

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

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**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF THE YEAR**  
28<sup>th</sup> January 2018



## Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Tom, Mary & Karen Kelly  
9.30am Gus Orr, RIP  
11.00am Holy Souls  
6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday **Feria**

10.45am Michael Smith, RIP

Tuesday **Feria**

7.30am Tessa Carpenter

10.45am Maria & Teodor Bazylewicz, RIP

Wednesday **St John Bosco**

7:30am Bardhok Qershija

10.45am Franc Rozman, RIP

Thursday **Feria**

10.45am Domenico D'Amore, RIP

Friday **Presentation of the Lord**

10.45am Aley Mathew, RIP

Saturday **St Blaise**

10.45am Nora Hart, RIP

## Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Anna Maria Tomasin, RIP

Thursday 6.00pm Christopher Bissell, RIP

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

## MISSION APPEAL

We welcome, today, Fr Gerry Markey of the Missionary Society of St Columban who will be making an appeal for the work of the Society. A second collection will be taken at all Masses in aid of this missionary work.

## SURPLUS GIFT SALE

Our Surplus Gift Sale in aid of our parish project is on today after all Masses in the Guild Room at St Joseph's and in the porch of Our Lady's church. Come and have a browse.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

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

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

The next Confirmation class is also this Saturday from 5 – 6.30pm in the Guild Room.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

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

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

**ROSARY HOUR:** Friday 2.30pm

**CLEANING:** Allen, Neal, Wakaba

**FLOWERS:** Mrs Temple

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

**Readers & Ministers:** Rota Week 4

**Children's Liturgy:** Bimla & Natalie Mathew

## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

This feast is celebrated this Friday is also known as Candlemas when we bless candles at the beginning of Mass symbolising Christ the light who has come into the world.

## FEAST OF ST BLAISE

The traditional blessing of throats with the blessed candles from Candlemas will be given at the end of Mass this Saturday.

## **BISHOP'S VISITATION**

Bishop Peter writes thanking us for the warm welcome he received in both parishes and for all we do as Catholics in Bedford and assures us of his prayers.

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 07412 151517 or email [mfl@northamptondiocese.com](mailto: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 some 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.

## **LUX.BE**

A weekend for young people aged 11 – 18 years from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> February. Please contact [fiona@nymo.org](mailto:fiona@nymo.org) or call 01582 720627 for more details. Also see noticeboard.

## **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.

## **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes 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 for a booking form.

## **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'.

## **RIVER FESTIVAL**

The next meeting of the Proclaim Group planning a Christian witness at the River Festival this summer is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February in the Holt Room of St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton Road at 7.30pm. Anyone interested is welcome to the meeting.

## **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.

## **CATHOLIC BEDFORD**

Visit [www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com](http://www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com) to keep up to date with events in the Bedford Pastoral Area.

## **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Wagstaff and Carlton Bodkin.

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £991.99**

**Our Lady's £262.24**

**Thank you.**