

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

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CHRIST THE KING

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HOLY HOUR

There is a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today at 4.00pm in St Joseph's in honour of today's feast of Christ the King. All are invited to spend this time in prayer before Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament in thanksgiving for all his blessings and in preparation for the season of Advent.

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 **as soon as possible** please. Preparation classes will begin in January 2018. Any adults who need to be Confirmed will be seen separately.

RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH

Violet Signora will be received into the Catholic Church today when she will be baptised at the 11.00am Mass. We welcome her into the family of God and the family of our parish.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Holy Souls
	9.30am	Holy Souls
	11.00am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	Harold & Eileen Harlow, RIP
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Richard Lim, RIP
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Holy Souls
	10.45am	Franc Rozman, RIP
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>	
	7.30am	Holy Souls
	10.45am	Michael Smith, RIP
Thursday	<i>St Andrew</i>	
	10.45am	Pat Barker, RIP
Friday	<i>St Edmund Campion</i>	
	10.45am	Requiem: Peter Willis
Saturday	<i>Votive Mass of Our Lady</i>	
	10.45am	Neil Ward, RIP

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:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am - 7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Allen, Neal, George

FLOWERS: Mrs Kavanagh

NEXT SUNDAY: First Sunday of Advent

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: Raoul & Jo Bull

ADVENT ECUMENICAL SERVICE

There will be an Advent Ecumenical Service at All Saints Church, Kempston MK43 8RH on Sunday 3rd December at 4.00pm. Lifts available. Contact Michael Simmonds on 308395. Please see poster on the noticeboard for further details.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

This Saturday after the 10.45am Mass, to pray for the gift of peace in our world and in our hearts.

DVD MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PETER

Next Sunday at all Masses, a DVD message from the Bishop will be shown, launching the Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation. Prayer cards will also be made available to mark the beginning of this special year.

RED MISSION BOXES

End of year re-call for anyone wishing to hand in the Red Mission Boxes. If Gift Aided, please put your name on the bottom of the box and return to St Joseph's and Our Lady's. Please take a new box from the sacristy. Thank you for on-going support for the missions.

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.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Peter Willis, Anna King, Iris Redmond and Evelyn Byrne. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

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, 12.15pm - 4.00pm led by Sister Josephine DHS. Please bring a packed lunch.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 22nd – 29th May 2018 flying from Luton. Please contact Mary Frost if interested on 304014. Booking before Christmas will help in a cheaper air fare.

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.

VOCATIONS MASS

A Mass for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life will be celebrated this Friday in Ss Philip & James Church, Severn Way, beginning with Rosary and Exposition at 7.00pm and Mass at 7.30pm. Refreshments to follow. We currently have 8 seminarians for our diocese. We continue to pray for God's blessing on all religious and lay vocations.

CATHOLIC BEDFORD

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory	St Joseph's £821.02	Our Lady's £245.19	Thank you.
Sick & Retired Clergy Fund	St Joseph's £393.88	Our Lady's £47.43	