



The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

2026

Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass Cycle: Year A; Weekday: Year 2; Psalter 3

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	13 Jun	Vigil of Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
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
Mon	15 Jun	Feria
10:00am	PJ	Mass: Daisy McElenna, RIP
Tue	16 Jun	Feria
9:40am	HC	Lauds (Morning Prayer)
10:00am	HC	Mass: Prof Joseph Agbedahunsi, RIP - Anniv
Wed	17 Jun	Feria
10:00am	HC	Mass: Mary Ward - healing followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration until 11:00am
Thu	18 Jun	Feria
8:20am	STM	Mass: All Staff and Parents
9:40am	PJ	Lauds (Morning Prayer)
10:00am	PJ	Mass: Hoiley Foley, RIP
Fri	19 Jun	Dedication of Northampton Cathedral
10:00am	HC	Mass: Stella Good - healing
7:00pm	PJ	Mass: Timothy Quinlan - intention
Sat	20 Jun	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10:00am	PJ	Mass: All Souls in Purgatory followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration until 11:15am
5:30pm	HC	Vigil Mass: Timothy Quinlan - intention
Sun	21 Jun	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
		Bishops' Conference: Day for Life
9:00am	HC	Mass: Noel Rochford, RIP
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:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** and **Eucharistic Adoration** is on Wednesdays at HC after Mass and Saturdays in SsP&J.



A big congratulations to all those young people who took part in their **First Holy Communion** in Holy Cross and Ss Philip and James, last weekend. This was an important step in their spiritual growth. We pray that they will continue to mature in their faith.

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

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

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of **Michael Anthony Kiernan, RIP**, whose funeral liturgy is this Friday, 19th June at 10:00am in Ss Philip and James church. His body will be received in the church on Thursday afternoon with a Vigil service at 4:00pm.

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PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

19th - 25th September 2026, £845 pp

Spiritual Director: Fr. Alex Ibe SMMM




Pray & Play!



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Previously on the newsletters:

The Annual Sunday to promote the Permanent Diaconate,

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 **Fr Alex, Deacon Tony or Deacon Crispin** to find out about diaconate ministry and formation.

You may try the **Taster Morning** on Saturday, 4th July at The Holy Family church, Langley, Slough SL3 7UD, beginning at 10:00am. You may also email Deacon Erik Kerr at deaconerik.kerr@northamptondiocese.org

The University of Bedfordshire Ecumenical Chaplaincy Trust (UBECT), is to appoint a **Lead Chaplain** in a role based in Bedford and Luton. The deadline for applications: 1st July; interview date: 21st July.

Sea Sunday: Please note that Sea Sunday will be on 12th July this year. This collection is vital for the future of **Stella Maris** for the support of seafarers and fishers globally.

"Pray and Play" NBCC Summer Camp is in Holy Cross church from Monday, 20th July. All places are filled.

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.

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. There remain five places available.

Father's Day celebration next Sunday - 21st June

We joyfully honour all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and the men who have been father-figures in our lives, who shape our lives with love, wisdom, and dedication. During the Masses, we will offer a special blessing for all fathers, both living and deceased, asking God to strengthen them in their vocation of love, guidance, and sacrifice. May God continue to empower them to be pillars of support for their families and grant them the resilience to face the challenges of fatherhood with courage and determination.

St Thomas More School celebrates its **Feast Day Mass** with students on Friday, 26th June from 9:45am in SsP&J.

Youth Mass - All Welcome! A Mass, organized by and for our young people, is scheduled for 11:00am on Sunday, 28th June at Ss Philip and James. They will participate in music, readings, welcoming, etc. You are welcome to bring a friend. Let's worship together and celebrate our faith in our youth! Please join us for tea and coffee after Mass.

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

Stop assisted suicide being brought back

Assisted suicide campaigners are trying to bring back the Leadbeater Bill. **Not Dead Yet UK** has launched a simple tool to help you email your MP about the risks this Bill poses to people with disabilities.

Please take 30 seconds to email our MP today using the tool here:
action.notdeadyetuk.org/

Holy Cross Readers 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. Training and support is available.

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 are both open before and after their respective Masses on Sundays.

Collections for our joint parishes in April

Holy Cross:	£1298.06	Open plate and envelopes
Ss P&J:	£1068.12	Open plate and envelopes

Collections for our joint parishes in May

Holy Cross:	£2064.98	Open plate and envelopes
Ss P&J:	£1500.85	Open plate and envelopes

Figures do not include standing orders or donations made by Dona machines in the narthexes or by the QR codes.

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
Tickets from Mary Taylor - tel: 07833 147 113



St Vincent's

Together, we can make a difference

**1:00pm to 3:30pm every Tuesday
in Holy Cross Church**

