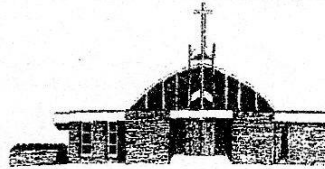


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Mass Intentions

Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (P&J) All who are ill in both parishes  
 (HC & P&J SVP Conferences)  
 6.00 (HC) Ken Evans  
 Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> 8.00 (P&J) People of the Parish  
 (Missa pro Populo)  
 9.15 (HC) Gavin family  
 11.00 (P&J) Ita Mullen  
 Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (P&J) Simon Tierney  
 (prayers for Mayse Flynn)  
 Tue. 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (HC) Clive Bishop RIP  
 Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (P&J) Fr Jonathan Hill birthday  
 Thu. 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (HC) Simon Tierney  
 Fri 18<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (HC) Bernard Tucker RIP  
 Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (P&J) Mrs Mullen  
 6.00 (HC) People of the Parish  
 (Missa pro Populo)  
 Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> 8.00 (P&J) Private Intention (CRD+MB)  
 9.15 (HC) Doreen, Stephen, James  
 (Offered for repose of souls)  
 11.00 (P&J) supporters of the  
 Jesse Giving Tree

**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 42: 1 - 4. 6 - 7  
**Psalm:** Psalm 28  
**Second Reading:** Acts 10: 34 - 38  
**Gospel:** Luke 3: 15 - 16. 21 - 22

**Psalm Response**

*The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."*

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**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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 - 16<sup>th</sup> Jan.

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

### Sympathy

Funeral liturgy: **Elizabeth Patricia Barrett:** Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. (HC) 11.30 a.m.

### Concert - 19<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the concert, at Priory Church, by The Ivel Handbell Ringers from Sandy is having to be postponed, new date to be confirmed; possibly early March.

### First Holy Communion

Please hold in your prayers our First Holy Communion candidates who this Saturday celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) for the first time. Please also pray for their parents and catechists.

### SVP Surplus Gift Sale with Children's Candlemas Activity

Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb., after 11.00 a.m. Mass, in the Parish Room (P&J), with fun for the children whilst you browse. See flyer in the narthex.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Events

See poster in the porch.

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

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

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Jan.** Elstow Abbey, Church End Elstow 6.30 p.m. Choral Evensong. Followed by light refreshments.

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

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:curate@elstow-abbey.org.uk) (07922 487705)

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 12.30 p.m. - 1.00 p.m. followed by a shared lunch. Location: 5 Lansdowne Rd.

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Jesse Tree/Crib Appeal

This weekend (12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> Jan.) is the last opportunity to make a donation to the Jesse Giving Tree (P&J) and Crib Appeal (HC). Once counted the amounts raised will be published in the newsletter.

### Our Seminarians

On the 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. our 4<sup>th</sup> year seminarian Liam Castle graduated with a Degree in Fundamental Catholic Theology from the University of Birmingham. Liam will apply to be admitted as a Candidate for Holy Orders during the early part of 2019. Please hold Liam and Daniel Rooke (in his 5<sup>th</sup> year of seminary) in your prayers as they continue in their journey with Christ and His Church to Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood.

### SPUC White Flower Appeal

SPUC is holding its annual White Flower Appeal on 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion. Please be as generous as you can.

### SPUC Christmas Raffle

Winners: HX: hamper - Lionel (no surname), Prosecco - Stella G, Christmas pudding - Vaughan Phillips. P&J: hamper - Fr Wayne, Prosecco- Jane Caldwell, Christmas pudding - Alan White

### Diary Dates

A week of Guided Prayer is being organised for the parishes of SS Phillip and James and The Holy Cross. This will take place from 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> February. Please make a note in your diaries. More details to follow.

### Thank You

A really big "thank you" to those members of the parish family who joined us for Mass last Monday in St John Rigby Catholic School! Here we continued our observance of the Epiphany and asked the Lord to bless the School at the start of a new term.

### Prayers & Fasting

On Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. This is the day before the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Good Counsel Network, for details of our live saving work see: [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

### Sympathy

The Funeral Liturgy of Margaret Dickinson RIP will take place in ss P&J on Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 10.30 a.m. The Funeral Liturgy of Joanne Espie RIP will take place in ss P&J on Thu. 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 12.30 p.m. The Rite of Reception of the Body (followed by private family prayers) will take place on Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. at 4.00 p.m. Please hold in prayers all family and friends who grieve and also pray for the happy repose of the souls of Margaret and Joanne.

### Catholic Marriages in 2019

Those who are hoping to be married in either Church (and those who are to be married in another parish) are requested to make contact with Fr Wayne and Dcn Crispin ASAP. All such engaged couples will be expected to participate in a (Pastoral Area wide) three session marriage preparation course beginning in March (details of which will be provided by Dcn Crispin). It will also be necessary to meet with Fr Wayne in order to undertake the necessary paperwork and where appropriate to plan the liturgy. Please hold in your prayers those engaged couples who are preparing to enter into a Catholic marriage.

### Yarl's Wood

Pastor Lonnie and the residents of Yarl's Wood IRC were really appreciative of the two car-boots full of items (DVD's, CD's, craft items, etc.) that were donated to the centre as well as the many Christmas cards they received. The one item the team is short of at present is notebooks; if you have any to spare these can be left in Church and they will be taken to the centre. Mass is celebrated for residents each Monday at Yarl's Wood and each time they appreciate being assured that they are held in our prayers.

### Quiz Night

At Christ the King. Fish & Chip Supper. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.30 p.m.

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

#### **Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> January**

Dcn. Crispin, R. Symes, P. Hanway, M. Hulatt,  
P. James

#### **Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> January**

Dcn. Crispin, P. Commons, J. Leydon,  
I. Mahona, J. Buchanan

### Readers' Rota

#### **12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> January**

Sat. 6.00 E. Ridley & L. Scozzari

Sun. 9.15 J. Jarman & M. Orr

#### **19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> January**

Sat. 6.00 M. & S. Ferreira

Sun. 9.15 A. Gillan & R. Kelly

### Offertory Collection

Offertory £1213.86 (£593.86 + £620  
standing orders)

### Church Cleaning

w/b 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. - Team B

w/b 21<sup>st</sup> Jan. - 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).

### 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](http://catholicbedford.wordpress.com) to find  
out about the Catholic community in our  
area.

## Prayer List

### The Sick

Frances Litchfield	Pia Tesaro
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	Mary Flood
Sophie Robinson	Joan Turney
Maria & Joe Ward	Marie Russell
Rachel Miller	Paula Pearce
Amelia Abbott	Billy Walsh
Sean O'Brien	Aaron Peace
Mrs C. Keenan	Se Doyle
Colin Woren	Lucy Walker
John McCready	

### Recently Deceased

Eileen Ord	Margaret Dickinson
Sr Ann Tighe	John Flood
Tyler Lappin	Louise Childs

### Anniversaries at This Time

Jim Wells	Marcus Wells
Monica Phillips	

### 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	O'Brien family
Abbott family	Ford family
Hannon family	Tumulak family
Miller family	Pasquale Nonatelli
Luke & Debbie Davydaitis	B. Wooding

*Please print **full names** clearly on the prayer list  
so they can be included here without errors.*

### 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.