



Second Week in Easter

Sunday Mass Cycle: Year A; Weekday: Year 2; Psalter 2

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

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

Sat 11 Apr	Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday
5:30pm HC	Vigil Mass: Irene Baker, RIP
Sun 12 Apr	Divine Mercy Sunday
9:00am HC	Mass: <i>Missa pro populo</i>
11:00am PJ	Mass: Teresa and Douglas Rentle, RIP - anniv
2:30pm PJ	Liturgy of Divine Mercy
Mon 13 Apr	Feria
10:00am PJ	Mass: Margaret Boyle, RIP
Tue 14 Apr	Feria
9:40am HC	Lauds (Morning Prayer)
10:00am HC	Mass: Maria Fordham - healing
Wed 15 Apr	Feria
10:00am HC	Mass: Jacob and Ibtisam Blaney, RIP <i>followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration until 11:00am</i>
Thu 16 Apr	Feria
9:40am PJ	Lauds (Morning Prayer)
10:00am PJ	Mass: Bertie Hill, RIP
Fri 17 Apr	Feria
10:00am HC	Mass: Peggy James, RIP
7:00pm PJ	Mass: Joy Matheiken, RIP
Sat 18 Apr	Feria
10:00am PJ	Mass: Bridie Boyle, RIP <i>followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration until 11:15am</i>
5:30pm HC	Vigil Mass: Dan and Gertie O'Connor, RIP
Sun 19 Apr	Third Sunday of Easter
9:00am HC	Mass: tba
11:00am PJ	Mass: <i>Missa pro populo</i>

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

Responsorial Psalm: Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures forever.

Eucharistic Adoration and the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is on Wednesdays in HC after Mass until 11:00am and on Saturdays in SsP&J after Mass until 11:15am.

Divine Mercy Chaplet



- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Apostles Creed
- Please recite together the following:

On the Our Father beads,
'Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world'

- On the Hail Mary beads, *'For the sake of his sorrowful passion have mercy on us and on the whole world'*

- Conclusion, *'Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world (x3)*

3:00pm *'You expired Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself upon us'*

'O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in you'

Dear Jesus, have mercy on us. (x3).

Holy Mary Mother of God pray for us, (x3)

Pope St John Paul II Pray for us (x3)

St Faustina, pray for us, (x3)

St Maximillian Kolbe pray for us (x3)

3.30pm Conclusion of the liturgy, with the *Divine Praises* and the conclusion of Exposition and Adoration

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 on Monday at 1:45pm. Divine Chaplet, Rosary, cup of tea. What's not to like, eh! 😊

Holy Cross and Ss Philip and James Repositories

The Repositories are open before and after their respective Masses on Sundays.

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of **Tony Gros, RIP** whose funeral liturgy will be at Holy Cross church this Wednesday, 15th April at 12:30pm.

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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



Sponsored Spiritual Triathlon

The spiritual triathlon is back, so let's get ready to **listen, walk and pray** with the Lord, whilst building our united communities. Funds raised go towards programmes within our parish ministry.

Date: 16th May 2026
Start time: 9:30am
At: SS Philip & James

Please bring a labelled packed lunch. Drinks and cakes will be provided after the event.

Sign up information - the sign up sheet and sponsor forms are in the narthex of both churches. Please sign up by 05th April 2026. Any questions please contact Clare, Catechist.HolyCross@northamptondiocese.org

ALL WELCOME TO JOIN - UNDER 12'S PARTICIPATING MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES.



Catholic Charismatic Renewal

WATER OF LIFE

PRAYER GROUP



An evening of praise and worship, Bible reflection, intercessory prayer and fellowship

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY | 7:00 P.M.

MATTHEW 18:20

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Holy Cross Church Parish Hall
355 Goldington Road, Bedford MK41 0DP



Recommended for children due to enrol onto the next sacramental preparation programme

THE PRAY AND PLAY NBCC SUMMER CAMP 2026

FUN, FAITH & FRIENDSHIP!

Limited spaces

Secure place with £5 deposit.

Please contact Clare at -

catechist.holycross@northamptondiocese.org

Monday 20th July - Friday 24th July 2026

Fun filled week of extended Pray & Play!

Including prayer, catechism, games, singing, dancing, crafts, Mass, performances and more!

For children aged 6-12 yrs

Venue: Holy Cross Church

Fee: £25 + sibling £15

Mon - Thurs 9am-12.30pm

Friday 9am - 3pm Family day!



CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST

We are looking for people to share their talents and perform at our Pentecost celebration. You can showcase your culture through music, dance, poetry and many more ways. Please contact Clare via email catechist.holycross@northamptondiocese.org by 26th April. Details of the event are below, there will be a full rehearsal on Saturday 16th May at 2.30pm at Holy Cross parish hall.

SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026

1PM

HOLY CROSS PARISH HALL

355 GOLDINGTON ROAD, BEDFORD, MK41 0DP

The 2026 Life in the Spirit Seminars

The Seminars are being run by the **Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal team** under the auspices of Bishop David Oakley and the Mission Northampton Team. This year we are delighted to be offering the seminars **online** so as many people around the Diocese can attend.

The six sessions are:

- The Fathers Loving Plan – Tuesday, 28th April
- The Joy Of The Gospel – Tuesday 5th May
- The Gift Of The Spirit – Tuesday 12th May
- Unwrapping God's Gift – 19th May
- Encountering the Holy Spirit (Part B) – 26th May
- Living In The Spirit – 2nd June

The **Baptism in The Holy Spirit retreat day** will take place **IN-PERSON** on Pentecost Eve on Saturday, 23rd May at 11:00am in Our Lady, Help of Christians, 52 Castle Street, Chapel Langley, Luton **LU1 3AG**

The seminars are to be held online to give many people across the diocese the chance to participate. The team will be using **'The Gift'** – which is an inspiring and practical series aimed at people of all ages to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith – developed by the **Catholic Faith Exploration (CaFE)** organisation

Presented by well-known international speakers: David Payne, Michelle Moran, Charles Whitehead and Jenny Baker, the teachings are relaxed, personal and informative, rooted in the Bible, the Catechism, Evangelii Gaudium, and reflections on the Holy Spirit from Pope Francis. Sessions last 30 minutes and include testimonies from laity and clergy.

You'll find the information you need:

- **To decide** if you'd like to take part in the Seminars – and we hope you will!
- **To register** – which you can do via the "Reserve a spot" button at: northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2026/

David Goodbourn Lecture 2026 - In the midst of violence and suffering in the Holy Land, **Fr David Neuhaus** will be giving the **David Goodbourn Lecture**, titled **Palestine-Israel: A Catholic Perspective**. Fr David is a South African-born Israeli Jesuit and a prominent voice for peace and justice. He is also the only Jesuit with Israeli citizenship, offering a unique perspective on the present conflict. The event, held by **Churches Together in Britain and Ireland** is being presented in Zoom on Thursday, 14th May from 7:00 - 9:00pm. Find out more at: ctbi.org.uk/event/david-goodbourn-lecture-2026/

National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse - Tuesday, 5th May

A day of prayer for the victims and survivors of abuse is an important initiative. Originally observed during the season of Lent, the *Bishops of England and Wales*, listening to the voices of victims and survivors, moved the date on which the day is marked in England and Wales to Tuesday of the fifth week of Easter.

Communion in the pew

Any parishioner with mobility problems may request communion be brought to them in their pew by speaking with a Welcomer when they arrive at Mass.

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



St Vincent's

Together, we can make a difference
1:00pm to 3:30pm every Tuesday
Holy Cross Church

