

# St Joseph's, Bedford & Our Lady's, Kempston

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**TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY  
OF THE YEAR**  
22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017



## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday. We are invited to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the gospel of peace to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, we will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need. Please give what you can to the second collection today, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer.

## PARISH QUIZ

There will be a Parish Quiz in aid of Fr Boniface and his work on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. Tickets on sale after the Masses today at £3 per person. Bring your own drinks but most importantly, bring yourself and others along.

## EXPLORING THE SCRIPTURES

The names of God in the scriptures explored by Dr Tarcisius Mukuka at the RE Centre, Luton on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. Booking form from the presbytery or phone 01282 723312 Ext 6. [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk).

## Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

|           |                            |                                    |
|-----------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | 8.15am                     | Anne Baker, RIP                    |
|           | 9.30am                     | Billy Flynn                        |
|           | 11.00am                    | Willie Dempsey                     |
|           | 6.30pm                     | People of the Parish               |
| Monday    | <i>Feria</i>               |                                    |
|           | 10.45am                    | McConnell Family                   |
| Tuesday   | <i>Feria</i>               |                                    |
|           | 7.30am                     | Ned & May Smith                    |
|           | 10.45am                    | Nick Kinsella, RIP                 |
| Wednesday | <i>Feria</i>               |                                    |
|           | 7:30am                     | Kathleen & Jody Brennan            |
|           | 10.45am                    | Jesusita & Alfredo Segura, RIP     |
| Thursday  | <i>Feria</i>               |                                    |
|           | 10.45am                    | Grady Family                       |
| Friday    | <i>Feria</i>               |                                    |
|           | 10.45am                    | In Reparation for the Abortion Act |
| Saturday  | <i>SS Simon &amp; Jude</i> |                                    |
|           | 10.45am                    | Graham Taylor, RIP                 |

## Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

|          |        |                                |
|----------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday   | 9.30am | Pauline & Patrick Devaney, RIP |
| Thursday | 6.00pm | Patrick O'Connor, RIP          |

**Confessions: Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm (Exposition)**  
**St Joseph's: 5.00pm – 5.30pm**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Give the Lord glory and power.**

**ROSARY:** Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday 11.30am - 7.00pm

**ROSARY HOUR:** Friday 2.30pm

**CLEANING:** Cummings, Petts

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Kavanagh

**NEXT SUNDAY: Thirtieth Sunday of the Year**

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 2

**Children's Liturgy:** Jo & Raoul Bull

## **CHRISTMAS DRAW**

Yes, it's that time of the year again! Tickets for the Christmas Draw are now available after the Masses today at £2.50 a book. Donations for prizes gratefully received.

## **CATHOLIC BEDFORD**

Visit [www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com](http://www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com) to view what is happening across the Pastoral Area.

## **CONFIRMATION 2018**

Those wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation next year i.e. Year 9 of school or older, are asked to collect an enrolment form from the sacristy and to do so as soon as possible, please. Preparation classes will begin in January 2018. Any adults who need to be Confirmed will be seen separately.

## **RECRUITING CATHOLIC LEADERS**

Are you someone who could serve our children by teaching, working or volunteering in a Catholic school? The diocese is looking for teachers, leaders and governors. For details contact NORES on 01582 723312 or email [main@nores.org.uk](mailto:main@nores.org.uk)

## **KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA**

The Knights of St Columba is an organisation of Catholic men that was founded almost 100 years ago and is unique in the Catholic Church. The role of the Knights is to support our parishes and communities in practical ways, to help those less fortunate and to help our young people in their journey of faith. They seek to live out the values of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. If you wish to join in this work please contact Chris Field on 07840 878455 for more information.

## **CONFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC MEN**

A day of speakers and workshops exploring what it means to be a man in the Church today, along with talks on fatherhood and brotherhood. Open to all Catholic men on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at the Claret Centre, Buckden Towers, Buckden. Visit: [www.catholicman.uk](http://www.catholicman.uk) or email Samuel Baker on [info@catholicman.uk](mailto:info@catholicman.uk)

## **PRISON VISITORS**

Anyone who might be interested in becoming a Prison Visitor, who visit those prisoners who have no one else to visit them, please see Canon Seamus.

## **REQUIESCANT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Nicholas Haverland and Anne Baker. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

## **REFORMATION & RENEWAL**

Bedford Town Centre Churches are holding a festival service commemorating 500 years of Reformation & Renewal at St Paul's Church, Bedford on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm. All are welcome. See poster on the noticeboard.

## **SHELTERED HOUSING**

St Scholastica's Retreat in Princes Risborough, offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £429 pcm. More information on the poster and from, The Warden: Deacon Sean Duffy on 01844 344437. Email: [info@stscholasticas.co.uk](mailto:info@stscholasticas.co.uk) or visit [www.stscholasticas.co.uk](http://www.stscholasticas.co.uk)

## **WORDS FROM POPE FRANCIS**

Today I want to speak about that dimension of hope which we can call *attentive waiting*. Jesus told his disciples to be like those who await the return of their master with lamps alight. As Christians, therefore, we are always attentive, awaiting the Lord's return when God will be all in all. Every day is a new opportunity to be attentive to God, to welcome the day as his gift, and to live that day by offering our good works to him. Such attentiveness requires patience, however, if we are not to lose sight of God's grace when our days are monotonous, or our difficulties many. For no night is so long as to make us forget the joy that comes with dawn. As Christians, we know that Christ will return; that no matter what we may suffer, life has its purpose and deeper meaning and that the merciful Lord will greet us at its end. Thus we can look upon history and our own lives with confidence and hope, knowing that the future is not guided solely by the work of our hands but by God's providence. May we repeat every day the words of the first disciples: "Come, Lord Jesus!" (*Rev. 22:20*). And in our most difficult moments, may we hear the consoling response of Jesus: "Behold, I am coming soon" (*Rev. 22:7*).  
Pope Francis

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

Offertory

St Joseph's £977.51

Our Lady's £277.71

Thank you.