

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

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7<sup>th</sup> January 2018



### FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The next First Holy Communion class is this Saturday at 9.15am in the Guild Room. Full attendance, please.

### TALK TO PARENTS

There is a talk to the parents of the First communion children is this Thursday at 7.15pm in the Guild Room. Your attendance is important, please.

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes for those candidates celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation this year begin this Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> January from 5.00pm to 6.30pm in the Guild Room (access from Church Street). All must attend, please.

### PARISH FORUM

The meeting of the Parish Forum is this Friday at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. Please make effort to attend. Names of members are on the noticeboard.

### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Canon Henry Hart, RIP  
9.30am Peter Willis, RIP  
11.00am Evelyn Foy, RIP  
6.30pm Cremmins Family

### Monday *Baptism of the Lord*

10.45am Requiem: Dorothy Yates

### Tuesday *Feria*

7.30am Cremmins Family  
10.45am Pamela Voogd, RIP

### Wednesday *Feria*

7:30am Peggy McGhaughey  
10.45am The Durrants

### Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Pat Leahy

### Friday *Feria*

10.45am Kitty Champion, RIP

### Saturday *St Hilary*

10.45am Noel Costello, RIP

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am People of the Parish  
Thursday 6.00pm David Legg, RIP

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**

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

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

**ROSARY HOUR:** Friday 2.30pm

**CLEANING:** Allen, Wakaba, Neal

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Redmond

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

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 1

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

### **FUNDRAISING MEETING**

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

## **BISHOP'S VISITATION**

Every few years the Bishop makes a visit to all the parishes in the diocese. He will be visiting our parishes of St Joseph's and Our Lady's on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January, speaking at all the Masses and greeting us. We look forward to his time with us.

## **CHRISTMAS DRAW PRIZES**

There are quite a few unclaimed prizes from the recent Christmas Draw. Please look at the list of prize winners on the noticeboard and collect your prize from the presbytery.

## **ST MATTHEW'S GOSPEL COURSE**

The spring term for this course begins on Mon 8th; Tues 9<sup>th</sup> and Wed 10<sup>th</sup> January. Session times are: Mondays: 1.30pm-3.30pm at Holy Cross Church. Tuesdays: 7.00pm-9.00pm at Our Lady's, Kempston. Wednesdays: 10.45am-12.45pm in the Parish Room, Christ the King Church. Please see noticeboard for full details.

## **BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE**

The spring term for this course begins on Tuesday 9th January 7.00pm-9.00pm at Holy Cross Church. Full details on the noticeboard.

## **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.

## **HEALING SERVICE**

A short healing service will be held after the 6.30pm Mass next Sunday to pray for healing.

## **SURPLUS GIFT SALE**

Our Surplus Gift Sale this year in aid of our parish project, is on Sunday 28th January after all Masses in the Guild Room at St Joseph's and in the porch of Our Lady's church. Donations towards the sale gratefully appreciated.

## **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection at all Masses next Sunday for the work of The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). Please take a card from the porch asking our MP to vote against any measures in the House of Commons to decriminalise abortion. Details are on the card. We are asked to send the card to SPUC who will deliver it to our MP.

## **BAGS FOR SALE**

A variety of bags are for sale today after all Masses in St Joseph's in aid of South African seminarians studying for the priesthood. Have a browse!

## **TABLE TOP SALE**

There is a Table Top Sale on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January from 9.00am to 12noon in Christ the King Parish Hall, Harrowden Road. Entry 50p. Refreshments available. For information call 965497.

## **CATHEDRAL CENTRE UPDATE**

There is a poster on the noticeboard which gives us an update on the proposed new Cathedral Centre. More information can be had from going to <http://www.northamptondiocese.org/THEDIOCES E/CathedralCampaign/tabid/538/Default.aspx>

## **REQUIESCANT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dorothy Yates and John D'Arcy. May they rest forever in the peace of the Lord.

*May the light of the Christ-child  
forever shine upon you and guide  
you to the eternal day.*

Canon Seamus

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £910.51**

**Our Lady's £189.16**

**Thank you.**