

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*

April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit

Third Week of Easter

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

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

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

Sat 13 Apr **Saturday within the Octave of Easter**
5:30pm HC **Vigil Mass: *Missa pro Populo***

Sun 14 Apr **Third Sunday of Easter**
White Flower Appeal - SPUC
9:00am HC **Mass: Nick - intention**
11:00am PJ **Mass: Christopher Steven Norton, RIP**
Lillian Ivy Norton, RIP

Mon 15 Apr **Monday of Easter**
10:15am PJ No liturgy
Tue 16 Apr **Tuesday of Easter**
10:15am HC No liturgy
Wed 17 Apr **Wednesday of Easter**
10:15am HC **Mass: Teresa Rentle, RIP - Anniversary**
followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration to 11:15am

Thu 18 Apr **Thursday of Easter**
10:15am PJ No liturgy

Fri 19 Apr **Friday of Easter**
10:15am HC No liturgy

Sat 20 Apr **Saturday of Easter**
10:15am PJ Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
followed by Eucharistic Adoration
5:30pm HC **Vigil Mass: James, John, Robert and**
Christopher Donnelly, RIP

Sun 21 Apr **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
9:00am HC **Mass: Margaret Duggan & family - intention**
11:00am PJ **Mass: *Missa pro Populo***

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

Propers for Third Sunday of Easter

Responsorial Psalm:

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.

Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Whilst Fr Alex is away, the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** and **Eucharistic Adoration** takes place on Wednesdays at HC only with Fr Galeji from The Holy Child and St Joseph.

In Fr Alex's absence, we give a warm welcome back to our parishes for **Fr Patrick Hutton**, celebrating weekend Masses.

Fundraising event for Youth Ministry

We are holding an **'Alternative Race Night'** on Saturday, 11th May after the Vigil Mass at Holy Cross church. Tickets will be going on sale the weekend of the 20th/21st April. We will be saying a few words about the event this coming weekend after each Mass. See the colourful poster overleaf.

Facebook

For those of us who are forever looking at our phones/tablets/PCs/Laptops please be aware that our Catholic Community Facebook page has been resurrected. Follow us on: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthBedfordCC>



Pray and Play resumes next **Tuesday, 16th April at 6:30pm** in Ss Philip and James Church for children aged 6 plus. For Faith and Fellowship - COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN!

Children's Liturgy at SsP&J
There will be a meeting with the children's liturgy team on Thursday, 2nd May at 6:00pm in Ss Philip and James church to get things started. It is not too late for you to volunteer and anyone interested in this valuable ministry would be welcome to attend. The first children's liturgy at Ss Philip and James church will be Sunday, 12th May.

Parish Musicians

Our diocesan liturgy commission music section will host a day for singers, choirs and instrumentalists on Saturday, 11th May at Thomas Becket Catholic School in Northampton. The cost is £10 for adults and free for those under 18's (who must be accompanied by an adult). Bookings and information: northamptondiocese.org/courses/diocesan-music-day/

There is **NO Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion** this week as Deacon Tony is away on holiday. Maria is also away; the Parish Office will not be open on Tuesday, 16th April.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sharon Carroll, RIP**, whose Funeral Liturgy will take place in Holy Cross church, on Tuesday, 23rd April at 12:45pm.

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of **John Bernard McDonagh, RIP**, whose funeral liturgy will take place in Holy Cross church on Tuesday, 30th April at 1:00pm

Our Priest is Fr Alexander Ibe, SMMM: Presbytery, 2 Severn Way, Bedford MK41 7BX

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Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSR): **HC**; Shirley Whiterod 07955 670543 and **SsP&J**; Ann-Marie Blaney 07867 757598

Website: northbedfordcatholics.org.uk (Contact the Webmaster through the contact form on the website)

Parish Secretary HC, Sheila Allen (Mondays and Thursday: 9:00am - 12:00pm) Tel: (01234) 353116; parish.holycross@northamptondiocese.org

Parish Secretary Ss P&J. Mariateresa Quinlan (on holibobs 😊) Tel: (01234) 353116; Parish.SsPhilipandJames@northamptondiocese.org

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



SUMMER CAMP
dates for your diary!

Monday, 5th till Friday, 9th August 2024
At Holy Cross Church, Bedford

For Faith, Friendship and Family Fun.
For children aged 6 plus.

PRAY and PLAY

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. Details see previous newsletter.

Diocesan Pilgrimage - details see newsletter: 24 March
Bookings for our **two diocesan pilgrimages** to Northern France in 2024 and Rome/Assisi in 2025 have opened.
www.northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage for information.

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**. For info: <https://northamptondiocese.org/france/> Bookings open.

Bishop David will also lead a **pilgrimage to Rome and 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/>

Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda

We are looking for a new volunteer Gift Aid Secretary. Gift Aid is an important part of our income. If you are interested, please contact Ted Fawcett, Chairman, for more details. Tel: 01234.838134 or 07561 424 486

NBCC ALTERNATIVE RACE NIGHT FOR ALL

save the date
Saturday 11th May in the Holy Cross church hall at 7.00pm

Fund raising for youth ministry



Bring your own drinks

Tickets are ten pounds which includes a fish & chip supper
Ticket only available at five pounds

Bring some cash for raffle tickets & to place small bets on the horses

PIC•COLLAGE

Beetle Drive
FRIDAY 26th APRIL
7pm Start
Hot Dog Supper
£5 Adults ~Children free
Bring your own drinks
BOOK ONLINE
stmarygoldington.com

Fire Marshalls are required for both parishes. If you would like to volunteer, please contact your parish secretary before 30th April. The duties are not onerous and training will be provided. It is not the job of the Fire Marshal to tackle fires, they merely have to make sure everyone is out of the building and to communicate with the fire service should they be called.

8th June 2024

NORTHAMPTON DIOCESE
WOMEN IN MINISTRY GROUP
INVITE YOU TO
The Gathering. 3
10 AM - 4 PM

An opportunity to reflect on women, their calling and vocation, their gifts and ministries, their voice in the synod. A chance to listen, pray, share and reflect.

ST MARY'S, WOBURN SANDS, BUCKS, MK17 8NN

<https://northamptondiocese.org/women-in-ministry/>
or
For more information email: helen.burgess@northamptondiocese.org

The **online Rosary Group** meets from 8:00am to 8:20am weekdays on Zoom. ID: 833 1504 6319 Password: Rosary

The **Rosary and Divine Mercy Group** meets in SsP&J each Monday at 1:45pm. Divine Chaplet, Rosary, tea. Luvrly!

Repository in SsP&J is open every Sunday; in HC open before and after Mass on the last weekend of the month.

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.

Holy Cross, Bedford
www.caspar.church/me?ID=55969

Ss Philip and James, Bedford
www.caspar.church/me?ID=55971

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