

Our Parish Family: Cherishing the Past· Celebrating the Present· Embracing the Future

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*The First Holy Communion Candidate I
 will pray for:*

Mass Intentions

Sat. 9th 9.30 (P&J) Marcus Wells
 6.00 (HC) People of the Parish
 (Missa pro Populo)

Sun. 10th 8.00 (P&J) Baby Korey and
 Baby Elemue RIP
 9.15 (HC) Kevin David Severs
 11.00 (P&J) Sick of Both Parishes

Mon. 11th 9.30 (P&J) Sister Wendy Beckett
 Jesu Mary pray

Tue. 12th 9.30 (HC) Eileen Ord RIP

Wed. 13th 9.30 (P&J) Daniel Gerald Thomas

Thu. 14th 9.30 (HC) John (Jan) Zielinski RIP

Fri 15th 9.30 (HC) Eileen Ord RIP

Sat. 16th 9.30 (P&J) Robert Steele
 6.00 (HC) Angela & Bill Letch

Sun. 17th 8.00 (P&J) People of the Parish
 (Missa pro Populo)
 9.15 (HC) Melges Family
 11.00 (P&J) Repose of the soul of
 Margaret Dickson

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 6: 1 - 8
Psalm: Psalm 137
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11
Gospel: Luke 5: 1 - 11

Psalm Response

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from my Father.

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

Amber Boyden & Dominic Ace Meredor
 10th Feb. (HC) at 1.00 p.m.
 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.

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 - 19th Feb.

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

Sympathy - Your Prayers Please

Funeral liturgy of Michael Roach at 1.30 p.m. on 21st Feb. (P&J). Funeral liturgy of Moira Crouch at 1.00 p.m. on 1st March (HC). Please pray the repose of their souls and for all who grieve at this time.

Lent 2019

Please take a copy of the Lent arrangements from the narthex.

Seminarian News

Our seminarian, Liam Castle, is currently in the Holy Land from where he sends the assurance of prayer and most particularly so from the tomb of St James in Jerusalem.

White Flower Appeal 2019

SPUC send their thanks for the sum of £192.50 raised by Holy Cross.

Ecumenical Lent Course

The weekly gathering will be based around the book 'Rediscover Jesus' by Matthew Kelly. The book reading guide (also with details of other ecumenical events during Lent) and associated posters, which have lots more details about the Lent Course, are available in the narthex. The book reading guide can be taken home; this may be useful for those wanting to privately take part in the Lent Course if they are unable to attend the group sessions. We meet at 1.30 p.m. on 14th, 21st & 28th March and 4th & 11th April in the Parish Room P&J. Wednesday evening sessions held at Priory Methodist. The course will conclude with a Bring and Share supper (5.00 p.m.) and café-style worship (6.00 p.m.) on Sun. 28th April at Priory Methodist.

Dementia Awareness Concert

Children's Concert on 27th Feb at 5.00 p.m. (HC) to raise awareness of people with Dementia in the parish and to raise funds to support them to attend Mass. Any children who wish to join the concert are more than welcome. Rehearsals every Wed. 5.00 - 6.00 p.m. Please contact Mel Grady for information or for tickets.

Is this for you or for someone you know?

St Scholastica's Retreat - Open Day - Sat. 16th Feb. The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £491pcm - more information on the poster and from The Warden: Deacon Seán Duffy - Princes Risborough (01844) 344437. Email: info@stscholasticas.co.uk www.stscholasticas.co.uk

Forty Days - Forty Items!

A way of donating items no longer used to a good cause is suggested on page 7 of (the green) Priory News at the back of our church.

Stations of the Cross (each Friday of Lent)

These will be led by lay people. We are looking for five groups or organisations to lead these on 15th, 22nd & 29th March and 5th & 12th April. Such groups or organisations could include: SVP, Leprosy Mission, SPUC, Guadalupe Guardians, Extra-Ordinary Minsters of Holy Communion, Readers, flower arrangers, cleaners, etc. Assistance from the clergy will be freely offered if desired. If your group or organisation would like to lead Stations of the Cross on one of the above Fridays please contact the P&J Parish Secretary ASAP.

SVP Lent Retreat - 23rd March (HC)

2:00 p.m. (prompt) - Welcome

2:05 p.m. - St Vincent de Paul's Way of the Cross

2:45 p.m. - Tea/Coffee

3:15 p.m. - Anointing of the Sick

4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass (fulfils the Sunday Obligation and is open to everyone).

5:00 p.m. - Light Supper in the hall

5:15 p.m. - Sacrament of Confession

6:00p.m. - Vigil Mass (fulfils the Sunday Obligation

People are welcome to arrive from 1:30 p.m. when the Holy Rosary will be offered for members and beneficiaries of the SVP (living and departed).

Thank You

We thank George Tasker, Joan Kedward, Margaret Wells and Elizabeth Ridley for attending the recent Divine Renovation conference in Birmingham. Also thanks to those parishioners who visited our Cathedral for the Our Lady of Walsingham Dowry Tour.

Thank you

After many years Isolde is stepping down from looking after the flowers by the statue of Our Lady in the church. Our sincere thanks to her for her devoted service for so long.

Candlemas Liturgy for HC and P&J Children

Last Sunday we linked Candlemas with the visit of the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham to Northampton Cathedral. Accordingly a temporary shrine to Our Lady of Walsingham was created as a focal point of prayer and before which the prayer-diaries of our First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates were left. As part of the Candlemas Liturgy the children and young people were given a rosary; undertook a procession around the Church; prayed a decade of the Holy Rosary and decorated a glass candle holder for a blue votive candle (which they took home to light in prayer). We witnessed one of our young people presenting flowers to Our Lady on behalf of the youth of the parishes. Amazingly, some of the children even stayed behind (yes, voluntarily!) after the liturgy ended to finish colouring-in their image of Our Lady of Walsingham and even helped to tidy up! You needed to be at the Vigil or 11.00 a.m. Mass to understand how the flag of Gallifrey (home planet of the Time Lords in Doctor Who) managed to find a place in events! To view photographs from the celebrations type the following into an internet search engine: "Holy Cross Church Bedford Facebook" (you don't need a Facebook account to view this).

Catholic Basics Course

Part Two: Church 11th April 10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. (9.30 a.m. refreshments). NORES Centre, Holy Ghost Parish, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD. To book, contact admin@nores.org.uk or phone Jackie 01582 723312. Part Three: The Moral Life 16th May. Part Four: Prayer 13th June. After a successful launch, join us for another day of engaging teaching with opportunities for interaction and discussion. Cost: £25 per person per day (£10 for the unwaged). Price includes a full lunch. No qualifications needed - just interest, good will and a sense of humour!

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat. 9th February

Dcn. Tony, K. Goodwin, M. Wells, M. Quinlan,
E. Ridley

Sun. 10th February

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

Readers' Rota

9th/10th February

Sat. 6.00 B. & P. Doyle

Sun. 9.15 P. Commons & M. Makin

16th/17th February

Sat. 6.00 K. Goodwin & A. Smith

Sun. 9.15 M. Orr & J. Jarman

Offertory Collection

Offertory £1147.25 (£527.25 + £620
standing orders)

Church Cleaning

w/b 11th Feb. - Team F

w/b 18th Feb. - Team A

Refreshments after Mass

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

Hospital Visiting

Fr Nathaniel is the Hospital Chaplain.
Contact St Joseph's (352569) if you or a
family member are in need of sacramental
care whilst in hospital. He will visit the
hospital each Friday to celebrate Mass in
the chapel at 12.30 p.m. before undertaking
sacramental visits.

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 & James Darbun	Rosemary Symes
Mimio Miraglia	Maria & Clive Tipple
Emilio Valerio	Victoria Keenan
Claire Noone	Emiliana Quaranta
Gabriela Rehberger	Mary Orr
Alan Church	John Cavanna
Pam Cummins	Joan Turney
Rachel Miller	Billy Walsh
Mary Flood	Amelia Abbot
Grace Carter	Jim Cunningham
Sophie Robinson	Aaron Peace
Maria & Joe Ward	Se Doyle
Mary & Chris Fitzsimons	Judi & Don Kores
Paula, Terry & John Pearce	Marie Russell

Recently Deceased

John Flood	Benny Sheridan
Moira Crouch	Dermot O'Connell
Tyler Lappin	

Anniversaries at This Time

Reg Wooding	Pasqualina Epifano
Slattery family	

Others in Need of Prayer

Thomas family	Stella Good
Sullivan family	Cataldo family
Markie family	Jones family
Sylvia Blackburn	Brisco family
Val & Eddie Johnson	Shaun O'Flaherty
Arzu family	O'Brien family
Abbott family	Kumar family
Hannon family	Maria Hill
Miller family	Pasquale Nonatelli
Ken & Bernie Blackburn	Palma family
P. Hill	McCormack family
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.