



April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit

Fourth Week of Easter

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

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

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

- Sat 20 Apr **Saturday of Easter**
5:30pm HC **Vigil Mass:** James, John, Robert and Christopher Donnelly, RIP
- Sun 21 Apr **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Good Shepherd Sunday
9:00am HC **Mass:** Margaret Duggan & family - intention
11:00am PJ **Mass:** *Missa pro Populo*
- Mon 22 Apr **Monday of Easter**
10:15am PJ Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
- Tue 23 Apr **St George, Martyr - Solemnity**
Patron of England
9:15am PJ* Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
- Wed 24 Apr **Wednesday of Easter**
10:15am HC **Mass:** Sylvia Gillard, RIP
followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration to 11:15am
- Thu 25 Apr **St Mark, Evangelist - Feast**
10:15am PJ Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
- Fri 26 Apr **Friday of Easter**
10:15am HC Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
- Sat 27 Apr **Saturday of Easter**
10:15am PJ Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
followed by Eucharistic Adoration
5:30pm HC **Vigil Mass:** *Missa pro Populo*
- Sun 28 Apr **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
9:00am HC **Mass:** Bryan Loveday, RIP
11:00am PJ **Mass:** Josephine Morrell, RIP

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

Propers for Fourth Sunday of Easter

Responsorial Psalm:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone

Gospel Acclamation:

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration

is on Wednesdays only, after Mass at HC with **Fr Galeji**.

Fr Patrick Hutton is celebrating Mass this weekend.



The Regina Caeli (English)

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For he, whom you did merit to bear,
alleluia.
Has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary,
alleluia.
R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAY AND PLAY IS BACK!

Tuesdays, 6:30pm in Ss Philip and James Church. A joyous time was had by all as the church building resounded with Eastertide Alleluias, on Tuesday, when the children and their families learned and prayed the **Regina Caeli**.

For children aged 6+

Come along for fun, faith and friendship!

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 still not too late for you to volunteer and anyone interested in this valuable ministry would be very welcome to attend.

The first children's liturgy at SsP&J will be Sunday, 12th May.

On Saturday, 27th April, the 56th anniversary of legal abortion in Britain, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. Normally we would ask you to fast from all food except bread and water for the day, but as it is still Easter, you might choose instead to fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting, support.

www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

In case you have not seen it, here is The Catholic Herald short article by Clare about the Pro-Life struggle and why fasting and prayer are so important:

<https://catholicherald.co.uk/can-pray-and-fasting-really-make-any-difference-when-it-comes-to-abortion/>

* Please note the **change of time and venue** for the **Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion** on **Tuesday, 23rd April**.

Deacon Tony is leading a service for Sixth-Form leavers from St Thomas More School afterwards at 10:15am.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sharon Carroll, RIP**, whose Funeral Liturgy will take place in Holy Cross church, this 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

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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



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 are open.
www.northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage for information.

Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda

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

Weekly Collections (four-week months):

February 2024:

Holy Cross: £1934.38p
Ss Philip and James: £1350.83p

March 2024:

Holy Cross: £2275.80p S/Orders: £3936
Ss Philip and James: £1634.86p S/Orders: £1936

Easter collection: £3639.86p

Margaret Wells still has boxes of envelopes which have not been collected. Please contact her direct on: 07931 338344

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

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

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:
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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.

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

