



Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

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; STM - St Thomas More school

Sat	6 Jun	Vigil of Corpus Christi
5:30pm	HC	Vigil Mass: Fr Wayne Coughlin - healing
Sun	7 Jun	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
9:00am	HC	Mass: Moreen Taylar - healing
11:00am	PJ	Mass: <i>Missa pro Populo</i>
Mon	8 Jun	Feria
10:00am	PJ	Mass: Derek Storey, RIP
Tue	9 Jun	Feria
9:40am	HC	Lauds (Morning Prayer)
10:00am	HC	Mass: Dr Joy Matheiken, RIP
Wed	10 Jun	Feria
10:00am	HC	Mass: Rita Gill, RIP <i>followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration until 11:00am</i>
Thu	11 Jun	St Barnabas, Apostle - Memorial
8:20am	STM	Mass: All Staff and Parents
9:40am	PJ	Lauds (Morning Prayer)
10:00am	PJ	Mass: Freddie, RIP
Fri	12 Jun	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Solemnity
10:00am	HC	No liturgy
7:00pm	PJ	No liturgy No Friday Abstinence required
Sat	13 Jun	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10:00am	PJ	Mass: Edith Teasdale, RIP <i>followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration until 11:15am</i>
5:30pm	HC	Vigil Mass: <i>Missa pro Populo</i>
Sun	14 Jun	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am	HC	Mass: Mary Alex Beaton, RIP
11:00am	PJ	Mass: Thomas and Joan Donnelly, RIP

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

Responsorial Psalm: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!

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.

First Holy Communion

We extend our sincere appreciation to **Clare, Robert and Maria** for supporting our children who today are making a major bold step in their spiritual growth. This sacramental preparation programme has lasted for many months and we acknowledge the commitment and sacrifice they have made so far. We extend our appreciation to the parents/guardians for their effort in living out the commitment to be the best and first teachers of the Catholic Faith for their child(ren). Please keep in your prayers the children below who will be receiving their **First Holy Eucharist** at the Corpus Christi Masses this weekend.

Holy Cross Vigil Mass: **Gabrielle, Graziella, Jacob, Elijah, Frank, Jeriah, Oluwaseun, Elijah, Chiara and Imogen.**

Ss Philip and James 11:00am Mass: **David, William, Alexandra, Zoe, Ilaria, Alessio, Nico, Romeo, Angelo, Verity, Sonia, Helena, Sophia, Aaren and Mila.**

Furthermore there will be a **Thanksgiving Mass** for all those who received their First Holy Communion this weekend, on Saturday, 27th June at the 5:30pm Vigil Mass at Holy Cross.

On Thursday, 2nd July there will also be a **Thanksgiving Mass** for all those who received their First Holy Communion this June, held at St John Rigby School at 1:30pm.

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 this Tuesday, 9th June, followed by a burial at Norse Road Cemetery.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Richard Thomas Tysoe, RIP**, well known through *Churches Together in Bedford*, whose funeral will be held on Tuesday, 16th June at 1:45pm at Bedford Crematorium.

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, 17th June, followed by a burial in the chamber section at Norse Road Crematorium.

Clergy Overnight Retreat

Fr Alex and Fr Richard will both be attending the Priests' Overnight Retreat on 11th/12th June.

Please note: There will be **NO Masses** on Friday, 12th June. This Friday is NOT a Day of Abstinence, because of the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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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.

Annual Sunday to promote the Permanent Diaconate, Sunday, 14th June

Many of us see deacons serving at the altar, but their call is truly to be a *'guardian of service'* in the Church. A deacon's ministry isn't just within the walls of the church building; it is out in the world - in our workplaces, our hospitals, our schools and with the marginalised within our community. It is a unique vocation for men, many of whom are married and have families, who feel called to serve God through the Word, through service at the Altar, and doing works of charity within the community.

If you have ever felt a nudge in your heart to serve more deeply, or if others have told you that you have a 'servant's heart,' the Lord may be calling you. For married men, this is a journey shared with your wife, and her support is a vital part of the discernment.

We invite all men and their families to pray about this important vocation. If you'd like to learn more you may find information on northamptondiocese.org/diaconate/ or speak with your parish priest.

Alternatively you can join us at our **Taster Morning** on Saturday, 4th July at The Holy Family church, Langley, Slough SL3 7UD, beginning at 10:00am. You may email Deacon Erik Kerr at deaconerik.kerr@northamptondiocese.org for info.

Previously on the newsletters:

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham is next Saturday, 13th June.

Diocesan Mass for Marriage and Families

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

"Pray and Play" NBCC Summer Camp is in Holy Cross church from Monday, 20th 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, 24th June for any who are interested using the new QR-code.

northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/
Light of Truth

The next two-year **Light of Truth Certificate** begins in September. See: lightoftruth.uk/certificate

University Chaplain

The University of Bedfordshire Ecumenical Chaplaincy Trust (UBECT), in partnership with the University, seeks to appoint a **Lead Chaplain** to coordinate and oversee the development of a vibrant Chaplaincy for the University, working closely with its Community and Faith team, Student Services and Human Resources on initiatives to support student and staff well-being. The role is based primarily in Bedford and Luton but will involve travel to other University locations.

Deadline for applications: 1st July; interview date: 21st July
For a detailed Job Description and Application Form, please contact Revd Tricia Reed, PA to the Archdeacon of Bedford by email tricia.reed@stalbandsdiocese.org or telephone 01727 818167

Holy Cross Reader's Rota

If you would like to join the Holy Cross Readers' Rota from the beginning of July please contact martinclitheroe173@gmail.com by Monday, 22nd June. If you are interested in fulfilling this important ministry, training and support is available.

The **Chisen Foundation** is holding a **Family Fun Evening** to raise funds on Saturday, 20th 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

Sea Sunday: Please note that Sea Sunday will be on 12th July this year. We encourage prayer and financial contributions to support the work of **Stella Maris**. This collection is vital for the future of **Stella Maris** and its support of seafarers and fishers in the UK and the world.

RELIQS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA 300th Anniversary Year

Visiting the Diocese this June

Northampton Cathedral	8 June
St Thomas Aquinas, Bletchley	9 June
Our Lady Help of Christians, Luton	10 June
St Augustine's, High Wycombe	11 June

Patron Saint of Expectant Mothers,
Unborn Children and Families

ALL WELCOME

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
in Holy Cross Church

355 Goldington Road, Bedford MK41 0DP

