

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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF THE YEAR**
4th February 2018



THANK YOU

Fr Gerry Markey, of the Missionary Society of St Columban, sends his thanks for the generous response to his mission appeal last Sunday which raised £1128.59 from St Joseph's and £88.05 from Our Lady's. These sums will greatly assist the work of the Church in mission lands. Thank you.

SURPLUS GIFT SALE

Our Surplus Gift Sale in aid of our parish project raised £172.55 from St Joseph's. The sale is still on-going in Our Lady's for another couple of weeks. Many thanks to all who donated items for the sale and those who bought.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at 4.00pm in St Joseph's for those who wish to receive it.

Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am People of the Parish
9.30am Hilary Brimble, RIP
11.00am John Robinson
6.30pm In Thanksgiving (Rooke)

Monday *St Agatha*

10.45am King Family

Tuesday *SS Paul Miki & Companions*

7.30am Special Int. Michael

10.45am Evelyn Foy, RIP

Wednesday *Feria*

7.30am Eileen Cusack, RIP

10.45am Linda Richardson, RIP

Thursday *St Josephine Bakhita*

10.45am Anna Wojtezak, RIP

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Requiem: Carlton Bodkin

Saturday *St Scholastica*

10.45am Rita McElhatton, RIP

Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Holy Souls

Thursday 6.00pm Francis Toole, RIP

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

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 Temple

NEXT SUNDAY: Sixth Sunday of the Year

Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 1

Children's Liturgy: Lyn Bull

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Fatima devotions this Saturday after the 10.45am Mass to pray for peace.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This Wednesday in the Guild Room at 8.00pm. A time of prayer, song, reflection and intercession before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All are most welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

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 07412 151517 or at mfl@northamptondiocese.com. All are very welcome to attend. Refreshments available after Mass. Please see noticeboard for more details.

PASSING ON THE FAITH

A Day Exploring Resources for Evangelisation and Catechesis led by David Wills on Saturday 17th March in St Teresa's Church Hall, 40 Warwick Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks HP9 2PL. Open to catechists, members of Bible Timeline groups and anyone interested in these tools for passing on the faith. Booking forms and further information from the presbytery.

DAY CONFERENCE FOR MEN

A one-day conference for men led by Fr Peter Glas will be held on Saturday 24th February from 10am to 4.00pm in St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, 105 High Street, Stony Stratford MK11 1AT. To book a place, contact Dawn Clark on 01908 564363 or email: office@diginet2.co.uk before 18th Feb. Please see noticeboard and pick up a leaflet at the back of the church for more details.

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.

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.

SVP LENTEN REFLECTION

The SVP invites us to a Lenten Reflection at SS Philip & James church on Saturday 17th February at 2.00pm. The afternoon includes Stations of the Cross, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Mass at 4.00pm (fulfilling the Sunday obligation), followed by refreshments.

COFFEE MORNING

The Chisen Foundation is having a Coffee Morning in aid of children with disabilities in Ghana on Thursday 8th February from 10.30am to 12.30pm at 25 Pemberley Avenue, Bedford MK40 2LE. Entry free. Raffle and draw. All are invited.

MAKING SENSE OF SCRIPTURE

This is the title of a talk to be given by Rev Dr Jeffrey John on Saturday 17th February in St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton Road, from 10am to 1.00pm. Attendance is £10 payable on the day. Please see noticeboard for full details.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

The Mothers' Prayers Group meet this Monday after the 10.45am Mass in the Reconciliation Chapel. All mothers welcome to join in prayer for their children.

CATHOLIC BEDFORD

Please visit www.catholicbedford.wordpress.com for events in the Bedford Pastoral Area.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Offertory	St Joseph's £1416.67	Our Lady's £246.31	Thank you.
Mission Appeal	St Joseph's £1128.59	Our Lady's £88.05	