawson
Alan Church	Doreen Harlow
Jean Bowden	John Cavanna
Mrs. J. Turney	Billy Walsh
Mary Orr	Fred Ellis
Fr. John Warrington	Audrey Langridge
Sophie Robinson	Paula Pearce
Maria & Joe Ward	Geoff Bird
Sheila Radcliffe	Judi & Don Kores
Se Doyle	Malcolm Good

### Recently Deceased

Kay Covington	Stephen Lawson
Sheila Bamber	Frank Duke
Tom Slattery	Reg Wooding
	John Ray

### Anniversaries at This Time

Keith Richardson	Maureen Richardson
Hannah, Imelda, Teresa	Jim Doyle

### Others in Need of Prayer

Thomas family	Stella Good
Sullivan family	Cataldo family
Markie family	Palma family
Sylvia Blackburn	Brisco family
Val & Eddie Johnson	O'Brien family
Arzu family	Twort family
Abbott family	M. Wootton & family
Geraldine Moylan	Maria Hill
Tang family	Linda Roy
Miller family	Fensome family
Kumar family	Valerio family
Tengenesha family	

### Bedford Foodbank - Current Needs

Tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, UHT Fruit juice, jam, rice pudding, tea bags, jars of pasta sauce, and small bags of rice.

### Jumble Sales

Support our weekly Saturday morning jumble sales. There are brilliant bargains and all proceeds help our parish mission.