



Thirty-Second 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; STM - St Thomas More

Sat 8 Nov Vigil: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

5:30pm HC Vigil Mass: Catherine Doyle, RIP

Sun 9 Nov Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Feast
Remembrance Sunday

9:00am HC Mass: Missa pro populo

11:00am PJ Mass: Paul Cox - healing

Mon 10 Nov St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor - Memorial

10:00am PJ Mass: Oliver Woodcock - healing

Tue 11 Nov St Martin of Tours, Bishop - Memorial
Armistice Day

9:40am HC Lauds (Morning Prayer)

10:00am HC Mass: Colin Goldsborough Smith, RIP

Wed 12 Nov St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr - Memorial

10:00am HC Mass: Fr Derek Laverty, SS.CC, RIP
followed by Eucharistic Adoration and the
Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11:00am

Thu 13 Nov Feria

8:20am STM Mass: All staff and students

9:40am PJ Lauds (Morning Prayer)

10:00am PJ Mass: Brendan Cronin, RIP

7:00pm HC Mass: Les Leach, RIP

Fri 14 Nov Feria

10:00am HC Mass: Sarah Jane Gastón, RIP

7:00pm PJ Mass: Ann and Hal Cawley, RIP

Sat 15 Nov Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00am PJ Mass: Fr Wayne Coughlin - healing
followed by Eucharistic Adoration and the
Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11:30am

5:30pm HC Vigil Mass: Kevin David Severs, RIP

Sun 16 Nov Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Appeal for training of SMMM Seminarians

9:00am HC Mass: Mary Coblenz, RIP - 3rd Anniversary

11:00am PJ Mass: Missa pro populo

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

Responsorial Psalm: The waters of a river give joy to God's
city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

We will observe the National Two-Minute Silence
before our 11:00am Mass this Remembrance Sunday.

Act of Remembrance - Goldington Green

The Act of Remembrance will take place from 10:50am this
Sunday at the Memorial on Goldington Green. The service
is followed by refreshments in Holy Cross hall.

November List of the Dead

Throughout November, prayers and Masses are offered for
the happy repose of our departed loved ones. Please use an
envelope in the narthex or email names to Maria on:

Parish.SsPhilipandJames@northamptondiocese.org

Names of the departed will be placed before the Altar.

NBCC Youth Group

The next Youth group meeting is on Friday, 14th November
in Holy Cross hall at 6:30pm. Those aged 13 to 18 are
welcome. Come along to pray, reflect and have fun!

"Water of Life" prayer group

The next meeting Tuesday, 11th of November in Holy Cross
hall at 7:00 pm, after the Gospel choir rehearsal at 6:00pm.

Candidates enrolled for First Holy Communion

We ask parishioners to consider being Prayer Sponsors this
year. This entails a promise to pray for named candidates
throughout the programme. Please email Clare Connolly at
catechist.holycross@northamptondiocese.org if you can
fulfill this important ministry. We need 13 more names!

Catechists needed

We also ask more volunteers to train as catechists who will
then go on to help teach and support our children as they
prepare to receive Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. The
parish will cover the cost of the catechist training courses.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Julian Joseph
Tubielewicz, RIP. His funeral liturgy will be on Thursday, 20th
November at 11:00am in Holy Cross church. He will be
received into the church at 4:00pm, Wednesday evening.

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of Les Leach, RIP,
whose funeral Mass will take place on Friday, 21st
November at 11:00am in Holy Cross church. His body will be
received into the church at 4:30pm, Thursday evening.

Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation
is on Wednesdays in HC after Mass until 11:00am and on
the Saturday in SsP&J after Mass until 11:30am.

Our Parish Priest is Fr Alexander Ibe, SMMM

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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





All Saints' Day celebration

Our children enjoyed a splendid few hours on All Saints' Day celebrating the names of the wonderful Saints that went before us. There will be more photos on our Facebook page: [North Bedford Catholic Community](#)

The Ss Philip and James Welcoming Team need YOU!

The team is looking for new volunteers and this is a great way to meet other parishioners, especially if you are relatively new to the parish. Training and guidance will be provided. So if you already attend the 11:00am Mass, then please consider undertaking this valuable role. For details please contact Kathy Goodwin: 07956 560380 or email: kathye.goodwin@gmail.com

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School Open Evening Thursday, 13th November - 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Come and visit our lovely new **Primary-with-Preschool** in Biddenham. We are based in beautifully spacious outdoor grounds and gardens, alongside recently renovated buildings. We also have a brand-new **Early-Years** area. We look forward to welcoming you and showing you round. Come along and discover what we offer at **St Francis of Assisi Primary**. If you are unable to visit on the 13th November please contact us: 01234 352062 or email: office@sfoa.beds.olicatschools.org We can arrange for a tour at an alternative date and time.

Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone at North Bedford Catholic Community for your generous response to our **Foreign Currency** initiative. The total for two years is £1299.50. With this, **Mary's Meals** is able to feed 67 children a good meal every school day for a year. Thank you for your support. Please continue to pray for **Mary's Meals**.

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, cup of tea.

Bedfordshire Pastoral Area Council will be having their AGM in Holy Cross this Wednesday, 12th November. Mass starts at 7:30pm followed by the AGM at 8:30pm.

St John Rigby Catholic Primary school: stjohnrigby.org
Call us on 01234 401900 to arrange a tour or book onto our Open Day: Saturday, 15th November: 9:30am - 12:30pm.

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



Love Christmas – Share the Joy, Spread the Light
This Advent, join **Caritas Northampton's Love Christmas Campaign** and help bring the true spirit of Christmas to those most in need across our diocese. Let us fill our communities with hope and compassion this Christmas. Sign up today at: northamptondiocese.org/lovechristmas, email: caritas@northamptondiocese.org or 01604 434362

Assisted Suicide: England
The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill enters the Committee Stage in the House of Lords this Friday, 14th November. We are encouraged to write to peers to oppose the Bill. See: cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/

Celebrating the Gift of Young People
On Sunday, 23rd November, we celebrate **National Youth Sunday 2025**, a special moment in the Church's year to recognise and give thanks for the vital contribution young people make. **NYMO** will host a **World Youth Day Concert** at Northampton Cathedral on Sunday, 30th November at 3:00pm. For resources, see: cymfed.org.uk/wys/

Formation for Pastoral Councils
The Vicariate for Pastoral Development has joined with the Archdiocese of Liverpool and the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to offer a series of webinars to support the development of active and flourishing pastoral councils. Topics covered include: *prayer in meetings, roles and recruitment, changing the culture, dealing with conflict, and letting the Holy Spirit lead*. The next in the series, **Keeping Meetings Spiritual**, will be led by Fr Shaun O'Neill on Tuesday, 11th November 7:00-8:00pm. Register here: tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1861328
The first, *Why Parish Councils Matter* with our very own Avril Baigent, is available to watch here: northamptondiocese.org/formation-for-pastoral-councils/

Diocesan Advent Retreat 2025
The 2025 Diocesan online Advent Retreat begins Monday, 24th November at 7:30pm. Each week Avril Baigent will be joined by a special guest to explore the theme **"Disrupted by Grace"**, by delving into the stories of some of Jesus' more disreputable ancestors in Matthew 1; Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba.

- Monday, 24th November: Dr Jessie Rogers, Director of the Centre of Mission and Ministries, St Patrick's Pontifical University
 - Monday 1st December: Michelle Moran, co-founder of the Sion community, international speaker, teacher and evangelist
 - Monday 8th December: Fr Matt Blake, member of the Discalced Carmelites, speaker and retreat giver
 - Monday 15th December: Canon John Udris, parish priest of St Peter's Marlow, spiritual director and retreat giver
- These will be taking place live on **YouTube**. Please share the sign-up link with those you think may be interested. Retreats are recorded so you may also watch them later at your leisure. Info: northamptondiocese.org/grace/
You may sign-up using the link: tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1905295



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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