

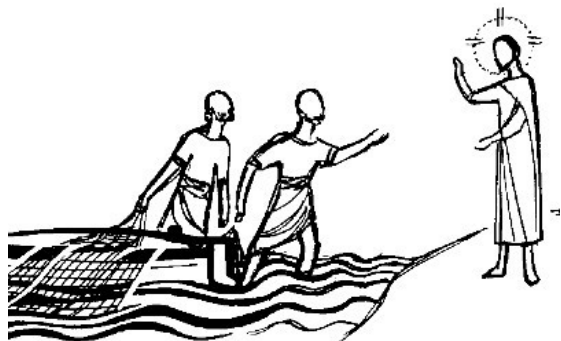
St Joseph's, Bedford & Our Lady's, Kempston

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**THIRD SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR**
21st January 2018



WELCOME BISHOP PETER

We welcome Bishop Peter to our parish today as he makes his visitation to us and speaking at all the Masses. There will be an opportunity to meet the Bishop this afternoon at 3.30pm in the Guild Room. All are invited.

PASTORAL LETTER

Bishop Peter has written a Pastoral Letter on the important subject of ecumenism. The letter is available alongside the parish newsletter. Please take a copy home with you.

MISSION APPEAL

There will be a mission appeal next Sunday at all Masses given by the Missionary Society of St Columban. Fr Gerry Markey will be giving the appeal and there will be a second collection in aid of its work.

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'.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am V. T. Mathai
9.30am People of the Parish
11.00am Costello Family
6.30pm Alan Fleming, RIP

Monday St Vincent

10.45am John Podesta, RIP

Tuesday Feria

7.30am V. T. Mathai
10.45am Kitty Campion, RIP

Wednesday St Francis de Sales

7:30am Rosine McCann, RIP
10.45am Salvatore & Marie Defeo, RIP

Thursday Conversion of St Paul

10.45am Requiem: John D'arcy

Friday SS Timothy & Titus

10.45am Dr Joy & Anne

Saturday Votive Mass of Our Lady

10.45am Terezija Dernulc, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Elisa Di Gennaro, RIP
Thursday 6.00pm Edmond Connolly, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, make me know your ways.

ROSARY: Daily, 20 minutes before the 10.45am Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 11.30am - 7.00pm

ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm

CLEANING: Mukuze, Kahari, Ndro

FLOWERS: Mrs Kavanagh

NEXT SUNDAY: Fourth Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 3

Children's Liturgy: Michael Simmonds

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

WELCOMERS

More Sunday Welcomers are needed in St Joseph's, especially for the 11.00am Mass. Please see Canon Seamus if you would like to volunteer on a rota basis.

SURPLUS GIFT SALE

Our Surplus Gift Sale 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.

DIOCESAN MASS: MARRIED LIFE

Bishop Peter warmly invites married couples and those widowed, divorced or separated and family members to a Diocesan Mass for Married Life at the Holy Family Catholic Church, 226 Trelawney Avenue, Langley, Slough SL3 7UD on Saturday 3rd March 2018. Gathering from 11.30am followed by Mass at 12 noon. Bishop Peter will give his pastoral blessing to those couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage i.e. 1, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 years etc. if you are celebrating such a milestone and wish to attend the Mass, please contact Eamonn & Paola McMorrow on 07412151517 or mfl@northamptondiocese.com All are very welcome to attend. Refreshments available after Mass. Please see noticeboard for more details.

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.

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A weekend for young people aged 11 – 18 years from 2nd to 4th February. Please contact fiona@nymo.org or call 01582 720627 for more details. Also see noticeboard.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

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

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 27th Jan at St Teresa's Hall, 40 Warwick Road, Beaconsfield HP9 2PL. Sat 3rd Feb at St Mary's Hall, Aspley Hill, Woburn Sands MK17 8NN. Wed 7th Feb at Our Lady Help of Christians, 59 Hollow Way, Cowley, Oxford OX4 2ND. Time: 10.15am – 2.30pm. Shared lunch from 1.30pm.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes from 3rd to 7th 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 for a booking form.

AFTERNOON VINTAGE TEA

Friday 26th January, Christ the King Parish Hall, Harrowden Road from 2pm to 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 2nd February 10.00am – 4.00pm. Saturday 3rd February 10.00am – 4.00pm. Sunday 4th 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.

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 £1829.79

Our Lady's £230.39

Thank you.

2nd Collection SPUC

St Joseph's £782.01

Our Lady's £89.83