



Twenty-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

HC - Holy Cross; PJ/SsP&J - Ss Philip and James; STM - St Thomas More school

Sat 17 Oct	Vigil of the Twenty-Ninth Sunday
5:30pm HC	Vigil Mass: Nigel Good, RIP - 20 th anniv
Sun 18 Oct	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Mission Sunday - Missio
9:00am HC	Mass: Chris & Lucy White - 10 th Wedding Ann
11:00am PJ	Mass: Missa pro populo
Mon 19 Oct	Feria
10:00am PJ	Mass: Slawlek Mother – speedy recovery
Tue 20 Oct	Dedication of Holy Cross Church
9:40am HC	Lauds (Morning Prayer)
10:00am HC	Mass: Mathaikt and Varghese Kaichiramattahil, RIP
Wed 21 Oct	Feria
10:00am HC	Mass: Edward – speedy recovery <i>followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration until 11:00am</i>
Thu 22 Oct	Feria
8:20am STM	Mass: All Staff and Parents
9:40am PJ	Lauds (Morning Prayer)
10:00am PJ	Mass: The Bull family - intention
Fri 23 Oct	Feria
10:00am HC	Mass: Norman Shurrock, RIP
7:00pm PJ	Mass: Peter Daly, RIP
Sat 24 Oct	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10:00am PJ	Mass: Edward Tillotson - healing <i>followed by the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration until 11:15am</i>
5:30pm HC	Vigil Mass: Missa pro Populo
Sun 25 Oct	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Samaritan's Purse - Shoebox Appeal
9:00am HC	Mass: Charline and family - intention
11:00am PJ	Mass: Derek Ruff, RIP

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

Missio

World Mission Sunday is celebrated this weekend, marking the 100th anniversary of its establishment by **Pope Pius XI** in 1926. This day is the only Sunday in the year when the entire Catholic Church unites in prayer and collects donations exclusively for missionary activity. The annual theme for 2026, chosen by **Pope Leo XIV**, is "One in Christ, United in Mission." Funds are distributed via the Pontifical Mission Societies, where the Church is young, poor, or persecuted.

Rosary Procession - Next Sunday, 25th October

Throughout the month of October, dedicated to **Our Lady of the Rosary**, our Holy Father invites us to pray the Holy Rosary. We are encouraged to join in praying the Rosary collectively **30 minutes** before Mass on Mondays in SsP&J and Fridays in HC. We still need volunteers to carry the statue of Our Blessed Lady and also people from each church to lead the five Glorious Mysteries. Please speak to any of the clergy if you can volunteer or email the HC secretary:

parish.holycross@northamptondiocese.org

We are delighted to welcome **Tobechukwu** into the Church through the **Sacrament of Baptism**. It will take place during Mass next Sunday, 25th October. Baptism is a joyful celebration for the whole parish community, as we receive a new member into the family of God. Please keep **Tobechukwu** and his family in your prayers as they begin this journey of faith.

November List of the Dead

Throughout November, prayers and Masses are being offered for the happy repose of our departed loved ones. If you would like the names of your departed loved ones remembered and prayed for on **All Souls Day** and throughout the month of November, collect an envelope in the narthex for this purpose or email names to Maria:

Parish.SsPhilipandJames@northamptondiocese.org

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Fiona McGibbon, RIP**, who passed away on Thursday, 1st October.

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

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Items for the Newsletter to the editor, by the Sunday before publication. Tel/text: 07986 357 320; email: charlie.stallard@gmail.com





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

World Youth Sunday

For teens and young adults aged between 11 - 35
St Thomas' Centre, Northampton
A weekend of events celebrating young people across the Diocese. The weekend of 20th - 22nd November will be a special weekend of opportunities for young people, schools and parishes to connect, celebrate and encounter Christ. Please join us in Bedford for our *Youth Sunday Mass* as we celebrate the *Feast of Christ the King* on Sunday, 22nd November at 9:00am in Holy Cross and 11:00am in Ss Philip and James.

Pope Leo's surgery

Archbishop Richard Moth has invited Catholics across England and Wales to pray for *Pope Leo* following successful surgery at Rome's Gemelli Hospital on Tuesday, 13th October. In this month of the Holy Rosary, let us pray for the Holy Father's recovery, remembering also all who are sick, their loved ones and those who care for them. Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

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). (See poster)

Ministry of the Permanent Diaconate.

Last Saturday, 10th October, five men from within our Diocese, including *Stefano Scozzari* from our united parish, began their journey toward the permanent diaconate aspiring to become Deacons. This formation period is a grace-filled time of prayer, study, and discernment as they prepare to serve the Church in charity, Word, and liturgy.
Stefano would be very grateful for your prayers and support for him and his colleagues to help them through the next four years of their formation.
Stefano is looking forward to becoming a permanent deacon in the future and to being able to give something back in the form of service and support to our parishes. We pray that the Holy Spirit may strengthen, guide, and bring to completion the good work begun in them.

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.

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



All welcome Ages 13-18

North Bedford
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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
commsubcc@northamptondiocese.org

Any old luggage?
Have you got an old and unused suitcase or rucksack lying around in your garage or tucked away in the loft? Have you been thinking of clearing it out and taking it to a charity shop or the tidy tip? If so, then, please consider donating your old luggage to the **Chaplaincy at Yarl's Wood Immigration Relocation Centre**, where there is a very practical and urgent need for suitcases and rucksacks. People leaving Yarl's Wood IDC can sometimes find themselves carrying their property in bin bags. A proper suitcase or rucksack for their belongings can restore a measure of dignity at a time when someone may already be experiencing considerable uncertainty. For details on how you can donate your old luggage, contact *Joan Kedward* at: catechist.ssphilipandjames@northamptondiocese.org

St Vincent's
1:00pm to 3:30pm every Tuesday
Holy Cross Church,
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