



Twenty-Seventh 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	3 Oct	Vigil of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday
5:30pm	HC	Vigil Mass: Thanksgiving for Altar Servers
Sun	4 Oct	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
		CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
9:00am	HC	Mass: Daniel Neylon, RIP
11:00am	PJ	Mass: Missa pro populo
Mon	5 Oct	Feria
10:00am	PJ	Mass: Tim O'Connell, RIP
Tue	6 Oct	Feria
9:40am	HC	Lauds (Morning Prayer)
10:00am	HC	Mass: Colin Goldbrough-Smith, RIP
Wed	7 Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary - Memorial
10:00am	HC	Mass: Derek Ruff, RIP and family <i>followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration until 11:00am</i>
Thu	8 Oct	Feria
8:20am	STM	Mass: All Staff and Parents
9:40am	PJ	Lauds (Morning Prayer)
10:00am	PJ	Mass: Fiona Hammond - healing
Fri	9 Oct	St John H Newman, Priest and Doctor - Feast
10:00am	HC	Mass: Brigitte McMahon, RIP
7:00pm	PJ	Mass: Toddler Edward Tillotson - healing, speedy recovery
Sat	10 Oct	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10:00am	PJ	Mass: Derek Ruff, RIP <i>followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration until 11:15am</i>
5:30pm	HC	Vigil Mass: Anna-Marie Wright - healing
Sun	11 Oct	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
		Samaritan's' Purse - Shoebox Appeal
9:00am	HC	Mass: Missa pro populo
11:00am	PJ	Mass: Tadeusz Piotrowski, RIP

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

Responsorial Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

October - Month of the Rosary

Throughout the month of October, dedicated to **Our Lady of the Rosary**, we are warmly invited to pray the Holy Rosary. We are encouraged to join our collective praying of the Rosaries to honour Our Blessed Mother and to entrust our parish, our families, and our world to her loving intercession. We will gather before Mass on Mondays in SsP&J and Fridays in HC from 9:40am.

May this month deepen our devotion and draw us closer to Christ through Mary's gentle guidance.

The online **Rosary Group** meets from 8:00am to 8:20am weekdays on Zoom. ID: 833 1504 6319 Password: Rosary

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

The retiring collection for **CAFOD** will be this weekend 3rd/4th October. Please support the work of **CAFOD** through your prayers and generosity.

Prisoners' Sunday - 11th October

Prisoners' Sunday marks the beginning of the ecumenical **Prisons Week** and encourages people to support **PACT** (Prison Advice and Care Trust).

Mass Counting continues this weekend

A gentle reminder that **Mass Counting will continue across our united Parish this weekend**. This annual count helps the parish and the diocese plan effectively for pastoral needs, resources, and future support. We thank all parishioners for their cooperation and for helping us keep our records accurate. Your presence truly matters.

SsP&J parish office closure

Please be aware that the SsP&J parish office will be closed on Tuesday, 6th October as Maria will be away. Any urgent matter may be addressed to Sheila in the HC parish office.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Clare Glendenning, RIP** whose funeral liturgy will be in Holy Cross church this Friday, 9th October at 11:00am.

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of **Luigi Raia, RIP** whose funeral Mass will be in Holy Cross church on Tuesday, 13th October at 1:30pm.

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

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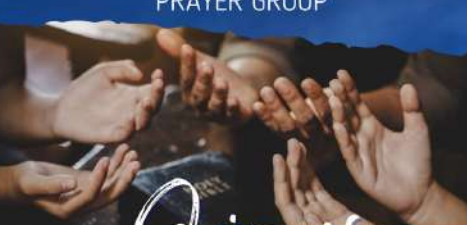
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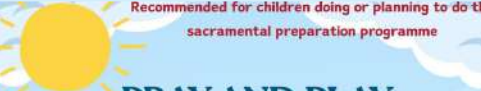
An evening of praise and worship, Bible reflection, intercessory prayer and fellowship

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY | 7:00 P.M.

MATTHEW 18:20

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Holy Cross Church Parish Hall
355 Goldington Road, Bedford MK41 0DP



Recommended for children doing or planning to do the sacramental preparation programme

PRAY AND PLAY
FUN, FAITH & FRIENDSHIP!



OUR MARIAN GROUP WHERE WE PRAY THE ROSARY, DISCUSS OUR FAITH AND PLAY GAMES

LOCATION: HOLY CROSS CHURCH
DAY: EVERY MONDAY (TERM TIME ONLY)
TIME: 6.20PM - 7.30PM
AGE: 6-12 YEARS



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All welcome Ages 13-18

YOUTH Group meetings & events 2026/27

FRIDAYS monthly 6.30 – 8.00 PM

Holy Cross Church Hall, 355 Goldington Road, Bedford

- 18th SEPTEMBER 26 (St Philip & St James)
- 9th OCTOBER 26
- 13th NOVEMBER 26
- 11th DECEMBER 26
- 12th FEBRUARY 27
- 7th MARCH 27 - Youth Mass Holy Cross 9am
- 12th MARCH 27
- 9th APRIL 27
- 14th MAY 27
- 11th JUNE 27
- 27th JUNE 27 - Youth Mass St Philip & St James 11am
- 9th JULY 27
- 21st NOVEMBER 27 - Feast of Christ the King Youth Mass (Holy Cross 9am; St Philip & St James 11am)

GAMES *FOOD* *FUN* *FRIENDSHIP* *PRAYER*

ALL FREE - SEE YOU THERE

For enquiries and further information, please contact commnbbc@northamptondiocese.org

Twenty young candidates in Sacramental Preparation

We ask parishioners to consider being **Prayer Sponsors** this year. This entails a promise to pray for named candidates throughout the programme. Please email Clare Connolly if you are able to fulfill this important ministry at: catechist.holycross@northamptondiocese.org

Franciscan Jubilee Year

Putting Franciscan Spirituality into Practice

Saturday, 31st October in Holy Cross from 2:00 - 4:00pm

Join us in meeting **Fr Emmanuel Mansford, CFR** a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal (CFR).

Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.

2027 is a Jacobean Jubilee Year, and the *Bedfordshire Pastoral Area* is proposing to run a pilgrimage to **Santiago de Compostela** in September/October next year.

Parishioners interested in joining the pilgrimage should contact Deacon Crispin (details at the foot of the front page) for more information. Pilgrims will need to be independent and capable of walking 115km over six days, carrying their own pack. Accommodation will be in shared dormitories in backpacker hostels, and the estimated cost of the pilgrimage is £550 per person.

The **CHISEN Foundation** is holding a **Quiz Night** in aid of the **House of Hope building project in Ghana** on Saturday, 24th October. Doors open at 7:00pm and the Quiz starts at 7.15pm in **Christ the King church hall**. Tickets are £5pp or £10 for a family ticket. **Bring snacks and drinks to share.** Contact Mary Taylor on 07833 147 113 for tickets.

New Foodbank Collection Box at SsP&J. Bedford Foodbank supports local people, who find themselves in crisis, with emergency supplies of food. Please note that a new donation box, located at the back of SsP&J, is ready for your donations. Items currently requested include: long-life sponge pudding, long-life fruit juice, tinned carrots, jars of jam, bars of chocolate, cup-a-soup, washing-up liquid, and tinned rice pudding. Thank you.

You may make donations in the same way as if using the **DONA** machines in the narthexes of our churches by use of these QR Codes.



Holy Cross



Ss Philip and James

LUX - 29th - 31st January 2027

For young people Secondary School Age (School Years 7–13) at the Kings Conference Centre, Northampton

LUX is a residential weekend organised by **NYMO** for young people in secondary school and sixth form. It gives young people the chance to step away from the *busyness* of everyday life, spend time with other young Catholics, have fun and, most importantly, encounter Jesus and grow in their relationship with Him. The weekend includes talks, activities, prayer, games, small groups and opportunities for young people to explore and deepen their faith. Bookings went live on Wednesday, 30th September. To find out more: nymo.org/lux-2027

FLAME 2027

Saturday, 6th March 2027 for young people aged 14–25 in OVO Arena Wembley. **FLAME** is one of the largest Catholic youth events in the UK, bringing thousands of young people from across England and Wales together for a day of music, inspiring speakers, prayer, worship, adoration and celebration. It is a fantastic opportunity for young people to experience the wider Catholic Church and to be encouraged in their faith. **NYMO** has some tickets so that young people from the Diocese can sit together as a diocesan group. Tickets are limited. Transport will also be available from certain locations. Register: nymo.org/flame-2027

SVP Summer Raffle - results

Many thanks to everyone that contributed to this year's **Summer Raffle**. The winning numbers are on the Notice boards in the Narthexes.

Free Afternoon Tea with the SVP

Sunday, 11th October at Holy Cross church from 1:00pm. Please ensure that you have registered your name for this event as places are limited. Contact Kathy Goodwin to register or speak to the 'Welcomers' after our weekend Masses. **There is a Mystery Speaker too!**



St Vincent's

1:00pm to 3:30pm every Tuesday

Holy Cross Church

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