

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

The month of September is dedicated to the Our Lady of Sorrows

Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass Cycle: Year C; Weekday: Year 1; Psalter 4

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

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

Sat	13 Sep	Vigil of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
5:30pm	HC	Vigil Mass: Mathal Kaichiramattathil
Sun	14 Sep	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Solemnity
9:00am	HC	Mass: <i>Missa pro populo</i>
11:00am	PJ	Mass: Peter McPoland, RIP
1:00pm	PJ	Baptism: George Smith Celebrant: Deacon Tony Quinlan
Mon	15 Sep	Our Lady of Sorrows - Memorial
10:15am	PJ	Mass: Gary Ball, RIP
Tue	16 Sep	Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs - Memorial
10:15am	HC	Mass: Peter Morris, healing - SVP
Wed	17 Sep	Feria
10:15am	HC	Mass: Harvey Papper, RIP <i>followed by Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11:15am</i>
Thu	18 Sep	Feria
10:15am	PJ	Mass: Dalton family, RIP
Fri	19 Sep	Feria
10:15am	HC	Mass: Catherine Doyle, RIP
Sat	20 Sep	Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and their Companions, Martyrs - Memorial
10:15am	PJ	Mass: Dinah Keane, RIP <i>followed by Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11:30am</i>
5:30pm	HC	Vigil Mass: Patrick McVerry, RIP
Sun	21 Sep	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
		Evangelii Gaudium Sunday
9:00am	HC	Mass: Anne and Gerry Maxwell, RIP
11:00am	PJ	Mass: Jude Ibe, RIP - 1 st anniversary
2:00pm	HC	Baptism: Rory Hern Celebrant: Fr Alex Ibe, SMMM

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Never forget the deeds of the Lord!



Mass of Confirmation

We congratulate our children who celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation** last Thursday. Please continue to pray for them: **Leo, Zara, Lily, Ava, Amber, Tania, Tyler, Natalia, Wojtek, Naomi, James, Stephen, Ndidiamaka, Afonso, Gonçalo, Luca, Callan, Kian and Agata.** We extend our sincere **'Thank You'** to everyone who participated in this wonderful celebration: *the Choir, Altar Servers, flower arrangers, welcomers, catechists, cleaners, and those who helped in the hall with refreshments.* It was truly a joyful celebration and the Bishop attested to that and was happy. Thank you everyone for your effort and remain blessed.

An Evening of Music and Songs of Joy

There will be an evening of music and songs of joy in our united parish. It will be a happy evening filled with songs and hymns from our *united parish choir, SsP&J African Singers, our children and the Gospel Choir, and the Tansi Choir.* This will take place in Holy Cross church next Saturday, 20th September. There will be refreshments immediately after the vigil Mass and the concert will begin at 7:00pm. Tickets are still available: Adults £5, young people ages 5-18, £2.50 and under 5's free. There are donation boxes available on the night on behalf of the new sanctuary carpet for Ss Philip and James church.

Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on Wednesdays in HC after Mass until 11:15am and every Saturday from 11:00 - 11:30am in SsP&J.

Diary for our community

20th Sept @ 7:00pm

4th Oct @ 10:00am

14th Oct @ 7:00pm

Musical evening in Holy Cross
Jubilee Pilgrimage to St Joseph's
Details in the poster overleaf
Life in the Spirit in HC

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



Come and join the Bedfordshire
Pastoral Area
Jubilee Pilgrimage
Walking to the Jubilee Holy
Door at the Holy Child and St
Joseph Church Bedford
This will lead you to a
Jubilee Indulgence



Saturday 4th October 2025

Choose from the following meeting points
8.45 am at Christ the King Church, Bedford
8.45 am at Holy Cross Church, Bedford
9.40 am at the "Faces" statue, Silver St, Bedford



10 am arrive Holy Child & Saint Joseph Church
10.20 Rosary
10.45 Holy Mass followed by:
Fatima devotions, confessions & adoration



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LADY OF GUADALUPE WELCOMES

**LITTLE WAY HEALING
OUTREACH DAY**

Saturday 20th September 2025

Holy Child & St Josephs Bedford
2 Beccerton Rd, Bedford MK40 1HU

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord,
'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give
you hope and a future'
(Jeremiah 29:11)

10.45am Mass (10.15 am Parish Rosary)
11.20am Refreshments
(Parish Exposition and Confessions will
continue in Church until 12.30pm)
11.45am Little Way Talk in Guildroom
12.15pm Return to church/Benediction
12.30pm Lunch (bring packed lunch or sharing)
1.15pm Praise and worship / Talk
Healing Ministry
2.30pm Refreshments
2.50pm Talk / Healing Ministry
4.00pm Depart

Our Lady's appearance in Mexico in 1531 brought
about the peaceful conversion of millions of Aztecs
who ceased to practice human sacrifice

ONE OF 228 IMAGES COMMISSIONED BY POPE SAINT JOHN
PAUL II, TORCHES TO THE ORIGINAL IN MEXICO (FROM 1531)
AND BY DECREE OF THE CHURCH BEARS THE SAME GRACES

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**YOUTH
MASS!**

Calling everyone
aged 11-25

Christ the King, Bedford
October | 05 | 2025 | 3pm

Join us for an incredible youth Mass this October with
Bishop David! Come get involved in the Mass and
meet with Jesus, along with other teens & young
adults from the area. After Mass there will time to hang
out & get to know the Bishop.

On **September 15th** at 7.30pm come to Sacred Heart,
Flitwick to socialise & explore how you want to be
involved in the Youth Mass on **October 5th**.

To find out more, contact us at:
NYMO.admin@northamptondiocese.com

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Changes in our Liturgical activities:

In consultation with the diocese, the new weekday Mass times have been adjusted. Our weekday Mass times will take effect from November. We thank all who gave their suggestions and opinions by ticking the box provided in narthexes. From your suggestions many were in support of the slight liturgical changes. Consequently, from November, our weekday Masses will be as follows:

- Weekday Masses will begin at 10:00am from Monday to Saturday
- Lauds (morning prayer) will be said before Mass from 9:40am in Holy Cross Church on Tuesdays
- Lauds (morning prayer) will be said before Mass from 9:40am in Ss Philip and James on Thursdays.
- Evening Mass (for mainly working parishioners) will begin at 7:00pm on Thursdays in Holy Cross Church.
- Evening Mass (for mainly working parishioners) will begin at 7:00pm on Fridays in Ss Philip and James Church.

We remain grateful for your efforts and commitments.

Holy Cross Parish office

Holy Cross parish office will be closed for two weeks from this Thursday, 18th to Monday, 29th September.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mike O'Hara, RIP**, whose funeral liturgy will be held in Norse Road Crematorium this Thursday, 18th September at 4:00pm.

Please pray also for the repose of **Philip Raiswell, RIP**, whose funeral liturgy will be in Holy Cross Church at 2:00pm on Monday, 22nd September.

And please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Fr Derek Laverty SS.CC., RIP**, whose memorial Mass will be in Christ the King church on Friday, 3rd October at 7:00pm.

Fr Derek was one of the parish priests at Holy Cross church between 1991-1997. **Fr Chris McAneny** and **Fr Fergal Maguire** will concelebrate.

You may make donations in the same way as if using the **DONA** machines in the narthexes of our churches.

Holy Cross



Ss Philip and James



Northampton Youth Ministry Office (NYMO) are so excited to be holding a **Youth Mass and Social** on Sunday, 5th October at 3:00pm with Bishop David Oakley.

Come and join us at Christ the King church, where we will celebrate Mass and then spend some time together with snacks afterwards!

If you are interested in helping with the music/reading/general preparation for the Mass, we would love to see you in Sacred Heart church, Flitwick on Monday, 15th September at 7:30pm to make the necessary arrangements.

For information: holly.cook@northamptondiocese.org.

Radio Maria – Youth Competitions

Radio Maria is launching two exciting competitions for young people:

- **Young Presenter Competition** – schools and students can apply to host a monthly show on Radio Maria England.
- **Poetry/Song/Spoken Word Competition** – theme: "A Prayer for Christian Unity" (John 17:1–26). Winners will perform at a live showcase and receive the *Young Herald's Trophy*.

Deadline: 30th September (Feast of St Jerome)
Entry is free. For more information:

<https://radiomariaengland.uk/competitions-for-young-people/>

The Knights of St Columba will be making a short presentation at the end of all the Masses over next weekend, 20th/21st September, while also acting as Welcomers at all Masses.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

There will also be a retiring collection next weekend, 20th/21st September for the **Bishops' Conference: Evangelii Gaudium Sunday**.

St Vincent's

Together, we can make a difference

1:00pm to 3:30pm every Tuesday

Holy Cross Church, 355 Goldington Road
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