

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

Holy Cross Parish Newsletter

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Mass Intentions

Sat. 13th 9.30 (P&J) Mary O'Mahoney Birthday

6.00 (HC) Eileen Ord RIP

Sun. 14th **Palm Sunday**

8.00 (P&J) People of the Parish

9.15 (HC) Janet Lichfield RIP

11.00 (P&J) Ada G. Wrightson RIP

Mon. 15th 9.30 (P&J) Tony Morrish

recently deceased

Tue. 16th 9.30 (HC) Mary Thomas RIP

Wed. 17th 9.30 (P&J) Tony Morrish

recently deceased

9.30 (HC) Funeral Mass: Mary Severs

Thu. 18th **Maundy Thursday**

11.00 (Cathedral) Chrism Mass

7.30 pm (P&J) Mass of the Lord's Supper First

Holy Communion candidates of both parishes

Fri 19th **Good Friday**

10.00 (HC) Children's Stations of the Cross

12.00 (P&J) Interactive Stations of the

Cross (for the family)

3.00 (P&J) Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

Missa pro Populo

7.30 pm (HC) Mary's Way of the Cross

(Walsingham)

Sat. 20th 8.00 pm (P&J) Easter Vigil

John Harrington

Sun. 21st **Easter Sunday**

8.00 (P&J) Josephine Hodgkiss (int)

9.15 (HC) Sheila & Keith Allen 40th

wedding anniv.

11.00 (P&J) Jerry Lennon RIP

Readings This Week

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4 - 7

Psalm: Psalm 21

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6 - 11

Gospel: Luke 22: 14 - 23: 56

Psalm Response

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation

Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.

Confessions

Holy Saturday 10.00 - 11.00 a.m. (PJ)

Baptisms

Oscar Mikolaj Madera - Calvert &

Alice Sylvia McCarthy

28th April (HC) at 1.00 p.m.

Celebrant: Dcn. Crispin

Baptism Preparation Meeting - 16th April

Holy Cross 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. led by 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 week we shall be celebrating Palm Sunday with our customary procession when children dress up as followers of Jesus and wave real palms. Meet in the Parish Centre not in the front of the church. Please could children arrive by 9.00 so that there is time to prepare for the procession. All children aged 3+ very welcome. On Good Friday morning there will be a children's Stations of the Cross, with activities, at 10.00, followed by refreshments. There will be a Children's Liturgy session on Easter Sunday with an Easter Egg Hunt after Mass.

Transport

Free return transport available from HC to P&J for those wanting to attend our joint celebration of the Sacred Triduum. To secure your place on the mini-bus contact Sheila (Parish Secretary) ASAP.

SVP Meeting

Monday the 29th April at 7.00 p.m. (HC).

Gift Aid Boxes

Those that have not picked up their Gift Aid boxes contact Margaret Wells (404891 or 07931338344) to arrange delivery.

Collection 19th April - Good Friday Collection for Holy Places.

Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne for young Adults (20s and 30s)

From 24th - 28th April. A time to walk along part of St. Cuthbert's way, reflect and pray with other young adults and spend time on the beautiful island of Lindisfarne. Accommodation is in a basic bunkhouse near St Cuthbert's cave. Cost - £85 to cover food and accommodation. For more information email lynnefcj@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook (FCJ Young Adult Network)

Easter Lilies

If you would like a lily in remembrance of a loved one by the altar at Holy Cross over Easter, please put £2 in an envelope, with the name of the loved one on the front, and place it in the Offertory collection baskets. Those for whom a lily has been donated will be remembered in the prayers of Intercession at the Eastertide Masses.

Vacancy Parish Youth Minister: Bedford Full Time

We are delighted to advertise the role of Catholic Parish Youth Minister in the parishes of Ss Philip and James and Holy Cross. This is a rare and exciting opportunity for a practising Catholic, with the right skills and experiences, to support and develop local young people in their faith and relationship with their parish. Full details of the role can be found by visiting www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or calling the diocesan HR Advisor on 01604 714840. Closing date: 3rd May.

Thank You

We offer a heartfelt "thank you" to the small merry band of missionary disciples who over the last two weeks have folded cards, prepared envelopes, stapled cards to newsletters, etc. and thus have enabled our parishes to undertake a small missionary activity for Holy Week. Well done to each of them!

Be Our Guest at our Alpha Courses

Start Tue. 23rd April. Email Sheila at holycrosschurch896@btconnect.com and let us know your name, contact details and which Alpha session you will be attending: P&J 1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. or HC 6.30 p.m. till 8.30 p.m.

Join our Palm Sunday Procession - 14th April.

Starts Goldington Tesco car park 2.30 p.m. ends with short service by Goldington Green war memorial at 3.00 p.m. Followed by refreshments (HC).

Advance Notice!

This year we shall be celebrating the feast of Pentecost again with Cakes from around the World. Further details next month, but please note the dates: 8th/9th June after the 6.00 p.m. and 9.15 a.m. Mass

Confirmation Enrolment

Candidates for Confirmation must be in Year 8 or above this Sept. For details, look out for our new Sacramental Leaflet which will soon be available.

Easter Collection for Yarl's Wood

Place Easter eggs in the box provided. Send religious Easter cards reading "From a friend at Goldington Churches Together" addressed to "A friend at Yarl's Wood". Donations for Easter Eggs or religious bracelets can be placed in a marked envelope and put in the offertory collection basket.

'The Passion' DVD

Mel Gibson's film will be shown at P&J on 15th April after Rosary at 1.30 p.m. Film to start at 2.30 p.m. All welcome

Mass for Victims and Survivors of Abuse

At St Mary's in Woburn Sands at 12 noon on 12th October. All victims and survivors of abuse, their families and supporters are invited to this Mass. The focus will be on healing, reconciliation and the forming of compassionate links with the Church. There will be light refreshments after the Mass.

ALPHA Registration Forms

Available in the narthex for parents desiring First Holy Communion preparation for their child. If your child will be in Year 3 or above in Sept. '19 and you would like them to receive First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2020, priority consideration will be given to applications from parents who have attended our parishes' Alpha gatherings. See the Sacramental Preparation poster in the Narthex.

Wow, what a *really* pleasant evening!

My thanks to those people from both our churches who recently attended an Alpha 'training' session at P&J! I say 'training' as I have never attended such an enjoyable work-related gathering before; both the company and the food were great! I will look forward to more 'training' sessions if they are going to be like this! Alpha follows the same pattern as the above gathering with always great: food, videos and conversation. Do consider coming along to the first session (details on the invitation card attached to newsletter) and what is more, bring a friend! When asked why the Catholic Church is promoting the use of Alpha I always offer the same answer as Vincent Cardinal Nichols, namely: It helps US grow in Faith and it RENEWS the Church. Fr Wayne

United Service - 28th April

People who attended our Lent course and others are invited to a United Service at Priory Church on Sun. 28th April. We will have a bring-and-share meal at 5.00 p.m. and café style worship at 6.00 p.m.

The Joy of Easter

Thu. 25th April at 6.30 p.m. at St Thomas More School performance hall. The celebration will finish at approx. 7.30 p.m. with refreshments in the school canteen. If you are able to attend please contact the number on the poster.

Holy Cross Shop

13th/14th April after Masses.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat. 13th April

Dcn. Crispin, K. Goodwin, P. Hanway,
M. Hulatt, P. James

Sun. 14th April

Dcn. Crispin, J. Leydon, C. McEwan,
I. Mahona, J. Buchanan

Readers' Rota

13th/14th April

Sat. 6.00 O. Keaveney & G. McAuley

Sun. 9.15 M. Chappell & S. Davydaitis

20th/21st April

Sat. 6.00 NO MASS AT HOLY CROSS

Sun. 9.15 M. Orr & J. Jarman

Offertory Collection

Offertory £1191.37 (£571.37 + £620
standing orders) SVP £708.06

Church Cleaning

w/b 8th April - Team B

w/b 15th April - Team C

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 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>

Marriage Preparation

Anyone planning to marry in the Church
should meet with Fr Wayne 6 months prior
to the proposed date of the wedding.

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
Ann Kelly	Joan Turney
Chris Hall	Cherry Keenan
Sophie Robinson	Billy Walsh
Sé Doyle	Judi & Don Kores
Paula & Terry Pearce	Marie Russell
Lynn O'Brien	Amelia Abbott
Elaine MacKay	Maria & Joe Ward
Grace Carter	Sheila Hanway
John Hughes	Jes Ashpole
Patsy Peachey	Mickey Lowe

Recently Deceased

Mary Severs	Pasquale Nonatelli
Sister Teresa Ryan	David Merry

Anniversaries at This Time

Addie O'Loughlin	Virginia Moubarak
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Others in Need of Prayer

Thomas family	Stella Good
Cataldo family	Maddison Good
Sullivan family	Maria Hill
Markie family	Arzu family
Sylvia Blackburn	Palma family
Shaun O'Flaherty	Sean Johnstone
Margaret & David Verney	Peace family
Val & Eddie Johnson	Jean Adams
Ken & Bernie Blackburn	O'Brien family
M & B Elford	Abbott family
Hannon family	Patricia & family
Michelina & Emilio 50 th anniversary	

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.