

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

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## HOLY FAMILY

31<sup>st</sup> December 2017



### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The feast of the Holy Family today takes on special significance this coming year as the **World Meeting of Families** will take place in Dublin, Ireland, in August 2018 in the presence of Pope Francis. A Triptych Prayer Card has been produced to highlight the event which is available at the back of the church. Please take one and pray the prayer printed for the intentions of your family. For more information, visit: <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. Today, at all the Masses, married couples are invited to renew their marriage vows.

### THANKS

Many thanks to all who sent cards and gifts and for your generous Christmas offering. Thanks to our parish musicians, singers, altar servers, flower arrangers, church cleaners and those who set up the Crib and trees in both churches. And thanks to all who assisted in the life of the parish in so many ways this past year.

### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Bishop William Hart, RIP

9.30am Helena Hajduk

11.00am People of the Parish

6.30pm Kitty Campion, RIP

Monday *Mary, Mother of God*

10.45am Michael & Ann Simmonds

Tuesday *SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*

7.30am Mary Fanning

10.45am Julia Byrne, RIP

Wednesday *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

7:30am Maria Smrekova

10.45am Charlie Sterling, RIP

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Theresa Rooney & Bridgette Doran

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Padraig Doyle, RIP

Saturday *Feria*

10.45am Joe Foy & Joe Quirke

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Marian Keogh, RIP

Thursday 6.00pm Cyril Jones, RIP

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!**

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

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

**ROSARY HOUR:** Friday 2.30pm

**CLEANING:** Mukuze, Kahario, Ndoro

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Price

**NEXT SUNDAY: Epiphany of the Lord**

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 4

**Children's Liturgy:** Lyn Bull

### CRIB OFFERING

Money placed in the Crib Offering box is in aid of our parish project in helping Fr Boniface in his on-going work in Uganda.

### FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima Devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for peace in our world and in our hearts and our families.

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Further thanks to all who participated in the Christmas Concert which proved to be a most entertaining evening and raised £316 for our parish project. Thanks to all who entertained us and all who supported it on the night. Book now for next year's extravaganza!

## **CHRISTMAS CARD SALE**

A profit of £309 was made on the sale of Christmas cards and other items in aid of our parish project. Thanks to all who bought items and especially to Pam McNally, Mary Frost, Phil Hills and Deirdre Castro for manning the stalls.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Confirmation Classes will begin on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00pm until 6.30pm in the Guild Room (access from Church Street). There will be a talk to parents of Confirmation candidates on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 7.15pm in the Guild Room. Please make every effort to attend. Adult candidates for Confirmation will be contacted separately.

## **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

A parish pilgrimage to Lourdes next year from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018, flying from Stansted, costing £595 per person sharing. Single room supplement is £112 for the duration. Price includes flights and full-board accommodation at the Astoria Hotel. A non-refundable deposit of £100 will be required when booking. Balance due 8 weeks before departure. If interested, please see Canon Seamus.

## **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE**

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 flying from Luton. Please contact Mary Frost on 304014 if interested. Book early to benefit from a cheap flight.

## **FUNDRAISING MEETING**

The parish fundraising group are reminded that there will be a meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm in the Guild room.

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

A time to pray and reflect on the mystery of Christmas this Wednesday in the Guild Room from 8.00pm to 9.00pm. Hymns, chants, music, scripture reading and shared prayer. All are invited to this time of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Refreshments afterwards.

## **CAFOD VOLUNTEERS-SCHOOLS**

CAFOD is looking for people to go into our Catholic schools to talk about its work. All necessary training, travel expenses and resources will be provided. Please contact [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk) or 01844 274723.

## **CHRISTIAN STALL: RIVER FESTIVAL**

A meeting about our proposed Christian stall at the Bedford River Festival next summer will be held at St John's Church, St John's Street, Bedford on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. This ecumenical venture provides an opportunity to share the joy of our Christian faith.

## **PARISH FORUM**

The next meeting of the Parish Forum is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Guild room. Please make every effort to attend. Names of members are on the noticeboard. Any issues that you want raising, please approach Canon Seamus or one of the Forum members.

## **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dorothy Yates and John D'Arcy. Dorothy's funeral Mass is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 10.45am in St Joseph's church.

*Canon Seamus and Fr Roy wish you a happy and peaceful New Year.*

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1108.64**

**Our Lady's £223.04**

**Thank you.**