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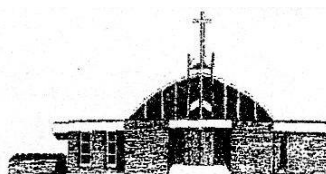
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- Sat. 6th 9.30 **(P&J)** Prayers in petition boxes
6.00 **(HC)** Keith & Maureen Richards
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- Sun. 7th 8.00 **(P&J)** Missa pro Populo
9.15 **(HC)** Raj Sohun RIP
11.00 **(P&J)** Laura Ward RIP
2.00 **Olney** SVP Mass
Celebrant: Fr Wayne
- Mon. 8th 9.30 **(P&J)** Timothy Walsh
- Tue. 9th 9.30 **(HC)** Marcus Wells anniv
- Wed. 10th 9.30 **(P&J)** Kay Gilbertson Mary Jones
RIP
- Thu. 11th 9.30 **(HC)** Stephen Lawson RIP
Prayers for Jim Lawson
- Fri 12th 9.30 **(HC)** No Mass: Diocesan Schools
Mass
- Sat. 13th 9.30 **(P&J)** Tony Tierney RIP
6.00 **(HC)** Tenuis Eileen Kerrigan RIP
- Sun. 14th 8.00 **(P&J)** Missa pro Populo
9.15 **(HC)** Paddy Malone RIP
11.00 **(P&J)** Matthew Espisto

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:** Genesis 2: 18 - 24**Psalm:** Psalm 127**Second Reading:** Hebrews 2: 9 - 11**Gospel:** Mark 10: 2 - 16**Psalm Response***May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.***Gospel Acclamation***Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.*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**Theodore Jax Iwanowski**28th October 1.00 p.m. at P&J

Celebrant: Dcn Crispin

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.

Booking Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for either Church should be booked through Maria (P&J Parish Secretary) and the stipend (that is, your financial offering) given either to Maria or Sheila. We are still working through the former P&J and HC Mass Intentions Diaries and there are a large number of outstanding Intentions for which Mass has not yet been offered; thus it may be necessary to send these to missionary Priests.

Rosary

Rosary every Friday at 6.30 p.m. All welcome

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is held every Sunday morning during term time. There are two groups; one for those aged 3-5 and one for 6+. All children over 3 are very welcome. Please meet in front of the altar before the start of the 9.15 Mass.

Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation

In October the Pope asks us to pray for Evangelization - The Mission of Religious; that consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

Baptism Preparation Meeting - 10th Oct.

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

Retiring Collection

7th Oct. CAFOD. Gift Aid envelopes available at back of church. The postponed Harvest Fast Day appeal will take place today.

Marriage Enrichment Day

Christ the King Church on 17th Nov. See poster or Deacon Crispin for details.

Day of Reflection - 20th Oct.

Led by Fr Derek Laverty SS.CC. (Recently appointed Vicar General of his Order). 10.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. in P&J Parish Room. Bring a packed lunch; drinks provided.

Pope Francis urges all the faithful to pray the Holy Rosary and the Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

The Holy Father has asked all Catholics to daily pray the Rosary and the St Michael the Archangel prayer (composed by Pope Leo XII) during the month of October. He encouraged this in order that the Church might shelter beneath the "mantle of the Holy Mother of God" and know the protection of St Michael against the forces of the Devil. The Pope said that such prayer could help the Church to become "more aware of the faults, the errors and the abuses committed in the present and in the past, and committed to combating without any hesitation, so that evil may not prevail". The papal statement also encouraged the offering of the ancient prayer of *Sub Tuum Praesidium*: "We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin." The month of October (like May) is dedicated to Our Lady. The prayer to St Michael the Archangel: "Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."

Diocesan Events

Avril Baigent will be leading a workshop about recruiting volunteers whilst also looking at succession planning. All are welcome to attend! 19th Oct. at Holy Cross. Also there will be a day focusing on the new data protection legislation. All welcome! Please see Fr Wayne for details.

CAFOD and Missio

Please support CAFOD's Family Fast Day (5th Oct.) and Missio's World Mission Sunday (21st Oct.) Hold them in prayer as they come together for a joint workshop on 11th Oct. where they will demonstrate their work.

Holy Cross Shop - 6th/7th Oct.

Open after Masses. Christmas stock of Advent calendars, cards and gifts on sale.

Sign up for Retreat

Goldington Churches Together 'mini-retreat'
Venue: the Stables Christian Centre (Bolnhurst, MK44 2ES) Sat. 13th Oct. 10.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. Theme: 'The Christ We Share'. Bring a Bible and something for the shared lunch. Cost £5. See the poster or sign-up sheet for information.

Chisen Quiz Night - 19th Oct.

7.30 p.m. Christ the King hall. Bring and share food. Raffle. Tickets £5 from Chisen team or ring Teresa on 07989506625.

Advance Notice

ALL SAINTS DAY - Holy Day of Obligation
31st Oct.: Vigil Mass & All Hallows Eve Party (HC) 6.00 p.m.

1st Nov.: Mass (St John Rigby School) 9.30 a.m. All welcome to attend!

1st Nov.: Mass (P&J) 7.30 p.m.

ALL SOULS DAY

2nd Nov.: Mass (HC) 9.30 a.m.

2nd Nov.: Mass (P&J) 7.30 p.m.

All Souls/November Envelopes to pray for our departed loved ones are available in the narthex. Making a financial offering for this is completely optional but if offered it is used for the mission of the parish.

Thank You

To all who attended the "Pizza and Beer" gathering after the Vigil Mass last weekend and to everyone involved in this project. Please pray that we might become the spiritual home to students from the local university campus.

Catholic Schools' Week 8th - 14th October

We may thank God we have so many good people and positive activity within our schools. They all contribute so much to the work and mission of Bishop Peter and the Diocese. Our Catholic Schools' Week is a celebration of all that we do. Please remember our schools: our young people and their families, all staff, Governors and Directors in your prayers.

World Mission Sunday & Red Box Day

We have our very own Red Box Day on the weekend of 20th/21st Oct. to coincide with World Mission Sunday. We would like all parishioners who currently have a Red Box to bring it along to one of the Masses that weekend. It doesn't matter whether your box is heavy or light, bring it along anyway. If you would like to know how much your box contains, please put a note to that effect inside. If you are likely to be away that weekend kindly bring your Red Box along next weekend. Thanks for your support.

Youth Event! All Hallows Eve - 31st October

Thanks to our volunteer helpers Sheila Allen, Keith Allen (fireworks!), Jo-Anne Middleditch (cakes), Barbara Doyle and Maria Quinlan. We still need help with food, children's activities, etc. See Fr Wayne.

Abortion Bill

SPUC has produced postcards so you can send a message to your MP urging them to vote against a dangerous abortion bill which is coming up in the House of Commons on 23rd Oct. The bill seeks to decriminalise abortion which would remove any effective legal protection for unborn babies and their mothers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Postcards available in the narthex.

Lourdes

You are invited to a presentation at Holy Cross on 22nd Oct. 7.30 pm, to find out about the work of HCPT in taking sick and disabled people on a fully accessible pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat. 6th October

Dcn. Tony, R. Symes, K. Goodwin, M. Quinlan,
P. James

Sun. 7th October

Dcn. Tony, B. & A. Wright, H. Nash, M. Orr

Readers' Rota

6th/7th October

Sat. 6.00 S. Whiterod & M. Clitheroe

Sun. 9.15 R. Kelly & A. Gillan

13th/14th October

Sat. 6.00 Youth Mass

Sun. 9.15 S. & S. Baker

Offertory Collection

Offertory £1164.56 (£544.56 + £620
standing orders)

Church Cleaning

w/b 8th Oct. - Team F

w/b 15th Oct. - Team A

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 Tesauro
Lina Darbun	Rosemary Symes
Gillian O'Connell	Maria & Clive Tipple
Mimio Miraglia	Victoria Keenan
Ken Blackburn	Claire Noone
Gabriela Rehberger	Emiliana Quaranta
Emilio Valerio	Doreen Harlow
Alan Church	John Cavanna
Judi & Don Kores	Billy Walsh
Sophie Robinson	Patricia Hutchinson
Maria & Joe Ward	Cora & Sean O'Brien
Mary Lombardo	Pam Cummins
Malcolm Good	Se Doyle
Jim Lawson	Marie Russell
Troy Miller	Anna Zussana
Mary Orr	Joan Turney
Tobi Okonlamou	

Recently Deceased

Stephen Lawson	John Ray
Christine Beardsell	

Anniversaries at This Time

Bryan Loveday	Nigel Good
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Others in Need of Prayer

Thomas family	Stella Good
Sullivan family	Cataldo family
Markie family	Palma family
Sylvia Blackburn	Brisco family
Val & Eddie Johnson	Shaun O'Flaherty
Arzu family	Twort family
Abbott family	Kumar family
Miller family	Fensome family
Valerio family	Reid family
Nzembela family	O'Brien family
Aboh family	Dan Pybus
Bryce	

Bedford Foodbank - Current Needs

Tinned chicken, tinned tuna, tinned fruit, tinned spaghetti hoops, UHT Fruit juice, UHT milk, squash, cup-a-soup, tinned rice pudding, tea bags, jars of pasta sauce, and small bags of rice.