

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

### Holy Cross Parish Newsletter

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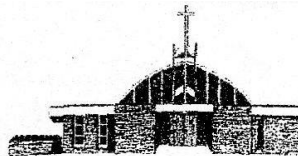
(Mass Intentions)

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#### Mass Intentions

- Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (P&J) Newsletter editors:  
In thanksgiving  
6.00 (HC) People of the Parish  
(Missa pro Populo)
- Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> 8.00 (P&J) David Irwin  
9.15 (HC) All who recently retired  
from liturgical or pastoral roles  
11.00 (P&J) Noel O'Hanlon
- Mon. 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (P&J) Gareth Boylan RIP
- Tue. 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (HC) Private Intention
- Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm (HC) First Holy Communion  
Candidates
- Thu. 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (HC) Private Intention  
In thanksgiving
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (HC) Eileen Ord RIP
- Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (P&J) Those preparing for Holy  
Matrimony  
6.00 (HC) Kate Williams
- Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> 8.00 (P&J) People of the Parish  
(Missa pro Populo)  
9.15 (HC) Liam Clarke RIP  
11.00 (P&J) David Irwin RIP

**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:** Deuteronomy 26: 4 - 10

**Psalm:** Psalm 90

**Second Reading:** Romans 10: 8 - 13

**Gospel:** Luke 4: 1 - 13

#### **Psalm Response**

*Be with me, o Lord, in my distress.*

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

#### 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

**Max Rafalel Kupidura**  
16<sup>th</sup> March (HC) at 12.00 p.m.  
Celebrant: Dcn Tony  
**Ava Izobella Thorman**  
17<sup>th</sup> March (P&J) 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; used for the parish.

### Rosary

Rosary every Friday at 6.30 p.m. All welcome

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

This Sunday we shall be starting our special Lent programme. This year's theme: "Listen and learn from Jesus". Each week the children will add some of their work to the display board at the front of the church. All children aged 3+ welcome. Please meet in front of the altar before the start of Mass.

### Baptism Preparation Meeting - 19<sup>th</sup> March

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

### Sympathy - Your Prayers Please

Funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of Anthony Morrish RIP at 11.30 a.m. on 13<sup>th</sup> March (P&J). *Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray*. Please also pray for all those that grieve at this time. St Josemaría Escrivá: Pray for those who mourn.

### SVP Meeting

12<sup>th</sup> March 2.00 p.m. at Bradgate Road.

### Lent Lunches on Tuesdays

Soup, bread, cheese and fruit will be served in St Mary's Hall on Tuesdays between 12.30 and 1.30 p.m. Starts 12<sup>th</sup> March, ends 9<sup>th</sup> April. All proceeds to Christian Aid.

### CAFOD Appeal

Appeal at Masses on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> March. Collection 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March.

### Catholic Bedford: Future Planning

Bishop Peter is aware of the heavy workload on our priests and has asked us to work together to plan for the future. Please write your ideas briefly and post them in a suggestion box at the back of the church, to be passed to the Bedford Pastoral Area Council. Suggestion boxes available until 17<sup>th</sup> March.

### Washing of Feet at Mass of Lord's Supper

Following the reforms of Pope Francis men and women can have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday; it was not licit to do so before the recent papal reforms. Still further, those people whose feet are washed no longer represent the twelve Apostles but reflect the brokenness and diversity of humanity and therefore the number is not limited to twelve. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the "washing of feet" please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex!

### Lent Course

Please come when you can. It is not essential to sign up. You can attend on a Thursday at Ss Philip & James at 1.30 p.m. until 11<sup>th</sup> April or on a Wednesday at Priory Church in Newnham Avenue, at 7.30 p.m. until 10<sup>th</sup> April. For details see leaflet or poster.

### Mass for First Holy Communion Candidates

There will be a Mass next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. at Holy Cross. This Mass is aimed at our First Holy Communion families but ALL in our parishes are encouraged and warmly welcomed to join in the celebration of the Eucharist with our First Holy Communion candidates and their families. There is neither Mass, nor Word and Communion or Morning Prayer next Wednesday due to the two other Masses being celebrated that day.

### Hearing Loop System

The new hearing loop system has been installed and is now functioning. It has cost £1,020. We hope that it is satisfactory

### Love and Serve the Lord

Are you still pondering how you might serve our parishes and so "Love and Serve the Lord"? Can you help a parishioner with a lift to and from Mass at the weekends? Then please consider joining a new rota offering lifts to Mass for parishioners who would otherwise be unable to join us in the weekend celebration of the Eucharist. If you can help and serve in this way, please contact HC Parish Secretary [holycrosschurch896@btconnect.com](mailto:holycrosschurch896@btconnect.com) to provide your details (stating which P&J or HC Mass you normally attend) and to receive more information on this new and increasingly vital ministry. Joan Kedward and George Tasker will be happy to talk to you further on this new service for our parishes.

### Holy Week Triduum

Together with Ss Philip & James, musicians and singers are combining to provide music for Holy Week which this year is at P&J. We would welcome any singers to come to our joint rehearsals. Every Tuesday 7.00 p.m. for an hour in the Church at P&J. We look forward to welcoming you.

### Full Time Youth Ministry Coordinator - NYMO

Offices are based in Luton, but the role will involve travel throughout the diocese. Support with relocation can be provided if necessary, the detail of which would depend on the needs of the candidate. For full details of the role, job profile and an application form visit [www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies) or call 01604 714840. Closing date: Tue. 26<sup>th</sup> March. Interviews: Tue. 9<sup>th</sup> April. Please pray for God's blessing on our recruitment of a Catholic Youth Minister (the process for which begins very soon).

### Holy Cross Shop

After Masses 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March.

### SVP Lent Retreat Day - 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Venue: HC.

1:30pm - Holy Rosary for members and beneficiaries of the SVP (living & departed)

2:00pm (prompt) - Welcome

2:05pm - St Vincent de Paul's Way of the Cross

2:45pm - Tea/Coffee

3:15pm - Anointing of the Sick

4:00pm - Vigil Mass (fulfils Sunday Obligation)

5:00pm - Light Supper in the parish hall

5:15pm - Sacrament of Confession

6:00pm - Vigil Mass (fulfils Sunday Obligation)

NB: Sacrament of Confession - Three Priests will be available during the day to celebrate the sacramental mercy of God.

### Diocesan Mass for Married Life

Bishop Peter Doyle warmly invites you to The Diocesan Mass for Married Life, at St Mary's Catholic Church, Aspley Hill, Woburn Sands MK17 8NN on Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> April. Gathering 11.30 a.m. followed by Mass at 12.00 noon. Bishop Peter will give his pastoral blessing to those couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage i.e. 1, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 years etc. If you are celebrating such a milestone, please contact Eamonn & Paola McMorrow on 074121 51517 or at [mfl@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:mfl@northamptondiocese.com). All are very welcome to attend. Refreshments available after Mass.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. On 15<sup>th</sup> March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help them? Through CAFOD's global Church network your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please collect your Fast Day envelope and give whatever you can. If you are a tax payer please do fill in the Gift Aid slip.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Dcn. Crispin, R. Symes, K. Goodwin, P. James, P. Hanway

**Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Dcn. Crispin, H. Nash, I. Mahona, T. Walsh, J. Buchanan

Readers' Rota

**9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> March**

Sat. 6.00 L. Scozzari & E. Ridley

Sun. 9.15 S. & S. Baker

**16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March**

Sat. 6.00 S. & M. Ferreira

Sun. 9.15 M. Makin & P. Commons

Offertory Collection

Offertory £1151.65 (£531.65 + £620 standing orders)

Church Cleaning

w/b 11<sup>th</sup> March - Team D

w/b 18<sup>th</sup> March - Team E

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 12.15 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 Tesaro
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
Rachel Miller	Joan Turney
Sophie Robinson	Billy Walsh
Maria & Joe Ward	Jim Cunningham
P. Hill	Patsy Peachey
Paula & Terry Pearce	Jes Ashpole
Se Doyle	Judi & Don Kores
David Merry	Marie Russell
Cherry Keenan	Tony Ward
Margaret Wells	B. & P. Ford
Mike O'Hara	Honor Houghton

Recently Deceased

Anna Marie Keeshan	Anthony Morrish
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Anniversaries at This Time

Mary Carroll	Mary T. Wright
Declan Carroll	Mark Platt
Annie & Reg Chappell	

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	Maria Hill
Miller family	Brian Wright
Ken & Bernie Blackburn	Peace family
Palma family	Ford family
Tumulak family	

Bedford Foodbank - Current Needs

Tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned tuna, tinned fruit, 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, washing up liquid, laundry washing tablets, shower gel, deodorant, shampoo, multi-purpose cleaning spray.