

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/May to Mary, Mother of God

Fifth 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 27 Apr **Saturday of Easter**
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
- Mon 29 Apr **St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor - Feast**
9:15am* PJ Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
- Tue 30 Apr **Tuesday of Easter**
10:15am HC Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
- Wed 1 May **Wednesday of Easter**
10:15am HC **Mass:** Sylvia Gillard, RIP
followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration to 11:15am
- Thu 2 May **St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor - Memorial**
10:15am PJ Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
- Fri 3 May **Ss Philip and James, Apostles - Feast**
Patronal Festival
10:15am HC Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
- Sat 4 May **The English Martyrs - Feast**
10:15am PJ No liturgy
5:30pm HC **Vigil Mass:** Ken and Dorice Curtis, RIP
- Sun 5 May **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
9:00am HC **Mass: *Missa pro Populo***
11:00am PJ **Mass:** Betty and Leslie Foster RIP
11:00am HC **Baptism:** Allegra Stella Palma Altieri
Celebrant: Deacon Tony Quinlan

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

Propers for Fifth Sunday of Easter

Responsorial Psalm Holy Cross:

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

Responsorial Psalm Ss Philip and James:

You are my praise, O Lord, in the great assembly

Gospel Acclamation:

Make your home in me as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration

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



Pray and Play

Tuesdays, 6:30pm in Ss Philip and James

For children aged 6+

Come along for fun, faith and friendship.

Children's Liturgy at Ss Philip and James

A final reminder that there will be a meeting of the children's liturgy team this Thursday, 2nd May at 6:00pm in Ss Philip and James to get things started.

The first children's liturgy at Ss Philip and James will be Sunday, 12th May.

CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food



packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

* Please note the **change of time** for the **Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion** on **Monday, 29th April**. Deacon Tony is to lead a Funeral in the Crematorium afterwards.

We thank **Fr Galeji Mulupuri** and **Fr Patrick Hutton** for celebrating Masses in our parish community.

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

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. Luvverly!

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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

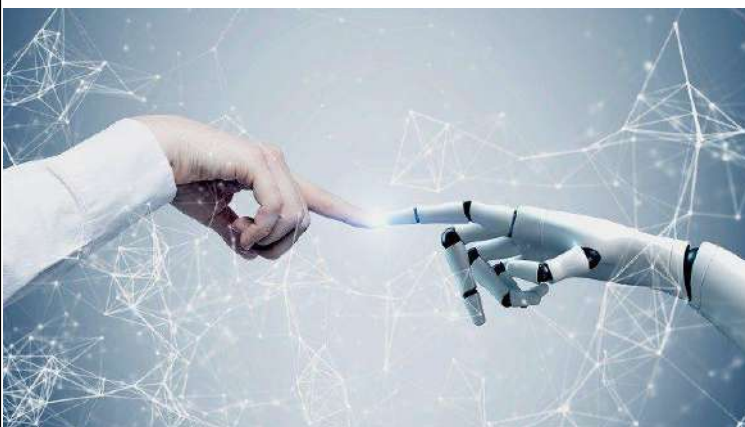
For Faith, Friendship and Family Fun.
 For children aged 6 plus.
PRAY and PLAY

Northampton Diocese
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT
 APR 16 - MAY 21
SEMINARS

- GOD'S LOVE** 16 APRIL (In-person)
Dr. Maria Heath
- SALVATION** 23 APRIL (In-person)
Fr. Emmanuel Okami
- NEW LIFE IN CHRIST** 30 APRIL (In-person)
- RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS** 7 MAY (In-person)
Pauline Gray
- HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT DAY** 18 MAY (In-person)
Pentecost Saturday
Ros Powell
- GROWTH & TRANSFORMATION** 21 MAY (In-person)
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.



“Artificial intelligence and wisdom of the heart: for a fully human communication” is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the 58th World Communication Day this year. From the Holy See Press Office announcing the theme: *“The evolution of artificial intelligence systems makes it ever more natural to communicate through and with machines, so that it has become increasingly difficult to distinguish computation from thought, and the language produced by a machine from that generated by human beings.”*

There will be a retiring collection the weekend 11/12 May.

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

The **Repository** in SsP&J is open on Sundays and has a new supply of FHC Cards and Gifts. The HC Repository is open in the narthex on this, the last weekend of the month.

Lost gold coloured girls/ladies ring
 Found at SsP&J and is on the windowsill in the sacristy.

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/

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

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

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