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- Sat. 5th 9.30 (P&J) Prayers in petition boxes
6.00 (HC) David Beagent RIP
- Sun. 6th 8.00 (P&J) Louise Walton RIP
9.15 (HC) Bryan Loveday RIP
11.00 (P&J) People of the Parish
(Missa pro Populo)
- Mon. 7th 9.30 (SJR) Bedford Catholic Schools
St John Rigby School - All welcome
2.30 (Yarls Wood) Private
- Tue. 8th 9.30 (HC) Elena Fulco RIP
- Wed. 9th 9.30 (P&J) Ian Whitman
- Thu. 10th 9.30 (HC) Eileen Barron RIP
- Fri 11th 9.30 (HC) Charles Keenan RIP
- Sat. 12th 9.30 (P&J) All who are ill in both
parishes
(from HC and P&J SVP Conferences)
6.00 (HC) Ken Evans
- Sun. 13th 8.00 (P&J) People of the Parish
(Missa pro Populo)
9.15 (HC) Gavin family
11.00 (P&J) Ita Mullen

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.

Parish Priests must offer one Mass per weekend for their parish.

Readings This Week**First Reading:** Isaiah 60: 1 - 6**Psalm:** Psalm 1**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3: 2 - 3. 5 - 6**Gospel:** Matthew 2: 1 - 12**Psalm Response**

*All nations shall fall prostrate before you,
O Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation

*We saw his star as it rose and have come to do
the Lord homage.*

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**Ray Lee Luca Cook**3rd Feb. (HC) at 1.00 p.m.

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

All Mass Intentions should be booked through Maria (P&J Parish Secretary) and the voluntary stipend (your financial offering) given to Maria or Sheila, which is used for the parish.

Rosary

Rosary every Friday at 6.30 p.m. All welcome

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy resumes this Sunday when we shall celebrate the Epiphany. There will be the usual two groups, ages 3-5 and 6+. Please meet in front of the altar before the start of the 9.15 Mass. All children aged 3+ very welcome.

Baptism Preparation Meeting - 16th Jan.

Holy Cross 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. led by Dcn Tony.

SVP Meeting

Tue. 8th Jan. 10.30 a.m. at Holy Cross.

P&J Parish Secretary

Maria will not be in the office on 9th Jan.

Sympathy

Funeral liturgy: **Eileen Ord** - Mon. 7th Jan. (HC) 11.00 a.m. Funeral liturgy: **Elizabeth Patricia Barrett** - Mon. 14th Jan. (HC) 11.30 a.m.

Goldington Churches Together Meeting

At Priory Church on 9th Jan. at 7.30 p.m.

Pastoral Area Meeting

Held 11th Jan. at 7.30 p.m. at Holy Cross.

Taize Style Worship

St Mary's, Church Lane, Sun. 6th Jan. at 5.00 p.m.

Concert - 19th January

Ivel Handbell Ringers perform at Priory Church 7.30 pm. Tickets: £5 in advance or £6 on the door. For details phone 353523 or email office@priorychurch.org.uk

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Events

See poster in the porch.

Fri 18th Jan. Elstow Bunyan Christian Fellowship, High St. Elstow 4.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Hot drinks available.

Sat 19th Jan. Elstow Abbey, Church End Elstow 9.30 a.m. Service followed by tea/coffee & biscuits.

Sun 20th Jan. Elstow Abbey, Church End Elstow 6.30 p.m. Choral Evensong. Followed by light refreshments.

Mon 21st Jan. Shalom Wesleyan Holiness Church, Offa Rd. Bedford 12.30 p.m. Please bring your lunch and share fellowship.

Tues 22nd Jan. London Road Methodist Church. 7.00 p.m. Service followed by Fish & Chips! Please pre-order Fish & Chips via curate@elstow-abbey.org.uk (07922 487705)

Wed 23rd Jan. St John's Church, St John's St. 12 noon. Prayer Stations available from 11.15, service at 12 noon, followed by soup & bread lunch.

Thu 24th Jan. St Michael & All Angels, Barford Ave. 7.30 p.m. Compline, followed by tea/coffee. The Bedford Quakers have sent their regular invitation for any to join their mid-week Meeting for Worship on Thu 24th Jan. at 12.30 p.m. - 1.00 p.m. followed by a shared lunch. Location: 5 Lansdowne Rd.

Fri 25th Jan. Christ the King, Harrowden Rd, Bedford 12.30 p.m. Service. Drinks provided. Please bring your own lunch.

Refreshment Donations 2019

Monies given for coffee/tea after Mass will be given to Missio for one of its children's/youth projects.

Table Top Sale

Sat 12th Jan. Christ the King. 9.00 a.m. to noon. Entry 50p Refreshments available. For information call 965497

Mission Together

Throughout Christmastide people will be able to make a donation at the Christmas Crib (HC) or Jesse Giving Tree (P&J) to help Mission Together/Missio support some of the world's most deprived children. Bishop Peter is backing this national campaign. Recently this papal charity has made the following grants: Cambodia (7 projects): £26,935; South Africa (3 projects): £19,013; Sri Lanka (4 projects): £24,908; Kenya (5 projects): £23,766; Malawi (7 projects): £29,94; Myanmar (5 projects): £22,974. More than 20,000 of the world's most deprived children have been helped by Missio and will be helped directly by you through your offering.

Mary, Mother of God - New Year's Day Mass

I genuinely want to extend my sincere appreciation to all who attended Mass on 1st Jan. as together we prayed for God's blessing upon our pastoral endeavours in 2019. There was such a palpable sense of being together as the parish family that on times I was left without words; which is a rare occurrence! I know for many people being at Mass that day meant making sacrifices (a later lunch, less time with family, etc.) so I am most grateful for your presence. It was only after Mass that I discovered we had members of the Orthodox Church present as well as a family from Brazil! The flowers and decorated candle presented before the image of Our Lady were gifts from us as a token of our love for the Holy Mother of God and in request for her maternal prayer; one bouquet was from our two parishes and the other from our parish Clergy (Dcn Tony, Dcn Crispin and Fr Wayne) and parish Religious (Sr Mae and Sr Margaret). As we say in Wales: Blwyddyn Newydd Dda ein Harglwydd - Happy New Year of Our Lord! Fr Wayne

Epiphany Proclamation AD 2019

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and in the calendars as 25th December, many of the important liturgical celebrations of the Church year move (based upon the date of Easter Sunday). Easter Sunday changes each year and is always the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon" and thus falls between 22nd March - 25th April. In ancient times, before calendars were common (or Church newsletters were published!), most people did not know the dates of the major liturgical celebrations; as not attending Mass on a Holy Day of Obligation was (and remains) a mortal sin, it was important to know the dates! Thus began the tradition that on Epiphany Sunday, the upcoming major celebrations were "proclaimed" by a Deacon following the proclamation of the Gospel. We don't expect you to recall all the dates but this simple liturgical action links us with countless Catholic brothers and sisters across the centuries who have gone before us. Like the "Epiphany Blessing" (with chalk) the Liturgy Office of England and Wales encourages the restoration of the "Epiphany Proclamation" - 'its revival in many places would be opportune since it serves to make the connection between the Epiphany and Easter, and orientates all feasts towards the greatest Christian solemnity'. Copies of the Epiphany Blessing are in the narthex.

Hamper Raffle

The Christmas Hamper Raffle raised £295.95 for Holy Cross. Will the holder of ticket number 385 please contact Peter O'Flaherty or the parish secretary, Sheila.

Sr Ann RIP

Funeral Mass for Sister Ann at 11.00 a.m. on Wed 9th Jan. at Our Lady and St Lawrence Church, West Street, Olney, MK46 5HH. Burial at the local Cemetery, Olney.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat. 5th January

Dcn. Crispin, P. Hanway, M. Hulatt,
S. Moubarak, B. Doyle

Sun. 6th January

Dcn. Crispin, B. Bramwell, B. & A. Wright,
M. Johnson

Readers' Rota

5th/6th January

Sat. 6.00 J. Trott & A. Melia

Sun. 9.15 M. Makin & P. Commons

12th/13th January

Sat. 6.00 E. Ridley & L. Scozzari

Sun. 9.15 J. Jarman & M. Orr

Offertory Collection

Offertory £1223.72 (£603.72 + £620
standing orders)

Church Cleaning

w/b 7th Jan. - Team A

w/b 14th Jan. - Team B

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).

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>

The Catholic Community

Visit catholicbedford.wordpress.com to
find out about the Catholic community in
our area.

Prayer List

The Sick

Frances Litchfield	Pia Tesauro
Lina Darbun	Rosemary Symes
Gillian O'Connell	Maria & Clive Tipple
Mimio Miraglia	Victoria Keenan
Ken & Bernie Blackburn	Claire Noone
Gabriela Rehberger	Emiliana Quaranta
Emilio Valerio	Mary Orr
Alan Church	John Cavanna
Judi & Don Kores	Ann Walsh
Sophie Robinson	Joan Turney
Maria & Joe Ward	Marie Russell
Tyler Lappin	Paula Pearce
Rachel Miller	Billy Walsh
Amelia Abbott	Aaron Peace
Troy Miller	Patricia Hutchinson
Sean & Cora	Se Doyle
Kmiliana Anaranta	

Recently Deceased

Eileen Ord	Fred Ellis
Frank M ^c Inerney	Elizabeth Barrett
Sr Ann Tighe	Patrick Harte
Frances McFadden	

Anniversaries at This Time

Philomena Ann Quinlan	Elena Fulco
Jane & Michael Hogan	Rosetta Epifano
Rosa Torre	David Beagent
Jim Wells	Marcus Wells

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	Maria Hill
Abbott family	Fordham family
Hannon family	Peace family
Miller family	Lynne & Will
Luke & Debbie Davydaitis	

Bedford Foodbank - Current Needs

Tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned
tuna, tinned spaghetti, UHT fruit juice,
UHT milk, cup-a-soup, tinned rice pudding,
tea bags, jars of pasta sauce, jam, and small
bags of rice.