

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

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

11<sup>th</sup> February 2018



### ASH WEDNESDAY

We begin the season of Lent this Wednesday with the blessing and distribution of ashes at all Masses. Lent affords us the opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord and seek reconciliation in the sacrament of Confession. This season also reminds us of the constant need to renew and nourish our spiritual lives through prayer, self-denial and works of charity. We cannot stand still in the spiritual life! **Ash Wednesday, along with Good Friday, is a day of fasting and abstinence.** So you will have to put off any romantic dinners for another time!

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

### PASTORAL LETTER

A Pastoral Letter from our Bishop will be read at all Masses today on the season of Lent.

### Mass Times – St Joseph's, Bedford

Sunday 8.15am Bishop Divanyasious, RIP

9.30am Peter Willis, RIP

11.00am Dennis Gilbert, RIP

6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday *Feria*

10.45am Denis Cox, RIP

Tuesday *Feria*

7.30am Dennis Gilbert, RIP

10.45am Rosamma Baby, RIP

Wednesday *Ash Wednesday*

7.30am Tom Williamson, RIP

10.45am Eamon Redmond, RIP

7.30pm In Thanksgiving (King Family)

Thursday *Feria*

10.45am Carmal Cleary, RIP

Friday *Feria*

10.45am Kevin Petts, RIP

Saturday *Feria*

10.45am Michael Kinsella, RIP

### Mass Times – Our Lady's, Kempston

Sunday 9.30am Johanna Dalton, RIP

Wednesday 7.30pm Marian Keogh, RIP

Thursday 6.00pm Karl Ressler

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

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

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

**ROSARY HOUR: Friday 2.30pm**

**CLEANING: Mukuze, Kahari, Ndoro**

**FLOWERS: No flowers**

**NEXT SUNDAY: First Sunday of Lent**

**Readers & Ministers: Rota Week 2**

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

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross every Sunday during Lent beginning next Sunday at 4.00pm in St Joseph's and Our Lady's. Please try to attend as part of your Lenten practice. In this prayerful devotion we meditate on the passion and death of Christ.

## **CURRY NIGHT**

Another Curry Night has been arranged for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March at the Indiya Restaurant, The Broadway, Bedford, 7.00pm for 7.15pm in aid of our parish project. The cost is £15 per person with £2 of that as a donation to our charity. A non-Indian main course also available. Please place your name and telephone number on the sheet at the back of the church if you wish to attend.

## **SVP LENTEN REFLECTION**

The SVP invites us to a Lenten Reflection at SS Philip & James church on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **CAFOD APPEAL**

There will be a short talk about the work of CAFOD at all Masses next Sunday in preparation for the CAFOD Lent Appeal and second collection on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

## **LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES**

Each Friday during Lent at 12.30pm there will be a Lenten Soup Lunch, beginning on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, in Our Lady's Meeting Room, Kempston, in aid of the work of CAFOD.

## **DIOCESAN MASS: MARRIED LIFE**

Bishop Peter invites all 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 blessing to those couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage. 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](mailto:mfl@northamptondiocese.com)

## **SURPLUS GIFT SALE**

The Surplus Gift Sale in aid of our parish project continues today in Our Lady's, Kempston.

## **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.

## **MAKING SENSE OF SCRIPTURE**

This is the title of a talk to be given by Rev Dr Jeffrey John on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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.

## **CATHOLIC BEDFORD**

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

## **REQUIESCANT IN PACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Wagstaff and Elizabeth Rodney. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

## **DAY CONFERENCE FOR MEN**

A one-day conference for men led by Fr Peter Glas will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@diginet2.co.uk) before 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. Please see noticeboard and pick up a leaflet at the back of the church for more details.

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

**Offertory**

**St Joseph's £1065.38**

**Our Lady's £338.19**

**Thank you.**