

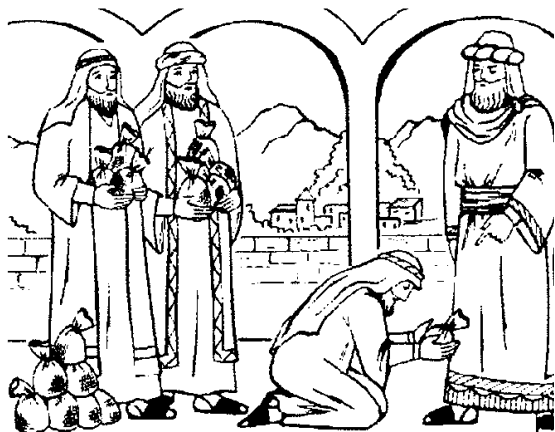
St Joseph's, Bedford & Our Lady's, Kempston

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**THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR**
19th November 2017



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The next preparation class for those children making their First Confession and Holy Communion next year is this Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild Room. All must attend, please.

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.

HOLY HOUR

There will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament next Sunday at 4.00pm in St Joseph's in honour of the feast of Christ the King.

HEALING SERVICE

There will be a short healing service after the 6.30pm Mass today.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Holy Souls
9.30am William Orr, RIP
11.00am Holy Souls
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday *St Edmund*

10.45am James Foy, RIP

Tuesday *Presentation of Our Lady*

7.30am Maria Bortkiewicz, RIP
10.45am Holy Souls

Wednesday *St Cecilia*

7:30am Holy Souls
10.45am Holy Souls

Thursday *St Columban*

10.45am Holy Souls

Friday *St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions*

10.45am Barbara Ross

Saturday *Votive Mass of Our Lady*

10.45am Holy Souls

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Holy Souls
Thursday 6.00pm Holy Souls

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am - 7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm.

CLEANING: Mukuze, Kahari, Ngoro

FLOWERS: Mrs Redmond

NEXT SUNDAY: Christ the King

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 2

Children's Liturgy: Lyn Bull

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection at all Masses today for the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund.

CATHOLIC BEDFORD

Visit www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com to view what is happening across the Bedford Pastoral Area.

CURRY NIGHT

Another Curry Night has been arranged for Thursday 23rd November at The Bengal Brasserie, 9 The Broadway at 7.15pm. Price £15 per person of which the restaurant will give £2.50 per diner to our parish project for Fr Boniface. Please place your name and phone number on the sheet at the back of the church if you wish to attend.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

This Sunday is the first 'World day of the Poor'. Pope Francis has instituted this new day as a way of inviting us to understand that sharing with those living in poverty "enables us understand the deepest truth of the Gospel". In his message, Pope Francis asks all of us to unite in love and in acts of service to one another. He explains: "It is my wish that Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance."

PREBEND DAY CENTRE

The Centre is looking for the following items for its Christmas Appeal: New hats, gloves, scarves, socks, boxers, toiletries and chocolates. Donation of money can be made out to Smart cjs. Please deliver items to the Centre, 12 Prebend Street and **not** to the church.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

It is proposed to have a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes next year from 3rd to 7th September 2018, the 160th anniversary of the apparitions there. Flying from Stansted and costing £595 per person sharing. Single room supplement is £112 for the duration. Price includes flights and full board accommodation at the Hotel Astoria. A non-refundable deposit of £100 will be required when booking. Balance due 8 weeks before departure. If interested, please inform Canon Seamus.

ADVENT PRAYERS WITH TAIZE CHANTS

Simple reflective prayers and chants in the Prayer Room at St Thomas More School, Tyne Crescent, on Monday 11th December at 7.00pm. All welcome.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS

Feast Day Mass on Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm in St Joseph's. Principal Celebrant, Fr Jeremy Davies, Spiritual and Faith Advisor to the Guardians of the Shrine. Refreshments after the Mass.

REFRESHMENT IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

A Spiritual Day of Refreshment in the Holy Spirit is to be held in St Joseph's Church, Bedford, on Saturday 9th December from 12.15pm to 4.00pm led by Sister Josephine DHS. Please bring a packed lunch.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Tickets for the Christmas Draw are now available after the Masses today at £2.50 a book. Donations of prizes gratefully received.

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Christmas cards and other religious items will be on sale after Mass in St Joseph's and Our Lady's today. Profits to our parish project supporting Fr Boniface.

ADVENT REFLECTION DAY

Turvey Abbey, Saturday 16th December 10.15am – 3.15pm. Bring packed lunch and a £10 donation on the day. Booking forms from the presbytery or tel: 01582 723312. See noticeboard for full details.

LEGION OF MARY

Please visit the Legion of Mary stall at the church entrance in St Joseph's at the 11am Mass today.

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The youth ministry in the diocese is holding a residential weekend for young Catholic people aged 11 – 18 to discover more about who God is, how we can rest in him and listen to his great plan for our lives. The weekend will be at the Kings Park Conference Centre in Northampton on Friday 2nd February to Sunday 4th February 2018. The cost is £95 per person. For more information, call 01582 720627 or email fiona@nymo.org. Booking forms are available from www.nymo.org.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1021.09

Our Lady's £256.58

Thank you.