

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

Second 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 6 Apr **Saturday within the Octave of Easter**
5:30pm HC **Vigil Mass:** Kate Williams, RIP - Anniversary

Sun 7 Apr **Second Sunday of Easter**

Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00am HC **Mass:** Barbara Mary Dixon-Spain, RIP

11:00am PJ **Mass:** *Missa pro Populo*

2:30pm PJ **Divine Mercy Liturgy**

Mon 8 Apr **The Annunciation of the Lord - Solemnity**

10:15am PJ Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Tue 9 Apr **Tuesday of Easter**

10:15am HC Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Wed 10 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 11 Apr **Thursday of Easter**

10:15am PJ Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Fri 12 Apr **Friday of Easter**

10:15am HC Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Sat 13 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 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

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



Divine Mercy Sunday: 2:30pm at SsP&J

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Silent adoration until 2.55pm with

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Divine Mercy Chaplet

The 3:00pm prayer

Rosary

Concludes at 3:30pm with Benediction

EASTER VIGIL



Alleluia! He is Alive!

Fr Alex, Deacon Crispin and

Deacon Tony continue to offer their prayerful support and best wishes to everyone during this Eastertide.

I sincerely appreciate your wonderful and earnest contributions towards the success of our Liturgical celebrations during the Easter Triduum: the Choir, organists, Readers, stewards, flowers arrangers, cleaners, sacristans, Easter Garden decorators, those that helped with veiling and unveiling the crucifixes and statues and the Easter Fire, the secretaries, Altar Servers, Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharistic and all who appreciated the Holy Week liturgies.

I also extend my sincere appreciation to all that contributed to the Easter offering and those that offer cards and gifts. May God bless you all! *Fr Alex*

Propers for Second Sunday of Easter

Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for his love has no end

Gospel Acclamation:

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

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.

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

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

And 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.

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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 (In-person)
Dr. Maria Heath

SALVATION 23 APRIL (In-person)
Fr. Emmanuel Okami

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST 30 APRIL (In-person)
Pauline Gray

RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS 7 MAY (In-person)
Pentecost Saturday
Ros Powell

HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT DAY 18 MAY (In-person)

GROWTH & TRANSFORMATION 21 MAY (In-person)
for more info visit
Jenny Baker & Fr. Pius Amoako
<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 - see last week's newsletter
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/>

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.

The Trustees of the **Chisen Foundation** would like to thank everyone who supported their recent Easter Raffle. The amount raised was a magnificent £500 which will go towards the building of The House Of Hope. The First Prize was won by the **Blaney Family** and the second prize by **Maureen Brewer**. Thank you once again for your continued help and support. The **Repository** in SsP&J is open before and after Mass on Sundays. The HC Repository is open before and after Mass, in the narthex on the last weekend of the month.

Christ the King Craft and Gift Fair

On Saturday, 13th April from 1:00 to 4:00pm at Christ the King Church Hall, Harrowden Road
This forms part of the Bedford Borough Welcoming Spaces Free entry, Free Tea, Coffee, Squash and Biscuits. There is a cash cake stall and raffle for TASC (the Ambulance staff charity) Contact - support@phoenix-board-games.co.uk



Family Football Fun!

It was a day filled with happiness and joy as the NBCC came together to pray and socialize. It was a wonderful and successful event that started and concluded with prayers and awards to participants followed by refreshments in the hall. We thank in a special way the Social Event Committee and all who supported the event. Thanks to the organisers: Mike, Louise, Kathy and our Team Managers: Clare, Maria, Charlene and Louise. God bless you all.

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. Luvly!
Charismatic prayer group meets in SsP&J every **first and third Thursday** at **2:30pm** for prayer, fellowship and testimony. All are welcome. Let the Holy Spirit lead you to us.

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

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.

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

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