

Our Parish Family:
Cherishing the Past,
Celebrating the Present,
Embracing the Future.



**North
Bedford**
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

*The North Bedford
Catholic Community of
Holy Cross Church and
Ss Philip and James Church*

March is dedicated to St Joseph

Sixth Week of Lent

Sunday Mass Cycle: Year B; Weekday: Year II; Psalter III

The live-stream from HC is at www.mcn.live

HC - Holy Cross Church; PJ/SsP&J - Ss Philip and James Church

Sat	23 Mar	Saturday of the Fifth week in Lent Holy Week
5:30pm	HC	Vigil Mass: <i>Missa pro Populo</i>
Sun	24 Mar	Palm Sunday - Holy Week
9:00am	HC	Mass: Peter and Mary McNulty, RIP
11:00am	PJ	Mass: Tina Tierney, RIP
Mon	25 Mar	Monday in Holy Week
10:15am	PJ	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tue	26 Mar	Tuesday in Holy Week
10:15am	HC	Mass: Ann Cawley, RIP <i>followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
Wed	27 Mar	Spy Wednesday in Holy Week
10:15am	HC	Mass: Deacons' and Priest's intentions <i>followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration to 11:30am</i>
		Easter Triduum
Thu	28 Mar	Maundy Thursday
7:30pm	HC	Mass <i>followed by The Watch until 11:30pm and concludes with Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Fri	29 Mar	Good Friday
11:00am	HC	<i>Stations of the Cross for children and family</i>
3:00pm	HC	Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday
7:00pm	PJ	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat	30 Mar	Holy Saturday
10:30am	PJ	Morning Prayer (Divine Office) <i>followed by Confession to 11:30am</i>
7:30pm	HC	Easter Vigil and Mass: <i>Missa pro Populo</i>
Sun	31 Mar	Easter Sunday
9:00am	HC	Mass: <i>Missa pro Populo</i>
11:00am	PJ	Mass: Ben Tierney intention

NB: We seek to open the Church **thirty minutes** before any Mass or liturgy

Holy Week in our parishes

Maundy Thursday, 28th March:

11:00am: Chrism Mass at the Cathedral *

* You are all encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be available after Mass in the St Thomas Centre. All welcome. In previous years, a minibus has been provided. However, this year, **if you need a lift**, contact Sheila at the parish office. If you are **able to offer a lift**, please also contact Sheila. Sheila will attempt to match one with the other.

Latin Rite at Ss Philip and James

This year, and with the permission of Bishop David, the FSSP will be celebrating the **Easter Triduum in the Latin Rite at SsP&J** for their community who will be travelling from places around and outside Bedford.

Thursday, 8:00pm PJ **Mass (Latin Rite)**
*followed by Adoration at the Altar of
Repose until midnight*

Friday, 3:00pm PJ **Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday**

Saturday, 7:00pm PJ **Easter Vigil and Mass (Latin Rite)**

Easter Celebrations

There are no Masses on Saturday until the Easter Vigil

Holy Saturday, 30th March:

7:30pm: Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at HC

Easter Sunday, 31st March:

9:00am: Resurrection of the Lord at HC

11:00am: Resurrection of the Lord at SsP&J

Fr Alex will be taking his **annual leave** for one month from the 8th April to rest and visit his family and friends. We are grateful to **Fr Patrick** who will celebrate the weekend Masses and to **Fr Galagi** who will be celebrating Masses on Wednesdays followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration to 11:15am at Holy Cross during the period **Fr Alex** is away. We are also grateful to **Deacon Tony** who will be doing the Liturgy of the Word and Communion on those days we will not be celebrating Mass. **Fr Alex** will be back on the 10th of May.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** and **Eucharistic Adoration** takes place on Wednesdays at HC after Mass until 11:15am and every Saturday from 11:00 - 11:30am in SsP&J.

Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence from eating meat

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Brenda Oakes, RIP**, whose Funeral Liturgy will be held in Holy Cross church on Wednesday, 3rd April at 12:30pm.

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of **Ann Ferry, RIP**, whose Funeral Mass takes place in Ss Philip and James church on Wednesday, 10th April at 12:30pm. Ann's coffin will be brought in for a 4:30pm Vigil service on Tuesday.

And please pray for the repose of the soul of **Cynthia Clements RIP**, whose Funeral Liturgy takes place in Holy Cross church, on Thursday, 11th April at 12:30pm.

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Items for the Newsletter to the editor, by the Sunday before publication. Tel: 07986 357 320; email: charlie.stallard@gmail.com



Pray & play
Stations of
the cross

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Diocesan Pilgrimage bookings are open

Bookings for our **two diocesan pilgrimages** to Northern France in 2024 and Rome/Assisi in 2025 have opened. www.northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage for information.

In preparation for the **Jubilee Year** and within this year of prayer, Bishop David and Canon John Udris will lead a **pilgrimage to Northern France**. From **15th to 22nd October**, you spend a few days in **Lisieux**, the home of St Therese, before travel on to **Chartres** for one night and finally, three nights in **Paris**. You will have the opportunity to stop and pray in the Church of **St Etienne de Rouvray, Rouen** where Fr Jacques Hamal was murdered celebrating Mass. For info: <https://northamptondiocese.org/france/> Bookings open.

As part of the **Jubilee Year 2025**, Bishop David will also lead a **pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi**. Whilst in Rome we will have the opportunity to pass through the Holy Door at **St Peter's Basilica**, visit the other major Basilica's and sights in the city. We will end our pilgrimage in the town of **Assisi**. This pilgrimage will take place from 27th March – 3rd April 2025. All are welcome and bookings are open. See the website: <https://northamptondiocese.org/rome-and-assisi/>

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock and Co Mayo, 26th May 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in the 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with dinner, bed and breakfast; Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick and Ashford Castle. Single supplement on enquiry. Phone Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278, 07740 175557 or knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

The Becket Festival

The festival will take place over the weekend 6th - 7th July 2024 at Northampton Cathedral. On Saturday, 6th July, Mass will begin a daily program at 11.00am. We hope that each pastoral area will consider transport to enable parishioners to attend on this day. A program for the weekend will be available in the next few weeks.

What is CASPAR?

The diocese recognises the challenges we face effectively communicating outside of Sunday Mass announcements. Alongside this, they have been seeking a way of ensuring GDPR compliance through all parishes and diocesan departments. **CASPAR** is a digital solution program which begins as a parish database. Parishes in our diocese are already using Caspar and reaping many benefits from it.

Parish Registration

We will soon be using a new computer system to help us manage our parish better. It starts with us making sure that we have up to date contact information for all of our parishioners and so we would be grateful if you could complete the registration form by clicking on the relevant QR code below or by typing the relevant link into your browser. If you don't have an email address, please speak to the parish who can complete the form on your behalf.



North Bedford CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FAMILY FOOTBALL FUN
Come and join the fun on Bank Holiday
Easter Monday 1ST APRIL

IMPORTANT NOTICE
CAN ALL PLAYERS including linesmen & refs please be at Holy Cross Church Hall to sign in at 12.15 before we go across to the field.

female & male participants welcome

PIC:COLLAGE

Northampton Diocese

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT
APR 16 - MAY 21

GOD'S LOVE 16 APRIL
Dr. Maria Heath

SALVATION 23 APRIL
Fr. Emmanuel Okami

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST 30 APRIL
Pauline Gray

RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS 7 MAY

HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT DAY 18 MAY
Pentecost Saturday
Ros Powell

GROWTH & TRANSFORMATION 21 MAY
Jenny Baker & Fr. Pius Amoako

for more info visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2024/>

Scan QR code to register

Life in the Spirit

Evenings begin with teas/coffees and welcome from 6:30pm; praise and worship from 7:00pm to 7:30pm with talks lasting 30 minutes, starting at 7:30pm. Music and talk will be live-streamed to hubs from the Cathedral. Small group sharing will also take place in the hubs at: Aylesbury, Milton Keynes, Cranfield, Luton, Slough, Corby, and **Bedford**. See our previous newsletter for details.

Repositories

The Repository in SsP&J is open before and after Mass on Sundays and has a supply of **Easter cards**.
The HC Repository is open before and after Mass, in the narthex on the last weekend of the month.

The Chisen Foundation Easter Raffle to raise funds to help with the completion of the **'HOUSE OF HOPE'** in Ghana ends next week. Tickets will be on sale this Sunday, 24th March in the church narthexes. With your continued help, we can move to the completion of the **HOUSE OF HOPE**.

St. Vincent's

Together, we can make a difference

Open every Tuesday

From 1:00pm to 3:30pm

Holy Cross Church Parish Hall, 355 Goldington Road, Bedford MK41 0DP

