



### Eighth Week in Easter

**Sunday Mass Cycle: Year A; Weekday: Year 2; Psalter 4**

**The live-stream from HC is at [www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live)**

HC - Holy Cross; PJ/SsP&J - Ss Philip and James; STM - St Thomas More school

Sat 23 May	<b>Vigil of Pentecost</b>
5:30pm HC	<b>Vigil Mass:</b> Kerrie Clitheroe, RIP - 10 <sup>th</sup> anniv
Sun 24 May	<b>Pentecost</b>
9:00am HC	<b>Mass:</b> Gordon Henry Smith, RIP
11:00am PJ	<b>Mass:</b> <i>Missa pro Populo</i>
	<b>Eight Week in Ordinary Time</b>
Mon 25 May	<b>Mary, Mother of the Church - Memorial</b>
10:00am PJ	<b>Mass:</b> Godlove Enongene and family
Tue 26 May	<b>St Philip Neri, Priest - Memorial</b>
9:40am HC	<b>Lauds</b> (Morning Prayer)
10:00am HC	<b>Mass:</b> Dr Joy Matheiken, RIP
Wed 27 May	<b>St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop - Feast</b>
10:00am HC	<b>Mass:</b> Bridget Kavenagh - 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday <i>followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration until 11:00am</i>
Thu 28 May	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest - Feast</b>
8:20am STM	<b>Mass:</b> All Staff and Parents
9:40am PJ	<b>Lauds</b> (Morning Prayer)
10:00am PJ	<b>Mass:</b> Dalton family, RIP
Fri 29 May	<b>Feria</b>
10:00am HC	<b>Mass:</b> Mike and Barbara's 50 <sup>th</sup> (Golden) Wedding anniversary
7:00pm PJ	<b>Mass:</b> Hikmat Tabchi, RIP
Sat 30 May	<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
10:00am PJ	<b>Mass:</b> Byrne family, RIP <i>followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration until 11:15am</i>
5:30pm HC	<b>Vigil Mass:</b> Jacob and Ibtisam Blaney, RIP
Sun 31 May	<b>The Most Holy Trinity - Solemnity</b>
9:00am HC	<b>Mass:</b> <i>Missa pro Populo</i>
11:00am PJ	<b>Mass:</b> Mike and Barbara Norton 50 <sup>th</sup> (Golden) Wedding anniversary

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

### Pentecost - Celebrating unity in diversity

Pentecost is the feast that reminds us who we truly are: **one people, many gifts; one Spirit, many voices; one Church, many cultures and stories.** On this day we, as a parish, celebrate with an international Mass. On that first Pentecost morning, the Holy Spirit gathered people from every nation under heaven and made them understand one another. What human effort could not achieve, God accomplished in a single breath.

Today that same Spirit continues to weave our differences into beautiful harmony. In our parish community — with its many languages, backgrounds, and experiences — the Spirit creates unity that does not erase diversity but **celebrates it as a gift.** Make this a truly international celebration.

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.

### Holy Cross and Ss Philip and James Repositories

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

**Mary's Meals** - Please donate any foreign currency or old coins to this great charity. Envelopes for donations and further information are in the narthex of both churches. Final date for donations is 31<sup>st</sup> of this month. Thank you.

### 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.

### Diocesan Mass for Marriage and Families

Northampton Cathedral will host the annual Mass for Marriages and Families at 12:00pm on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September. All are welcome and, as usual, the Cathedral is looking forward to welcoming couples celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. A registration link will be provided in the coming weeks.

**Holy Cross Parish office is closed this bank holiday Monday.**

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** and **Eucharistic Adoration** will be on Wednesdays at HC after Mass until 11:00am and every Saturday until 11:15am in SsP&J.

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# Spiritual Triathlon 2026

Our **Annual Spiritual Triathlon** was a great and wonderful success. Everyone had so much fun and did so well at each part. The children smashed our £600 target, raising an amazing £908.71p for the various programmes within our church ministry. We are very proud of each and every one. There are more pictures on our Facebook page.

## PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

19th - 25th September 2026, £845 pp



Spiritual Director: Fr. Alex Ibe SMMM

**£845**

Sharing in twin or double room (single room +£210)

### TRAVELLING

19th - 25th Sep. '26  
7 days, London Luton  
with easyJet

### HOW TO BOOK

Full details and booking form here:  
[www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/MJ1183](http://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/MJ1183)  
Deposit of £300 to confirm place.  
Booking deadline 25th May 2026 to  
get the best price possible!

Organised by Mrs Hetty Okonji, tel. 07590731488

### INCLUDED

- Return flight between London Luton and Split (with easyJet)
- 6 nights at Hotel Marconi, Medjugorje, 4\*, or similar standard
- Half board (breakfast and dinner)
- Check-in luggage 23kg + small hand carry
- Transfer between airport and hotel
- Executive coach for touring
- Professional English-speaking guide throughout
- UK Airport taxes and Government charges
- Personalised travel pack for each pilgrim including hymn booklet, name badge and lanyard, luggage tag, general information booklet, flight information sheet, boarding pass etc where applicable

### NOT INCLUDED

- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Single room (limited availability), £210 for 6 nights
- Tips & Gratuities of £95 pp to be added to your invoice.
- Compulsory: Paid directly to guide, driver and hotel staff.



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### See previous newsletters for details:

The **Life in the Spirit Seminars** are every Tuesday, at 7:00pm on Zoom until 2<sup>nd</sup> June. You may still take part in a group setting in Holy Cross parish hall.

### Catholic Young Writer Awards

The deadline for young writers is 30<sup>th</sup> June. [catholicunion.org.uk/2026/01/young-catholic-artist-award-2026/](http://catholicunion.org.uk/2026/01/young-catholic-artist-award-2026/)  
“Pray and Play” **NBCC Summer Camp** is in Holy Cross church from Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> July. All places are filled.

### Called and Equipped 2026-27



This course is for anyone active in parish life or coming into ministry. There is a Webinar on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June for any who are interested using the new QR-code.

[northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/](http://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/)

### Light of Truth

The next two-year **Light of Truth Certificate** begins in September. It prepares you for catechetical work in the parish, school, diocese. See: [lightoftruth.uk/certificate](http://lightoftruth.uk/certificate)

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham is on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June.

It will begin at midday with Mass at the National Shrine, before pilgrims gather outside the Chapel of Reconciliation for a procession along the Pilgrim route to the Priory grounds, where there will be a short service at the site of the original Holy House.

## St Vincent's

*Together, we can make a difference*



1:00pm to 3:30pm every Tuesday  
in Holy Cross Church  
355 Goldington Road, Bedford MK41 0DP



See the full itinerary on the posters and a list in previous newsletters.

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

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Ss Philip and James

