

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

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018



### BISHOP'S VISITATION

Bishop Peter will be making a visit to our parishes of St Joseph and Our Lady next Sunday, speaking at all the Masses and greeting us. There will be an opportunity to meet the Bishop next Sunday afternoon at 3.30pm in the Guild Room. All are invited.

### SECOND COLLECTION

There is a second collection at all Masses today 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.

### PEACE SUNDAY

Today is Peace Sunday when we are asked to pray for world peace especially in those lands in conflict at this time.

### HEALING SERVICE

There is a short healing service after the 6.30pm Mass today to pray for personal healing and for those we wish to pray for.

### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Albert Herbert, RIP  
9.30am People of the Parish  
11.00am In Thanksgiving  
6.30pm Cremmins Family

Monday *Feria*  
10.45am Rob Brady, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*  
7.30am Lonergan Family  
10.45am Zuzana Konkolova

Wednesday *St Anthony*  
7:30am Terezija Dernulc, RIP  
10.45am Bishop Gregorius

Thursday *Feria*  
10.45am Bob & Joe Zak; Katy Szczurko

Friday *Feria*  
10.45am Mrs Noel Costello & Family

Saturday *Votive Mass of Our Lady*  
10.45am James Foy, RIP

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Kyra Marks, RIP  
Thursday 6.00pm Maureen McCormack, RIP

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

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

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

**ROSARY HOUR:** Friday 2.30pm

**CLEANING:** Cummings, Petts, George

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Redmond

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

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 2

**Children's Liturgy:** Edward & Geraldine Byrne

### WELCOMERS

More Sunday Welcomers are needed in St Joseph's, especially for the 11.00am Mass. Please see Canon Seamus.

### BEDFORD FOODBANK

Items needed for the Bedford foodbank: tinned rice pudding, UHT fruit juice, cup-a-soup, UHT milk, deodorants. Items can be left in the bin or box at the back of the church.

## **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.

## **CHRISTMAS DRAW PRIZES**

There are still 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.

## **WEEK OF PRAYER: CHRISTIAN UNITY**

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins this Thursday. The timetable for the various services and venues are on the noticeboard. The parish of SS Philip & James is holding a prayer service this Friday at 12.30pm.

## **PASTORAL LETTER**

There will be a Pastoral Letter from our Bishop on the subject of Christian Unity next Sunday. The letter will be printed and copies made available to take with you, as the Bishop will be preaching at all our Masses on his visitation to us next Sunday.

## **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.

## **CRIB OFFERING**

A sum of £323.96 was raised from the Crib offerings in aid of our parish project. Many thanks to all who donated.

## **CAFOD SUPPORTERS' EVENT**

We are invited to hear about CAFOD's work in Zimbabwe, this Lent's focus country. Deborah Purfield, CAFOD co-ordinator, will also share her experience from her recent visit to El Salvador. Dates & venues: Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jan at St Teresa's Hall, 40 Warwick Road, Beaconsfield HP9 2PL. Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb at St Mary's Hall, Aspley Hill, Woburn Sands MK17 8NN. Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at Our Lady Help of Christians, 59 Hollow Way, Cowley, Oxford OX4 2ND. Time: 10.15am – 2.30pm. Shared lunch from 1.30pm.

## **AFTERNOON VINTAGE TEA**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January Christ the King Parish Hall, Harrowden Road from 2pm – 4pm. Entrance £3. Tea, cakes and dancing. More information call 404563.

## **FLOWER FESTIVAL**

Flower Festival in St Paul's Church, Bedford to celebrate Candlemas on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 10.00am – 4.00pm. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 10.00am – 4.00pm. Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Admission £2.50 (children under 16 free entry). Refreshments. **One of the flower displays will be from St Joseph's church.** Candlemas Choral Evensong Sunday 4th February 5.30pm.

## **DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2018**

The 2018 Diocesan Directory is now on sale at the back of the church at £3 per copy. Please place money in the wall box marked 'Books'.

## **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

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

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1111.90**

**Our Lady's £288.59**

**Thank you.**