



The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary/June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus 2026

### Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

**Sunday Mass Cycle: Year A; Weekday: Year 2; Psalter 1**

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	30 May	<b>Vigil of the Most Holy Trinity</b>
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
Mon	1 Jun	<b>St Justin, Martyr - Memorial</b>
10:00am	PJ	<b>Mass:</b> Colette Diamond, RIP
Tue	2 Jun	<b>Feria</b>
9:40am	HC	<b>Lauds</b> (Morning Prayer)
10:00am	HC	<b>Mass:</b> All members of the <b>SVP</b>
Wed	3 Jun	<b>Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs of Uganda - Memorial</b>
10:00am	HC	<b>Mass:</b> Josephine Sullivan, RIP <i>followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration until 11:00am</i>
Thu	4 Jun	<b>Feria</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> Eddie Hughes, RIP
Fri	5 Jun	<b>St Boniface of Crediton, Bishop and Martyr - Memorial</b>
10:00am	HC	<b>Mass:</b> Gary Ball, RIP
7:00pm	PJ	<b>Mass:</b> All Souls in Purgatory
Sat	6 Jun	<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
10:00am	PJ	<b>Mass:</b> Godlove Enongene and family <i>followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration until 11:15am</i>
5:30pm	HC	<b>Vigil Mass:</b> Fr Wayne Coughlin - healing
Sun	7 Jun	<b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</b>
9:00am	HC	<b>Mass:</b> Moreen Taylar - healing
11:00am	PJ	<b>Mass:</b> <i>Missa pro Populo</i>

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

#### Responsorial Psalm:

To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

#### Pentecost 2026

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making the **2026 Pentecost Celebration** a truly international success; from the processions, the languages, the national dress, the glorious food, the performances, the music, the setting up and stripping down, specially those involved in setting up the Churches with all the flags, the Parish Hall with all the delicious food and refreshments and all those who assisted in cleaning up the venue afterwards. We remain grateful to all the communities that showed up with their cultural costume, food, etc and those that read and led the bidding prayers in different languages. It was indeed an utterly memorable day.

#### Papal Letter – Magnifica Humanitas:

##### Safeguarding the Human Person in the Age of AI

Pope Leo XIV, in his recent letter *Magnifica Humanitas* ("The Greatness of Humanity"), reflects on the rapid growth of artificial intelligence and its impact on society. He reminds us that every technological advance must always respect the dignity of the human person, created in the image of God.

You can watch the presentation in full on Youtube:

[youtube.com/watch?v=JxcXcP6NyRM](https://youtube.com/watch?v=JxcXcP6NyRM)

The Holy Father encourages a balanced approach to AI: welcoming its potential for good - specially in healthcare, education, and communication - while remaining vigilant about risks such as loss of human responsibility, inequality, and misuse.

He calls on governments, developers, and all people of goodwill to ensure that technology serves humanity, rather than replaces or diminishes it. Above all, he emphasises that true wisdom, compassion, and moral decision-making can never be reduced to machines.

For more Youtube videos and a series of infographics which provide an overview of the Encyclical, you can find them on the Bishops Conference of England and Wales website:

[cbcew.org.uk/magnifica-humanitas-overview/](https://cbcew.org.uk/magnifica-humanitas-overview/)

**Technology must remain a tool at the service of the human person, never its master.**

This Sunday, we celebrate the **Christian doctrine of the Trinity**, the three persons in One God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It is a day designated in honor and contemplation of the triune nature of God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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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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.

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.

**Ss Philip and James Parish Office**  
The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June as Maria is away on her holibobs...again! 😊



**Mary's Meals** - Envelopes for donations and further information are in the narthex of both churches. The final date for donations is this Sunday. Thank you.

**First Holy Communion**  
Please pray for **Bennet, Giovanni** and **Salvatore**. They are **Confirmation candidates** who made their *First Reconciliation* this Saturday and will make their *First Holy Communion* next Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June.

**First Holy Communion next weekend - Parking**  
We want to both allow as many people as possible to come to the Sunday Masses, and be good neighbours to those who live around our church buildings. Can we ensure we park safely, offer due consideration to other users, both drivers and pedestrians. At HC, the entrance to *Goldington Day Centre*, next door, is private parking and must not be used. At SsP&J, please do not block driveways or park on junctions. We would also ask parents to be extra vigilant when escorting children through the car parks.

The **Chisen Foundation** will be holding a **Family Fun Evening** to raise funds to help complete the building of *The House of Hope* in Ghana. All are welcome. It takes place on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June from 7:00 to 9:30pm at **All Nations Church**, Brickhill Drive Bedford MK41 7QF  
Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £15, Couples £10, Singles £5, to include: Pizza, Karaoke, dance performances, cash bar (wine and soft drinks) and, of course, a raffle.  
Tickets from Mary Taylor, Tel: 07833 147 113

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 

For more photos from the 2026 Pentecost Celebrations, you will find them on our Facebook page at North Bedford Catholic Community

## PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

*19th - 25th September 2026, £845 pp*



Spiritual Director: Fr. Alex Ibe SMMM

See previous newsletters for details of this year's Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje in September, led by Fr Alex. The full itinerary may be found on the posters.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Paolo DiMarco, RIP**, whose funeral Mass will be in Holy Cross church at 12:30pm on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, followed by a burial at Norse Road Cemetery.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Filomena D'Argenio, RIP**, whose funeral liturgy will be in Holy Cross church at 12:00pm on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, followed by a burial in the chamber section at Norse Road Crematorium.

**Clergy Overnight Retreat**  
All priests in active ministry in our diocese will be coming together for the Priests' Overnight Retreat on 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> June. It is a formal or informal assembly of clergy, typically including bishops, priests, and sometimes deacons, who come together to support one another in ministry and provide advice to Church leadership. Please note: There will be **NO Mass** on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June at Holy Cross.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham**  
The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham is in two weeks, on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**Diocesan Mass for Marriage and Families**  
Northampton Cathedral will host the annual **Mass for Marriages and Families** at 12:00pm Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September. The Cathedral is looking forward to welcoming couples celebrating milestone anniversaries this year.