



Please remove your mask *before* the Sacred Host is placed in your hand

Third Sunday of Easter

The live-stream from HC is at www.mcnmedia.tv

Sat 17 Apr	Saturday of Easter	
5:30pm HC	<i>Missa pro Populo</i>	
Sun 18 Apr	Third Sunday of Easter	
8:30am HC	Prince Philip, RIP	
	Queen Elizabeth and the Royal Family	
10:15am PJ	The Greaves Family	
Mon 19 Apr	Monday of Easter	
10:15am PJ	Marie Toner, RIP	
Tue 20 Apr	Tuesday of Easter	
10:15am HC	Ann and Hal Cawley: good health	
Wed 21 Apr	St Anselm, Bishop and Doctor - Memorial	
10:15am HC	Holy Hour: Exposition, Benediction and Rosary	
Thu 22 Apr	Thursday of Easter	
10:15am PJ	Keith Fuller, RIP	
Fri 23 Apr	St George, Martyr, Solemnity	<i>Not a day of fasting and abstinence</i>
	Patron of England	
10:15am HC	Gillian Loveday, RIP	
Sat 24 Apr	Saturday of Easter	
10:15am PJ	The recently departed of HC and SsP&J	
5:30pm HC	William and Monica Pattin, RIP	
Sun 25 Apr	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
8:30am HC	<i>Missa pro Populo</i>	
10:15am PJ	Easter Lily/Flower Dedications	

If you would like **Holy Water** to have in your home please bring a bottle of water with you to Mass and the clergy will gladly bless it for you afterwards. Naturally, the blessing will be from a suitable distance!



Paschal Candle

As was mentioned last week into the blessed candle are inserted brass or wax studs ('pins') which contain incense. These are added in remembrance of the five precious wounds of Christ which are said to be a source of 'sweetness' (hence the incense) for the Christian. The photograph has examples of wax studs

that we have found in our sacristies. The photograph also includes a metal bee; **and more about that next week!**

We have **twenty-seven candidates** preparing for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** and would therefore like the same number of parishioners to pray for one candidate by their first name each day. Every Sunday, at the 10:15am Mass, a candle will burn in prayer for each candidate and their family and another candle will be lit for you. If you are willing to be a **"Prayer Partner"**, contact MariaTeresa (details below) ASAP.

Please also pray for the young people on our **Confirmation course**; these young Catholics are being wonderfully supported in their faith journey by Stephanie (our Catholic Youth Minister) and a number of volunteers.

With so many parish groups potentially wanting to use SsP&J, it is important to ensure there is no prior 'booking' before arranging a gathering (must be Covid-safe). Please consult MariaTeresa (details below) of when you may want to use the Church. *It is not possible to use the Parish Room at this time.*

Diocesan Mass for the Sick (live-streamed)

On this Saturday, 24th April at 3:00pm, Bishop David will celebrate a **Mass for the sick and housebound of our Diocese**. Attendance is by invitation only. You may participate in this Mass via the Cathedral live-stream. Catholic hospital chaplains have been invited to the Mass and therefore Deacon Tony would like to assure all who are unwell (in body, mind or soul), and with the housebound of our community, of his prayers at this special celebration. He will light a votive candle for you before the **Most Blessed Sacrament** on the day and will hold in prayer all the patients and staff at Bedford Hospital.

A very **Happy Eastertide** from Father Wayne, Deacon Crispin, Deacon Tony and Stephanie.

Father Wayne extends his sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the **Easter Offering** and/or who offered him gifts and cards.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Vivienne Jane de Fortuna**, whose funeral liturgy will be at Holy Cross on Thursday, 29th April. **Attendance is strictly by invitation only.**

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of **Mary Thomas (RIP)** on the Anniversary of her death: 18th April.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day

Thank you for your donations during Lent. The community vegetable garden that you helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that your very generous Fast Day donations have funded.

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**North
Bedford**
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED!

The new joint website for **Holy Cross Church** and
Saints Philip & James Church
is now available to view.

You can access the **North Bedford Catholic Community**
(NBCC) new joint parish website via the following link:

northbedfordcatholics.org.uk

Add it to your favourites!

Take a look at some of the new features.....

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community

Our
Parish
Team