

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3rd December 2017



DVD MESSAGE BISHOP PETER

A DVD message from the Bishop will be played at all Masses today launching the Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation. Prayer cards are also available to mark the beginning of this special year as you leave Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

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

CURRY NIGHT

Thanks to all who attended the Curry Night in support of our parish project. A sum of £57.50 was made from the meal. Special thanks to John Moore for organising the evening.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday	8.15am	Jacob Murray, RIP
	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Larry Conroy, RIP
	6.30pm	Rita & Family
Monday	<i>Feria</i>	
	10.45am	Requiem: Anna King
Tuesday	<i>St Birinus</i>	
	7.30am	Fr Boniface Kaayabula
	10.45am	Dennis Gilbert, RIP
Wednesday	<i>St Nicholas</i>	
	7:30am	In Thanksgiving
	10.45am	Evelyn Foy, RIP
Thursday	<i>St Ambrose</i>	
	10.45am	Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko, RIP
Friday	<i>Immaculate Conception of Our Lady</i>	
	10.45am	Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP
Saturday	<i>St Juan Diego</i>	
	10.45am	Nicolas Robles, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday	9.30am	Anna King, RIP
Thursday	6.00pm	Canon Michael Griffiths, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

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: No flowers

NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Advent

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 4

Children's Liturgy: Edward & Geraldine Byrne

ADVENT ECUMENICAL SERVICE

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

CATHOLIC BEDFORD

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

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOPS

'Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit www.catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.'

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.

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.

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.

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.

FLOWER COLLECTION

There will be a second collection at all Masses in St Joseph's next Sunday to purchase flowers for the Christmas festivities in the church and to replenish our flower fund.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 22nd – 29th May 2018 flying from Luton. Please contact Mary Frost if interested on 304014. Book before Christmas to benefit from a cheaper flight.

CHRISTMAS DRAW

Donation of prizes gratefully received for the Christmas Draw later this month. Our Christmas card sale is still on at the back of the church.

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.

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 Anna King, Evelyn Byrne, Rosalinda Richardson and Giuseppina Ancora. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory

St Joseph's £1119.48

Our Lady's £292.61

Thank you.