



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

2026

Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

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

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	20 Jun	Vigil of Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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>
Mon	22 Jun	Ss John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
10:00am	PJ	Mass: Philomena and Timothy Quinlan, RIP
Tue	23 Jun	Feria
9:40am	HC	Lauds (Morning Prayer)
10:00am	HC	Mass: Terry and Robert Lopez - healing
Wed	24 Jun	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
10:00am	HC	Mass: <i>Missa pro Populo</i> <i>followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration until 11:00am</i>
Thu	25 Jun	Feria
8:20am	STM	Mass: All Staff and Parents
9:40am	PJ	Lauds (Morning Prayer)
10:00am	PJ	Mass: Krasimir Stenfano, RIP
Fri	26 Jun	Feria
10:00am	HC	Mass: Renato Thomas, RIP
7:00pm	PJ	Mass: Lisa Farnan - healing
Sat	27 Jun	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10:00am	PJ	Mass: Brigitte MacMahon <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	28 Jun	St Peter and St Paul, Apostles - Solemnity
		Peter's Pence
9:00am	HC	Mass: John Asher, RIP
11:00am	PJ	Mass: Tim and Marie Peachey, RIP

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

Responsorial Psalm: In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

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

Father's Day celebration

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 Mass, we 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, from 9:45am in SsP&J.

Youth Mass - All Welcome! A Mass, organized by and for our young people, is scheduled for 11:00am next Sunday, 28th June at Ss Philip and James. They will participate in music, readings, welcoming, etc. You are welcome to bring a friend. Let us 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.

Fr Richard, SMMM, Deacon Tony and Deacon Crispin 10th Anniversary Celebration of Ordination



The 10th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Priestly/Diaconate Ordinations of Fr Richard, SMMM, Deacon Tony and Deacon Crispin will take place on Sunday, 12th July at 11:00am in Ss Philip and James church.

Your presence will be very welcome.

There will be a "Bring and Share" celebration buffet in Holy Cross Parish Hall at 1:00pm.

If you would like to provide some food, please sign up after Mass or contact Kathy at kathye.goodwin@gmail.com or 07956 560 380.

Retiring collection this weekend - Day for Life

Each year, the Church in England and Wales marks **Day for Life** on the third Sunday of June. This year it falls on this Sunday and the theme is **The Wonder of the Child in the Womb**.

You can find more information, prayers and downloads cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/ There will be a retiring collection. No cash? Use our DONA machines or the QRcodes on page 2.

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PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

19th - 25th September 2026, £845 pp



Spiritual Director: Fr. Alex Ibe SMMM

Pray and Play - Praying the Rosary



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 this Monday, 22nd June.

Training and support for this vital ministry is available.

Mass intentions

There are a few spaces available in **July** for Mass intentions. Contact Maria Quinlan, Parish Secretary - details page one.

New carpet at Ss Philip and James Church

We now have a new red carpet in the Ss Philip and James sanctuary. We remain grateful to all who contributed towards buying and fitting the sanctuary carpet. May God bless you all for your wonderful support and zealous spirit. We will hold everyone of you in prayer.

Retiring Collections during the first half of the year

SVP - December 2025: £20

Mary's Meals - December 2025: £30

CaFOD - 1st March: £1144.55

SPUC - 15th March: £402.41

Missio - April: £286.69

Holy Places (Good Friday) - 3rd April: £823.91

Priests' Training Fund - 26th April: £763.12

Diocesan Bishop's Fund - 10th May: £360.85

World Communications Sunday - 17th May: £182.52

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



Previously on the newsletters:

The Water of Life Prayer Group meets every second Tuesday of the month in Holy Cross church at 7:00pm.

NBCC Youth Group. The last meeting of this academic year is on Friday, 10th July at 6:30pm in Holy Cross church.

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. 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.

Diocese of Northampton Discernment Day for Vocations to the Priesthood

Are you wondering whether God may be calling you to the priesthood? If you are seeking to deepen your relationship with Christ and explore God's plan for your life, you are warmly invited to attend a *Discernment Day for Vocations to the Priesthood* on **Saturday, 8th August at 10:30am** *St Augustine Catholic Church, 1 Langcliffe Drive, Milton Keynes, MK13 7PL*

The day will include prayer, reflection, Mass, fellowship, and opportunities to speak with priests and others who may be discerning God's call. It is open to men aged 16 and above who are considering a vocation to the Catholic priesthood in the Diocese of Northampton.

For further information or to register, please contact: Fr Pius, Vocations Director, Diocese of Northampton. Email: vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org 01753 523147
Please keep vocations to the priesthood and religious life in your prayers.

St Joseph's - Pimms and Ploughman's in support of St John's Hospice - Moggerhanger

Live music - The Armitage Family - 10th July at 7:30pm in the Guild Room of *The Holy Child and St Joseph*. £7 per person; under 12s, £3. Booking essential. Free Pimms, Ploughman's, tea and coffee. Contact Nigel or Sue on 07780 617 057

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/



St Vincent's

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

